

Sunday, March 28th

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



Call to Worship

Leader: Who is this unlikely king?

People: Hosanna! His name is Jesus!

Leader: Why does he ride into the city?

People: Hosanna! He comes to save us!

Leader: Let us wave our palms, throw down our cloaks,

People: and follow Christ toward the cross.

Hymn # 196 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we
present.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

*All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and
gracious King!*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord. Save us from ourselves, when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear. Save us from the systems that keep us bound, when we cannot see the way out. Save us from our sins, when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts. Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting "Hosanna" will soon be screaming "Crucify him." Save us we pray, O Lord, and do not let us be among them. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Special Music

Prayer of Illumination

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Scripture: Mark 11:1-11, 15:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A King Hailed and Condemned

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn # 200 – A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

*A cheering, chanting, dizzy crowd had stripped the green trees bare, and hailing Christ as king aloud, waved
branches in the air.*

*They laid their garments in the road and spread his path with palms and vows of lasting love bestowed with
royal hymns and psalms.*

*When day dimmed down to deepening dark the crowd began to fade till only trampled leaves and bark were left
from the parade.*

*Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise, remind us, God, as this week starts
where Christ has fixed his gaze.*

*Instead of palms, a winding sheet will have to be unrolled, a carpet much more fit to greet the king a cross will
hold.*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever. Amen.**

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response: Hymn # 205 – Live in Charity (x2)

*Live in charity and steadfast love.
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to Refrain

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

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surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



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leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

This Palm Sunday hymn recreates the contrasting sounds of Holy Week, moving from the noisy public acclaim of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the solitary silence of his body being prepared for burial. It gently reminds us that self-giving is the mark of Christ's true sovereignty.