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Palm Sunday
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Welcome

Call to Worship

Hosanna. **Hosanna in the highest**

Hosanna and honor. **Hosanna and praise.** Hosanna and glory.

Honor, praise, and glory are yours

Almighty God, now and forever. Hosanna in the highest!

In celebration, we join the crowds of old,

waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessing of the Palms

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray...

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Today Jesus enters the holy city in triumph and is proclaimed Messiah and King

by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these

branches and those who wave them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the

way of the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Palm Procession and Opening Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor LBW 108

(refrain)

All glory, laud and honor to you redeemer King,

To whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son. Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. (refrain)

The company of angels are praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus
make reply. (refrain)

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went. Our praise and prayer and
anthems before you we present. (refrain)

To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high
exalted, our melody we raise. (refrain)

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, Great author of all
goodness O good and gracious King. (refrain)

Children's Choir Rock Creek

Confession and Forgiveness

Our hosannas are humbled. **Our celebration is bittersweet**

for our story doesn't end here. **We know the pain of what lies ahead.**

Today anticipates the rest of the story—a story of betrayal and death,
a story of hope and resurrection.

Let us humbly confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Lord Jesus, **we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but always. Amen.**

The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation. In Jesus our sins are forgiven. In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand. Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, **in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son. Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One.

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Blessed Assurance WOV 699

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(refrain) This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior, am happy and blest, watching and
waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (refrain)

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again,
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Merciful God,

What can we offer that you have not already offered us?

What can we do that you have not already done for us?

**Lord Jesus Christ, in your gifts to us, you have provided us the way to live and
serve you. In both your triumph and your suffering, you deserve our praise.**

**Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow
wherever you go. Amen**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you send to us Jesus, your Son, who reaches out to heal the sick and suffering, who preaches good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opens his arms to all.

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence the prayer our Savior taught us.

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.

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

God of Promises, **at your feast you have fed us with your grace, filling us with hope to sustain us on this Lenten journey. May we carry the promises we have received out into the world who needs to know your love and tender care. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen**

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Were You There LBW 92

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb.

Dismissal

Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation, we come to Christ this Holy Week. Today is only a part of the story. Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection. May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of lament and love. Now go in peace. Holy week has begun.

Thanks be to God.