

Song before Service

See what a morning

Countdown and Welcome

Shout of Praise

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;
Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him with joyful songs;
Give thanks to him and praise his name.

Shout for joy, you people of Jerusalem! Look,
your king is coming to you- triumphant and
victorious, but humble and riding on a
donkey. *Zechariah 9:9*

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.** *Mark 11:9*

Worship in Song (*organ Common Praise 129*)

Ride on, ride on in majesty.
Hark, all the tribes 'hosanna!' cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue your road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty.
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty.
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty.
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh:
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty.
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, your power, and reign.

Introduction to Confession

As we picture Jesus riding into Jerusalem, perhaps
we would join the crowds going with Jesus. We'll
sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so but
would we do so when the hostile "Good Friday"
crowd shout for his death?

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have
sinned against you and against our neighbour in
thought and word and deed, through
negligence, through weakness, through our own
deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent
of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of
life to the glory of your name.**

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see,
everything has become new. All this is from
God, who reconciled us to himself through
Christ, and has given us the ministry of
reconciliation. Hear then Christ's word of
grace to us: your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your
tender love towards the human race sent
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take
upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon
the cross: grant that we may follow the
example of his patience and humility and also
be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Reading

Luke 19.28-40 (*Church Bible page 878*)

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Worship in Song (Music Group)

Though the nations rage kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

None above Him none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure and He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Saviour king
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Using words from Philippians chapter 2, let us declare our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers

At the end: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Prayer

Everything in heaven and earth comes from you, Lord. We give you only what is yours. May you be praised forever and ever. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The 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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We receive communion

Song during Communion (Music Group)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

Song during Communion (organ CP109)

It is a thing most wonderful
Almost too wonderful to be
That God's own Son should come from heaven
And die to save a child like me

And yet I know that it is true
He chose a poor and humble lot
And wept and toiled and mourned and died
For love of those who loved Him not

I sometimes think about the cross
And shut my eyes and try to see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns
And Jesus crucified for me

But even could I see Him die
I could but see a little part
Of that great love which like a fire
Is always burning in His heart

I cannot tell how He could love
A child so weak and full of sin
His love must be most wonderful
If He could die my love to win

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for Him so faint and poor

And yet I want to love Thee Lord
O light the flame within my heart
And I will love Thee more and more
Until I see Thee as Thou art

Extra song *(Music Group)*
Meekness and majesty

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ: you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation; give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Worship in Song *(organ Common Praise 128)*

All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed one.

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Blessing

We pray that the Lord of Palm Sunday will bless us today: Come into our city, Lord; bring hope and a cause for joy.

Hosanna to the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Come into our fellowship, Lord; cleanse it of all that is not in accordance with your will.
Hosanna to the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Come into our hearts, Lord; teach us your love and your truth.
Hosanna to the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lord Jesus, as you entered Jerusalem and its Temple, so come to us that we may be a holy people, worthy of your presence, bringing glory to your name.

And the blessing of God almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us and remain with us now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music as we leave: *(Music Group)*
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