



JESUS OF NAZARETH
PALM SUNDAY: HOSANNA!
MATTHEW 21:1-17
4-05-20

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Leader = regular font – leader reads (choose or rotate leaders)

Sung together = italics

Welcome

Happy Palm Sunday! Liturgically, this is the day of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem!

Today also marks the first day of Holy Week. We will follow Jesus daily up to his glorious resurrection next Sunday. Today, we will focus on Jesus being a servant King and our "hosanna!" response to him.

May the love and joy of the Father, the grace and peace of the Son and the comfort and courage of the Holy Spirit be ours in abundance!

Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:28

Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

Song: Hosanna -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQWI26M-a0Y>

Remember what Hosanna means, "Salvation! Salvation! Salvation has come!"

I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire.

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes, yeah.

I see His love and mercy, washing over all our sin.

The people sing, the people sing.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

I see a generation, rising up to take their place,

With selfless faith, with selfless faith.

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek.

We're on our knees, we're on our knees.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Heal my heart and make it clean.

Open up my eyes to the things unseen.

Show me how to love like You have loved me.

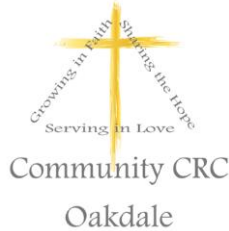
Break my heart for what breaks Yours.

Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause.

As I walk from earth into eternity.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!



Psalm of Praise: Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Centering Prayer/Prayer of the People

Song: Crown Him -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIYLXJ1Qxa8>

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for me.

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity!

Majesty, Lord of all. Let every throne before Him fall.

The King of kings, O come adore our God who reigns forevermore!

Crown Him Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave.

And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save!

His glories now we sing who died and rose on high.

Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Majesty, Lord of all. Let every throne before Him fall.

The King of kings, O come adore our God who reigns forevermore!

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For He has died for me.

His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Majesty, Lord of all. Let every throne before Him fall.

The King of kings, O come adore our God who reigns forevermore!

Song: Jesus -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEbQswNB6Wc>

There is a truth older than the ages.

There is a promise of things yet to come.

There is one born for our salvation. Jesus!

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.

There is a kingdom that forever reigns.



There is freedom from the chains that bind us. Jesus! Jesus!

*Who walks on the waters; who speaks to the sea;
Who stands in the fire beside me. He roars like a lion.
He bled as the Lamb. He carries my healing in His hands. Jesus!*

*There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.
He is Jesus, Jesus!*

*Who walks on the waters; who speaks to the sea;
Who stands in the fire beside me. He roars like a lion.
He bled as the Lamb. He carries my healing in His hands. Jesus!*

*Messiah, my Savior!
There is power in Your name.
You're my Rock and my Redeemer!
There is power in Your name, in Your name.*

*You walk on the waters; You speak to the sea;
You stand in the fire beside me. You roar like a lion.
You bled as the Lamb. You carry my healing in Your hands.
Jesus, there is no one like You!
Jesus, there is no one like You!*

Offering

We remember that giving is an act of faith, a practice of hope and an expression of love.

How is giving an act of faith?

You can give by sending your offering to the church (P.O. Box 217, Oakdale Ca 95361) or consider giving online through your bank. Our deacons can help you with this if necessary.

Youth Celebration

Scripture Reading: Please open your Bible and read Matthew 21:1-17

Gospel Message: Hosanna!

Key Question: verse 10 – Who is this?

Hosanna = Yay! Jesus saves! Salvation has come in King Jesus!

We are in the series, Jesus of Nazareth in which we are discovering, remembering and living in line with the Biblical Jesus. Today marks the beginning of Holy Week. This is Jesus' last week before his death and resurrection and it is filled with powerful words and images of him as Prophet, Priest and King!

I. Preparation

Read Zechariah 9:9

Donkeys were used not for military processions but civil ones. Jesus is declaring that Yes, he is King, the Messiah but not one they might be expecting.

II. Prophecy: Jesus is a Humble, Servant King

Zechariah 9:9 mentions two things about Jesus: first that he is King and second that he is a humble King, a servant King. How did Jesus demonstrate this with his life?

The way of Christian humility: In order to stand out, you must step down.

III. Parade: Jesus is a Humble, Servant King Worthy of Praise

How many of you love a good parade? What was the best parade you ever saw as a kid/adult?

Read Psalm 118:25-26

This Psalm was read regularly during Passover season (regarding the 10th plague – celebrating God’s “passing over” the homes with the lamb’s blood on the front and sparing the life of the first-born male). Thus, the crowd is identifying Jesus with the Passover when they shout. “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Ironically, they did not realize in this declaration of identifying Jesus with Passover that within a week he literally would become the Passover Lamb. Those in Christ will be passed over on Judgment Day.



