



Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Thought for Preparation

Prelude

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem *Mark 11:7-10*

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

The People's Response

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

1. En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.
 2. O - pen your - self to the song. O - pen your - self to the song.
 3. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.
 4. Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.
 5. En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en - ter, re - joice, and come in.

*** Opening Words**
 One: People of God, be gathered together!
 All: **Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings, God has brought us together!**
 One: People of God, await Christ’s coming!
 All: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord of heaven!**

*** Hymn** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #213

Welcoming Each Other
 One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
 All: **And also with you.**
 One: Let us greet one another in the spirit of Christ’s loving kindness.

Children’s Time Jan Shafer

Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession
 Compassionate God, as we enter this Holy Week, we pray that you will forgive us our comfortable Christianity, which seeks the joy of Easter without the pain of the days that come before it. Turn our thoughts toward Jerusalem this week, that we might ride with Jesus through palm processions, and spend time with him in the upper room in communion, and pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane, and walk with him to Golgotha, and go with him through the valley of the shadow of death. And, then, O God, bring us to Easter with a renewed commitment to Christ and a new understanding of the day of resurrection. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Response

Oh help my un - be - lief. Oh help my un - be - lief. O Lord, have mer - cy. O Lord, have mer - cy.

Words of Assurance

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and John 12:12-16

Sermon *An Other King Coming* Pastor Neil Ellingson

Hymn *All Glory, Laud and Honor* #216

Prayers of the Church
 You are invited to share a prayer or request for prayer. Kinds of prayer include: **"Wow"** (Praise and Celebration), **"Thanks"** (Thanksgiving), **"Help Me"** (Supplication), **"Help Them"** (Intercession), **"Darn"** (Lament), **"Sorry"** (Confession), and **"May you/they be well"** (Blessing).
 One: God of grace,

All: Hear our prayer.

Invitation to Offering and Offertory

*Festival Doxology

**Praise God from who all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below,
Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost; Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***Hymn** *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* #226

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able to do so.*

This service is recorded. It will be live-streamed and stored online for future use. If you do not wish to be videotaped, please sit in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Worship Participants

Rev. Neil Ellingson, Pastor

Tim Niederriter, Liturgist

Jan Shafer, Children's Moments

Hans, Glory and Moses Ellingson, Candlelighters

Diana Stoll, Piano, Organ

Michelle Roche, Videographer, Marimba

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Sue Grunzke