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Service of the Word

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the Father would exalt him to the highest place,
because he had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.*

HYMN 131

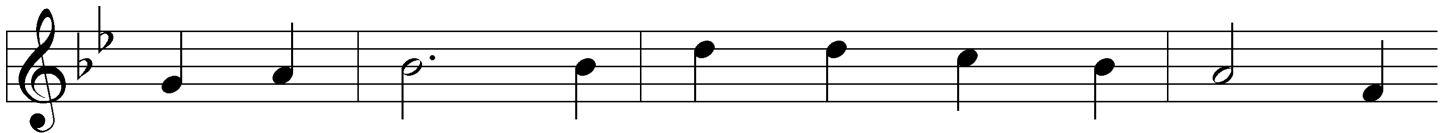
"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"



1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
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3 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To you, Re-deem - er, King,
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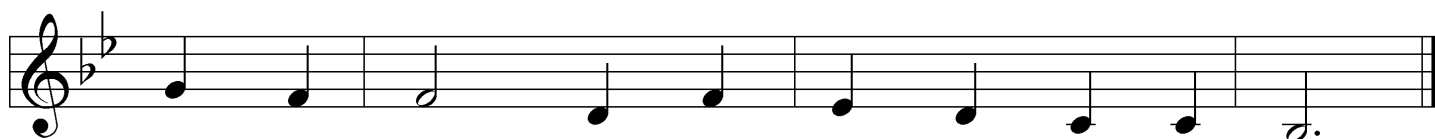
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san - nas ring. You are the King of Is - rael
san - nas ring. The com - pa - ny of an - gels
san - nas ring. The peo - ple of the He - brews
san - nas ring. To you be - fore your pas - sion
san - nas ring. As you re - ceived their prais - es,



And Da - vid's roy - al Son, Now in the
Is prais - ing you on high, And we with
With palms be - fore you went; Our praise and
They sang their hymns of praise; To you, now
Ac - cept the prayers we bring, O Source of



Lord's name com - ing, Our King and bless - ed one.
all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
prayer and an - thems Be - fore you we pre - sent.
high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 762–821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (76 76 D) Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635, alt.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your un-failing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Opening Responses

Who is this riding among us?

Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Who is this riding an animal meant to carry burdens?

Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.

Blessed be the coming kingdom of David.

Hosanna in the highest!

Who is the Liberator of Israel?

Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.

Blessed is he who is the King of peace.

Hosanna in the highest!

Who is acclaimed by palms of victory and shouts of joy?

Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.

Blessed is he who comes to save his people.

Hosanna in the highest!

Who is this who comes to destroy the power of Satan?

Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.

Blessed is he who restores the Paradise of Eden.

Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



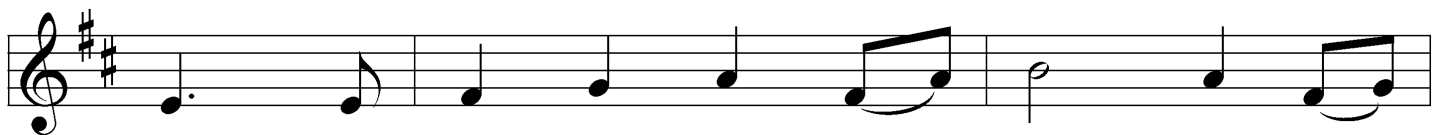
C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



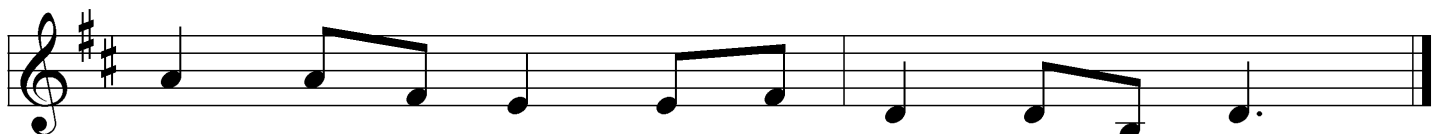
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