The picture on the left is the modern-day path Jesus would have ridden down on the donkey on the western slope of the Mount of Olives. Bethpage is about a mile behind him on the southeast slope of the Mount of Olives. He would have crossed the Kidron valley at the bottom and gone up to the temple where the gold dome is



in the picture. The picture on the right is the actual stone path Jesus would have used once crossing the Kidron valley. What do you think was going through Jesus’ mind and heart as he was riding into Jerusalem to the temple?

IV. Purification: Jesus is a Humble Servant King Worthy of Praise Because He Cleanses and Heals

Jesus enters the temple and does two things: (1) cleanses the temple and (2) he heals people (blind and lame). How does the current pandemic give new meaning to the word “cleansing”?

The moneychangers turned the temple into a profiteering market instead of a place of prayer.

Why did Jesus heal right after this “cleansing”? What is he demonstrating about who he is what he will do based on these two acts?

- **Praise & Protest:** There are two responses to Jesus: (1) Praise and (2) Protest.

Note that in the first, it is the children shouting out, “Hosanna to the Son of David! The festal atmosphere of the parade has spilled over into the temple courts. How fitting is this scene? Describe.

How have you “hosanned” this week? (How have you acknowledged and praised Jesus as Savior?)

Why are the scribes “indignant” at the “wonderful” things Jesus did and the praise of the youth?

V. Prophecy: Jesus is a Humble Servant King Worthy of Praise Because He Cleanses and Heals and Perfectly Knows, Interprets and Fulfills the Old Testament Prophecies



Read Psalm 8:2 - Jesus says the children are fulfilling this Psalm. The chief priests and scribes were the experts on the Old Testament. Jesus responds to the scribes and chief priests with an illuminating and piercing, "have you never read" statement revealing his superior knowledge of and interpretation of the Old Testament. Why would he do this?

After this, Jesus leaves and heads to Mary, Martha and Lazarus' house in Bethany (remember Lazarus was just raised from the dead and was almost certainly part of the parade crowd).

Key Question: Who is this? Answer: This is the "prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" **He is the: Humble Servant King Worthy of Praise Because He Cleanses, Heals and Perfectly Knows and Interprets Old Testament Prophecies**

We are challenged today to remember and believe that Jesus is the humble servant King who saves us from our sins and who defeats death through his resurrection so that we might have eternal life with him. We are challenged to live "hosanna" lifestyles of praise to Jesus (like the children) for who he is and what he has done and what he promises to do in the future (our full healing with our resurrection bodies so that we might fully see and fully dance and praise God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit and delight in them and each other and his creation forever). Share one "hosanna" praise about Jesus.

Prayer of Response

Spend some time in silent prayer in response to God's Word for you this morning. Include a time of confession and need for Jesus. Celebrate your hosanna moments. Lament the others.

Communion Meditation

Professing: (Apostles Creed)

Read out loud:

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose and ascended to heaven
Where he is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Proclaiming (1 Corinthians 11:23b-25) – Paraphrased

On the night of his betrayal, Jesus took bread and he broke it saying, "this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after the meal he took the cup of wine and pouring it out said, "this wine is my blood, a new covenant of grace poured out for the forgiveness of sins."

Participating

Meditate on this prayer for a couple of minutes: *Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

Song: From The Inside Out -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9azOSb_bONA



*A thousand times I've failed, still Your mercy remains.
And should I stumble again, still I'm caught in Your grace.
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.*

*My heart and my soul, I give You control.
Consume me from the inside out Lord.
Let justice and praise, become my embrace;
To love you from the inside out.*

*Your will above all else, my purpose remains.
The art of losing myself in bringing You praise.
Everlasting! Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never ending! Your glory goes beyond all fame.*

*My heart and my soul, I give You control.
Consume me from the inside out Lord.
Let justice and praise, become my embrace;
To love you from the inside out.*

*Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise!
From the inside out, Lord my soul cries out!*

My souls cries out...to you!

*My heart and my soul, I give You control.
Consume me from the inside out Lord.
Let justice and praise, become my embrace;
To love you from the inside out.*

*Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart ss to bring You praise!
From the inside out, Lord my soul cries out!*

Oh, Lord. My soul cries out, Oh Lord!

Sending Out as Disciples of Jesus: Matthew 28:18–20 (paraphrased)

We are disciples of Jesus. Our lives are “hosanna” lives that magnify, glorify, make much of Jesus.

While we have not gathered together corporately as the body of Christ, we continue to live as disciples of his in our various spheres of influence – family, work, neighborhood, city, school...

Read together our sending, thinking of the next 100 people to live hosanna lifestyles and join us in demonstrating Christ’s love, growing faithfully in discipleship and sharing the hope we have in Jesus.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Jesus. Therefore, as we are sent into the world by him, let us make disciples of all, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Jesus has commanded us. And let us remember and treasure that Jesus is with us always, even to the end of the age. Amen!