

GOD CALLS US

Gathering Song

He is Immanuel

Moore (2017)

Begotten of the Father, see the long-awaited One;
Promised Victor in the garden, David's Lord and David's Son;
Born in poverty and sorrow, without home or bed to claim,
Angels herald the Messiah—come to live a life of shame.

The Word of God incarnate, well acquainted with our grief.
Who alone can take our burdens; look to Him and find relief.
All our sins were placed upon Him; Father's wrath He justly bore,
Rose in power, death He conquered, now alive forevermore!

REFRAIN 1: *He is Immanuel, Immanuel,
He is Immanuel, Immanuel.*

The Lord, He goes before us, do not fear nor be dismayed;
Shout aloud and join the chorus, "Christ will lead us all the way!"
Interceding with His Father, purifying prayer and praise,
Till we reign on high in glory with our Bridegroom all our days!

REFRAIN 2: *He is Immanuel, Immanuel, He is Immanuel, Immanuel.
God is with us, God is for us, God within us, Immanuel.
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He is Immanuel, Immanuel, He is Immanuel, Immanuel.*

Bring honor to the Father as we praise the reigning Son,
in the power of the Spirit glorify the Three in One.
There will be no death nor mourning for these words are just and true.
He is faithful to His promise and is making all things new! **REFRAIN 2**

Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

LEADER: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

ALL: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He,
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!
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!

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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

He Shall Feed His Flock

from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Sung by Evangeline Wilds

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.*

(Isaiah 40:11)

*Come unto Him, all ye that labor,
come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.*

*Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him,
for He is meek and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

(Matthew 11:28-29)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Sermon

Matthew 21:1-17 | *The Just King Has Come*

Chad Smith

When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold your King is coming to you,
Gentle, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David;
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
Hosanna in the highest!”

When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a robbers’ den.”

And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself?’” And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

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.

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God's Promise of His Presence and Blessing