

Message from God's Life-Giving Word

April 5, 2020 – Palm Sunday

Hosanna!

Unprecedented

Hosanna in the Psalms

*The Lord is a **refuge** for the oppressed, a **stronghold** in times of trouble. Those **who know your name** trust in you, for you, Lord, have **never forsaken** those who **seek** you. Psalm 9:9-10*

What do you call God?

*But you, Lord, do not be far from me. **You are my strength** (my help); come quickly to help me. Psalm 22:19*

*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the **strength** of my heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26*

*Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, Lord, my **faithful God**. Psalm 31:5*

*You **faithfully** answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior. You are **the hope of everyone** on earth, even those who sail on distant seas. Psalm 63:5*

*You, Lord, are forgiving and good, **abounding in love** to all who call to You. Psalm 86:5*

***Rejoice** in the Lord always; again, I will say, **rejoice**. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. **The Lord is at hand**; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God. And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7*

Next Steps

1. Journal about your memories of past Holy Weeks. How were they different then what you anticipate this year? What might you do to make them equally special, but different?
2. Read Matthew 21:1-9. What does this text tell you about Jesus and who He is? Does Jesus fulfill the hopes the people have for Him? Why or why not? What are some ways you can share who God is? What are some ways you can spread hope of 'Hosanna' this week? How can you use what God's given you to bless your neighbors and others?
3. Commit to another step of faith in who God is. Reach out to an additional family member, friend, or neighbor this week and find out whether there is some way you can safely serve them in the days to come.