



Sunday, April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

- INTRODUCTION -

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

GATHERING SONG

He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high, I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

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INVOCATION & CONFESSION

RESPONSE

Create in Me A Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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READING

Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

SERMON

Pastor Dave Young



Refrain

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 are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals 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.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE 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.

SENDING SONG

Jesus Messiah

*He became sin, who knew no sin; that we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, Love so amazing.*

*Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

*His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, Love so amazing.*

*Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You; all the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

*Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven; Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. The Lord of all! The Lord of all.

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BENEDICTION

Guide Us On Our Way, Lord

*Guide us on our way Lord, on our Homeward Way
Walk beside our footsteps, share our load today
Grant us peace and understanding, help us to be strong
Guide us on our way Lord, on our Homeward Way*

Tune: "Homeward Way" written by John Frederickson & David Young