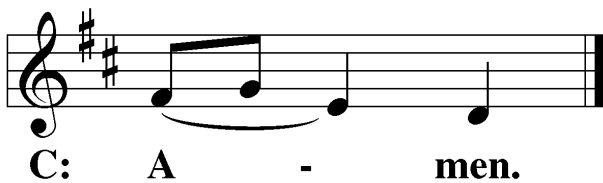


Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Zechariah 9:9-10

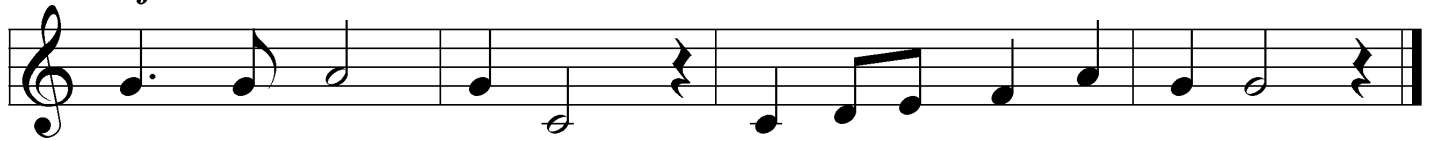
The coming Messiah's worldwide kingdom would mean the end of war and the advent of peace. All this he would do not with an army, but with his person—not with violence, but with gentleness. Rejoice, daughter of Zion! Your King comes to you. Hail him!

Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! Look! Your King is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation. He is humble and is riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem. The battle bow will be taken away, and he will proclaim peace to the nations. His kingdom will extend from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

PSALM 24

Refrain



Let the Lord en-ter; he is the King of glo-ry.

Psalm tone



The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,*
the world, and all who live in it;

for he founded it upon the seas*
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?*

Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*
he will receive blessing from God his Savior. ***Refrain***

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?*

The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,*
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?*

The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

The King came humbly because he wasn't on the way to a throne in Jerusalem, but to a hill called Golgotha where he would fulfill God's mission and save his people. Every creature will bow the knee and hail him: Jesus Christ is Lord!

⁵ Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶ Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷ but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (John 12:23)

STAND



GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

Why did our King come so humbly? Because he came not to rule us, but to save us. He came, not to command us, but to invite us. He came not to demand anything from us, but to give everything for us. He comes in the name of the Lord to save us. Hail him!

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² telling them, "Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once."

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶ The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them.

⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹ The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!



¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."



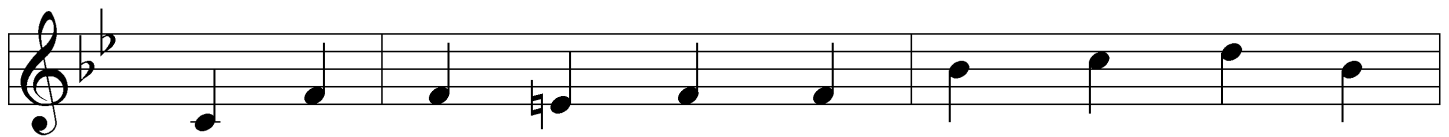
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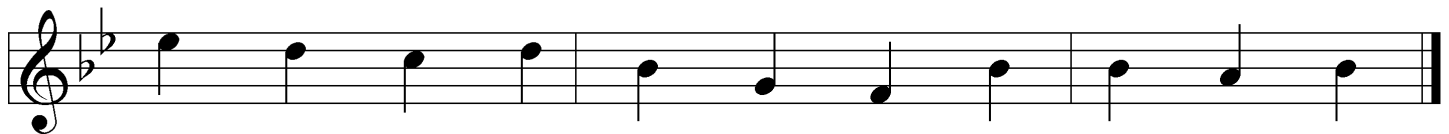
"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"



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 power and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.

SERMON

STAND



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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Use us Lord, to help others as we reflect your love to the world.

Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

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 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
and the power and the glory
forever and ever.
Amen.**

BE SEATED



HYMN 130

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That



lit - tle chil - dren sang; Through pil - lared
 an ex - ul - tant crowd, The vic - tor
 an - cient song we sing, For Christ is



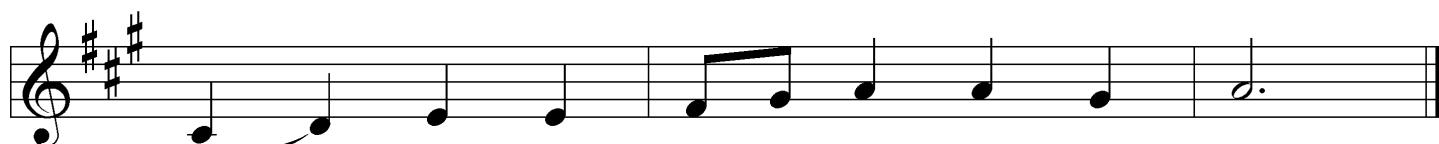
court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them
 palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and
 our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n, our



rang. To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close
 loud. The Lord of saints and an - gels Rode
 King. Oh, may we ev - er praise him With



fold - ed to his breast, The chil - dren sang their
 on in low - ly state Nor scorned that lit - tle
 heart and life and voice And in his roy - al



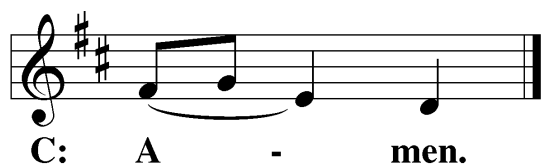
prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 chil - dren Should on his bid - ding wait.
 pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeanette Threlfall, 1821–80, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle*, Württemberg, 1784, alt.

