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

Sunday, March 28th

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.

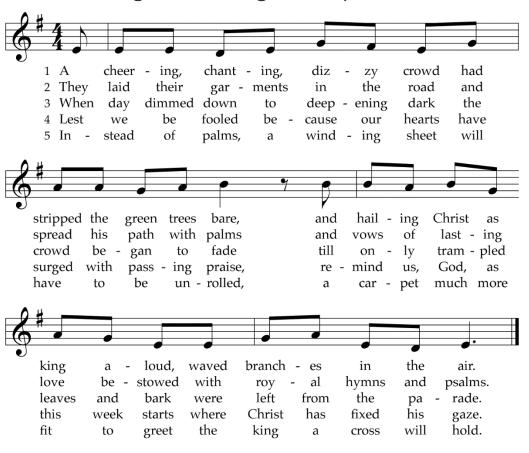
Postlude

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH



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.

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



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.

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