

April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday

GOD CALLS US

Gathering Song

Glory to the Lord Our God

Merkel (2001)

Lift up your heads oh ye gates,
Let the King of Glory come in
Be lifted up oh ancient doors,
Let the King of Glory come in. **REPEAT**

The altars we've built and the works we have done
can never compare to the Savior's love.
The hearts of the humble are temples of praise
as we worship the Ancient of Days
as we worship the Ancient of Days.

REFRAIN: *Glory to the Lord our God!
Glory to the Lamb on the throne!
We open wide the gates of our hearts
With our lips we rise up and praise
as we worship the Ancient of Days.*

Lift up your heads oh ye gates,
Let the King of Glory come in
Be lifted up oh ancient doors,
Let the King of Glory come in.

Who can ascend to the hill of the Lord?
People of clean hearts and hands
You, who are washed in the blood of the Lamb,
Come and worship the Ancient of Days.
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REFRAIN X2: *Glory to the Lord our God!
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Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

LEADER: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

ALL: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

LEADER: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

ALL: **humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

LEADER: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

ALL: **We bless you from the house of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest!**

Prayer of Invocation

Worship Singing

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

GOD CLEANSSES US

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon Mark 11:1-11; Worship Sourcebook;
1 John 4:9-10

LEADER: As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

ALL: **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!”**

LEADER: Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Lord Jesus, as we reflect on the glaring contrasts of the story of your Passion we are reminded of our conflicted hearts and motives.

We confess that we would much prefer to have the bright hope of Easter and its joyous celebrations without the darkened, quiet sadness of Good Friday with its images of pain and loneliness.

ALL: **Forgive us for our indifference to those who still must endure sadness,
loneliness, and rejection. Help us to take up our crosses and follow you to
places where we fear to tread, but to which you have made a way.**

LEADER: Father, hear us as we confess our sins silently to you.

[silent confession]

LEADER: Amen. Brothers and sisters, this is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Let’s sing our praises to God!

Worship Singing

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Francis (1834-1925) | Williams (1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!

Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love

Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore!

How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!

How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;

How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best!

'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;

And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!

Prayer for the Church and the World

Worship Through Giving

Musical Offering

Blessed is the King

by Anthony D. Moore (2017)

sung by the Adult Choir

Blessed is the King who comes, Blessed is the King,

The King, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him:

Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!

But Jesus answered, I tell you if these become silent the stones will cry out!

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Luke 19:28-44 – Meekness & Majesty

Joe Mullen

GOD STRENGTHENS US

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(CUP) Worship Singing

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Crosby | Moore (1875, 2008)

All the way my Savior leads me; What have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy, Who through life has been my Guide?

Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!

For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, Cheers each winding path I tread;

Gives me grace for every trial, Feeds me with the living Bread.

Though my weary steps may falter, And my soul athirst may be,

Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me O the fullness of His love!

Perfect rest to me is promised In my Father's house above.

When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day

This my song through endless ages—Jesus led me all the way.

GOD SENDS US

God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing