

Home Worship Liturgy
Palm Sunday
4/5/2020

*Jesus rides into Jerusalem, hailed as a king. We gather in our homes, shouting
loud hosannas to our Lord and King!*

Opening Prayer (*Have one person read this out loud*)

God of all time,
As we prepare to worship you today and this week,
help us to call to mind these past events in Jesus' life
so that we can sense their significance for our present lives
and for the future you are preparing for all creation.
In Jesus' name, Amen

The Worship Sourcebook 2nd Edition, Section K.1.2

Songs of Praise and Hope (*The words to the songs have been provided below. If you would like to sing along with a video, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3a8fTTrAdE&list=RDh3a8fTTrAdE
&start_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3a8fTTrAdE&list=RDh3a8fTTrAdE&start_radio=1)

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,
the King and Blessed One. [*cont.*]

The company of angels
 is praising you on high,
 and we with all creation
 in chorus make reply.
 The people of the Hebrews
 with palms before you went;
 our praise and prayer and anthems
 before you we present.

To you before your passion
 they sang their hymns of praise;
 to you, now high exalted,
 our melody we raise.
 As you received their praises,
 accept the prayers we bring,
 for you delight in goodness,
 O good and gracious King!

***Crown Him with Many Crowns* (Bridges, 1851; Thring, 1874)**

(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuMh_ept-Js)

Crown Him with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon His throne.
 Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
 All music but its own.
 Awake, my soul, and sing
 Of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless king
 Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
 who triumphed over the grave,
 and rose victorious in the strife
 for those he came to save.
 His glories now we sing,
 who died, and rose on high,
 who died eternal life to bring,
 and lives that death may die. [*cont.*]

Crown Him the Lord of years,
 The Potentate of time.
 Creator of the rolling spheres,
 Ineffably sublime.
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 For Thou hast died for me;
 Thy praise shall never, never fail
 Throughout eternity.

***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Jennete Threlfall, 1873)**

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOVn958UbB0>)

Hosanna, loud hosanna,
 the little children sang,
 through pillared court and temple
 the lovely anthem rang.
 To Jesus, who had blessed them
 close folded to his breast,
 the children sang their praises,
 the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
 mid an exultant crowd,
 the victor palm branch waving,
 and chanting clear and loud.
 The Lord of earth and heaven
 rode on in lowly state,
 nor scorned that little children
 should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"
 that ancient song we sing,
 for Christ is our Redeemer,
 the Lord of heaven our King.
 O may we ever praise him
 with heart and life and voice, (*cont.*)

and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice!

Bible Text and Sermon (*To access the sermon audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at idealparkchurch.com and click on the “Current Sermon Series” tab. From there, click on “Watch Now” or “Read Now” for April 5. The direct link to this page is <https://idealparkchurch.com/current-sermon-series/>). A direct link to the sermon video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJvBDNq-6qk&feature=youtu.be>.*

John 12:12-19¹

12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the king of Israel!” 14 Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.” At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. 18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

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Sermon Video and Outline

Jesus' Kingship

John 12:12-19

Sermon for April 5, 2020

People's hopes for Jesus' kingship

- Crowded city
- Discussions about Jesus
- Hopes for Jesus' political kingship
 - Palm branches
 - Psalm 118
- Desire for Jesus to 'fix'

Not always comprehending what Jesus is doing

- Desire to see restoration
- Restoration doesn't always seem to happen
- Questions of pain and suffering. What do we do with this?

Understanding and trusting Jesus' kingship

- Raising of Lazarus
- Coming to conquer separation from God
- Jesus kingship over our lives, prayers
- The practice of humbly praying "why?"
- The hope of Revelation 21:1-5.

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (*Read each of these as you feel led, either out loud or silently. After each section, take time to pray in whatever way you feel led.*)

Our God and King,

You reign over all things. You guide the stars in their courses and the planets in motion. You, God, hold the whole world in your hands. (*cont.*)

But Father, there are times when we see things in this world we don't understand: evil, disease, pain, suffering... the list goes on. When we do not understand, give us patience. Help us to trust not in our own understanding but in You. When we do not understand, God, we pray that You would align our hearts with yours. God, help us to trust you more deeply. Father, God, forgive us when we don't. [*Silent Prayer*]

Even as we don't always understand this world and why things happen, we know that you do. We know, God, that you love us and are with us and hear us. You tell us to pray, giving you our concerns, our thoughts, our misunderstandings, our frailness, and even our questions. God, we now bring these all before you... [*Silent Prayer*]

God of all hope, we put our trust in you, in the power of the saving work of Jesus on his throne. You are our rock and our fortress and our deliverer. We trust in your unfailing love and our hearts rejoice in your salvation. We will sing your praise, for you have been good to us.

In the powerful name of Jesus we pray,
Amen

Song of Faith and Hope (*The words to the songs have been provided below. If you would like to sing along with a video, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

Lead On, O King Eternal

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FhKeliH94k>)

Lead on, O King Eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation [*cont.*]

Thy grace has made us strong;
 And now, O King Eternal,
 We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
 Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 And holiness shall whisper
 The sweet amen of peace.
 For not with swords' loud clashing,
 Nor roll of stirring drums;
 With deeds of love and mercy
 The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal,
 We follow, not with fears,
 For gladness breaks like morning
 Where'er Thy face appears.
 Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
 We journey in its light;
 The crown awaits the conquest;
 Lead on, O God of might.

Time for Discussion

- What is heavy on my heart that I should lament and bring before God?
- The book of Psalms has many prayers of lament where the Psalmist does not understand what is happening around him.
 - Try reading Psalm 13.
 - What do you think the psalmist is experiencing?
 - Where does the psalmist derive hope? Where do we derive hope?
- Read Revelation 21:1-5
 - What do you learn about what Jesus will do from this passage?
 - How is this passage an encouragement to you?

*When you have gone through this liturgy and discussion, **consider calling a friend or two from church to see how they are doing.***

“The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)