STAND

M: 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.



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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

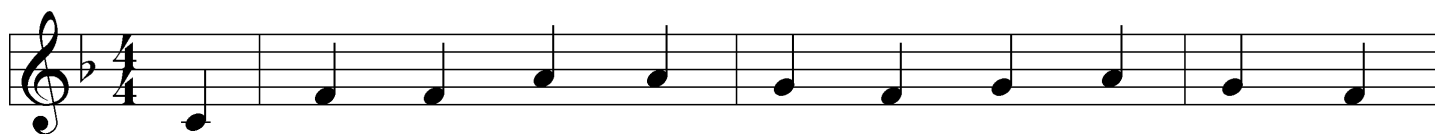
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



St. Mark tells us, "Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve." (11:11)

Palm Sunday was not an end in itself. It was only the beginning of Holy Week. There was still much more work to do. Just as Jesus returned and brought the work of salvation to completion, we encourage each other to return to this house of prayer that we might see and believe all that Jesus did for us as he shows us the full extent of his love.

CLOSING HYMN 370*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
2 Hail him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid
3 Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood
4 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -
5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at his



pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And
Lord did call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet And
res - trial ball To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And
feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And



crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate,
crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro - phies
crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
ty as - cribe And crown him Lord of all.
last - ing song And crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–92, st. 1-3, abr., alt.; *A Selection of Hymns*, London, 1787, st. 4-5, alt.

Tune: CORONATION (86 86 86) Oliver Holden, 1765–1844.

Hail the King Who Humbly Comes to Save Us!

Palm Sunday

God's Word for Today

Hail the King who humbly comes to save us! For 1700 years the Church has celebrated with Hosannas and palm branches this festival that opens Holy Week. The time for Christ's glory had come. He would not, however, gain glory in the manner of other kings. Rather, he would humble himself in great acts of love for us, and then the Father would exalt him to the highest place, because he had fulfilled God's mission to save mankind.

First Lesson (Zechariah 9:9-10)

1. How is Christ "your king"?
2. How would this king be different than other earthly kings?

Second Lesson (Philippians 2:5-11)

3. What quality of Christ is stressed as a model for us?
4. Where was Christ's humility most obvious?
5. What was the end result of Jesus' humility?

Gospel (Matthew 21:1-11)

6. Of what significance is the fact that Jesus is the Son of David?

Answers:

1. Though he was more than qualified, Jesus never claimed an earthly kingdom like we normally think with the word “king.” Instead, Jesus’ kingdom is not of this world. We often consider him ruling in three kingdoms: the *Kingdom of Power* (his power places him above all things in heaven and earth), the *Kingdom of Grace* (where he rules in the hearts of his believers), and the *Kingdom of Glory* (he rules in heaven and will continue there into all eternity).
2. Zechariah tells Jerusalem to rejoice when the messianic King comes to her, because he will have with him the righteousness she needs and the salvation she craves. This King would surpass the glory and power of all Israel’s kings before him. His rule would extend to the very ends of the earth, from sea to sea. His worldwide kingdom would mean the end of war and the advent of peace. All this he would do not with an army, but with his person—not with violence, but with gentleness. Rejoice, daughter of Zion! Your King comes to you. Hail him!
3. His humility, which caused him willingly to lay aside the honor and majesty that were his as God.
4. In the death he died, a form reserved for the worst of criminals, “death on a tree.”
5. Jesus is our King, but he came humbly to save us. Though true God, he became man. Though all powerful, he became a servant. Though immortal and eternal, he died. He laid aside his glory to take our shame upon himself and died as one who was cursed. Yet in this great humility, he won the peace of forgiveness for us. The King came humbly to a hill called Golgotha where he fulfilled God’s mission and saved his people. Therefore, God gives him glory greater than his humiliation—every creature will bow the knee and hail him: Jesus Christ is Lord!
6. The Messiah was foretold to be of David’s family (2 Samuel 7:16), and Jesus could trace his line back to King David through both his mother and his earthly father. The Jewish people knew well that the Messiah must have these credentials.

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still here for each of you.**

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our Facebook page for updates and other information.**

**Things are changing at a very rapid pace and we will do our
best to keep everyone informed of any changes to our
cancellations.**

*Come close to God, and God
will come close to you...*

James 4:8