

PRAYER AND BLESSING (Please stand)

SENDING HYMN.....BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his spirit, washed in his blood

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
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BENEDICTION

P: May the God who is above you watch over you, beside you,
befriend you, behind you pick you up when you fall, ahead
of you lead you every step of the way, may you go in peace,
joy, and with -

C: ENTHUSIAM

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

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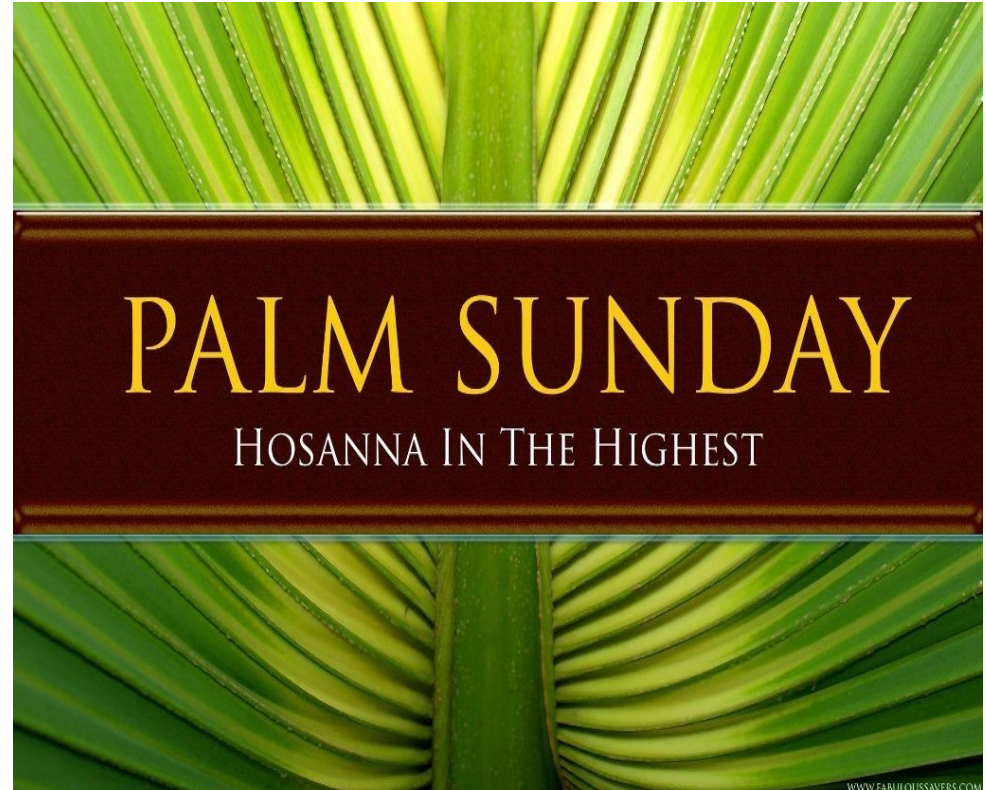
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-A Church of Joy-

Welcomes You to Worship



April 5th, 2020
Palm Sunday
9 & 10:30 am worship

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5 Things about Palm Sunday that Remind Us Christ is King

1. God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death.
2. Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old Testament prophecy of [Zech. 9:9](#). In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace.
3. When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way in mind of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him.
4. The Bible says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem. In the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Savior. "As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes." [Luke 19:41-42](#)
5. Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death.

We have so much to be grateful for this week. The enemy knows that, and you can bet, he's going to do everything he can to try and distract us away from the true meaning of what this Holy Week means. Don't let him win. In this Holy Week, may God direct our thoughts and attention towards what matters most, Jesus Christ our King... Let's choose to focus on worshipping our Lord, thanking Him for the gift of His sacrifice, celebrating the power of the Resurrection, and the new life found in Him alone.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God;

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**



CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS (COMMUNION AT HOME WITH WAFER)

AT THIS TIME, PLEASE RECEIVE THE BODY OF CHRIST

THE OFFERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

OFFERATORY HYMN...WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blestest us, to thee our first fruits give

OFFERATORY PRAYER

SONG.....PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Pre pare ye the way of the Lord

(repeat 3 x)

PASTOR'S WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDRENS MESSAGE.....JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.



Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

HYMN OF PRAISE.....ALL HAIL KING JESUS

All Hail King Jesus! All Hail Emmanuel!
King of Kings, Lord of Lords,
Bright Morning Star!
And throughout eternity I'll sing your praises,
And I'll reign with you throughout eternity!



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APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy spirit,
and born of the virgin, Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended
into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I 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.
Amen.**



A: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Congregation)*

**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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
The power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen**

SERMON HYMN.....SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing,
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21: 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethpage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, and placed their cloaks on them, for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

L: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to Christ

