

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Worship Focus
God on Trial: Anticipation



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Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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The Palm Sunday Procession with Palms serves as a special beginning of Holy Week, the celebration of Jesus' *pascha*, that is, his passion and resurrection. In many churches Palm Sunday has been renamed Passion Sunday. However, the Procession of Palms retains the emphasis of Palm Sunday on the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Liturgically the Palm Sunday procession can be traced back to the fourth century. Enjoying widespread freedom for the first time in centuries, the faithful in Jerusalem re-enacted the solemn entry of Christ into their city on the Sunday before Easter. They held a procession in which they carried branches and sang the "Hosanna", which means "Save us, please!" (Matthew 21:1-11).

In early medieval versions of the Procession of Palms both clergy and laity would walk with palms from a church outside the city walls to the cathedral or main church inside the walls. As the procession approached the city gate, a boys' choir stationed high above the doorway of the church would greet the Lord with the Latin song "Gloria, laus et honor." This hymn (All Glory, Laud, and Honor) was written by the Benedictine Theodolph, Bishop of Orleans (821).

In later years the celebration was restricted to a procession around the church. This morning the Procession of Palms will be celebrated by congregation and children, as the children process into the church singing the hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna", with the congregation joining in singing the final verse. After the opening Procession liturgy the service continues with Service of the Word.

God bless your worship.

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING PROCESSION

Blessed is He

Calvary Kids

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest that ancient song we sing.
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
And ever in his presence eternally rejoice!*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

OPENING HYMN

412 – All Glory, Laud, and Honor



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



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



- 1 You are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,
- 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you be - fore your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As you re - ceived their prais - es, ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, our good and gra - cious King.

Stand

¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim
and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.
His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;
even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 24

Sung by the choir

*Lift up your heads, O gates; the King of glory waits.
Lift high, O ancient doors, obey; prepare the royal way.*

Refrain
Hosanna, hosanna! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

*Who is this glorious King whose praise the nations sing?
The LORD, the Mighty, Holy One, whose strength the vict'ry won. Refrain*

*Lift up your heads, O gates; the King of glory waits.
Lift high, O ancient doors, obey; prepare the royal way. Refrain*

*Who is this glorious King whose praise the nations sing?
The Lord Almighty is his name; his glorious might proclaim. Refrain*

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

Jesus demonstrated strength by enduring the cross. He did so for the joy set before him: redeeming us from our sin.

HEBREWS 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-10

The almighty Son of God demonstrates real strength by humbly riding into Jerusalem knowing he will soon be put to death.

¹MARK 11:1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

411 – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to



sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes to see th' ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

✠ Sermon ✠

Mark 11:11

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1. For Jesus' followers
2. For the crowds
3. For Jesus

Sermon notes:

Stand

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of Christ, that her faith would remain fixed upon His death for our salvation, and that His Gospel would be proclaimed and lived out until He comes again in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the world, that the Lord would uphold it in His order; for the Church, that she would be defended from all enemies; for our homes, that God would bless parents and children in service toward each other and faith until life's end; and for the government, that God would grant all authorities health and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a mind like Christ Jesus to spurn all worldly equality, that we would humble ourselves here and find His greater portion in the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer in this world, [*especially _____*], that they would not fear but fix their eyes on Jesus as they await the fullness of their salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

414 – No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn;
 4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake



with ban - ners and with drums, no sound of mu - sic's
 with palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 the cross and all its pains and chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn the King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt he pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



no bells in tri - umph ring, no cit - y gates swing
 as loud ho - san - nas ring, or else the ver - y
 the streets with tu - mult ring, as Pi - late to the
 till heav - en's raft - ers ring, and all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brother and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

413 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Be seated

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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