

Lord's Day Service for Palm Sunday 2026



Call to Worship: Where God Calls Us Into His Presence

The Call from God's Word:

[congregation standing]

Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:15-17

Come and Worship the King of Kings!

God's People Respond with a Hymn of Praise: (based on Psalm 145:10)
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE (7 6. 7 6. D)
 Gesangbuch der Herzogl.
 Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784

Jeannette Threlfall, 1873

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Thro' pil - lared court and Tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
 The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
 For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
 The Lord of men and an - gels Rode on in low - ly state
 Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
 Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
 And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Salutation and Response: [based on Matthew 28:19, Ruth 2:4 and Luke 19:38]

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit **Amen!**

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

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Confession of Sins: Where God Cleanses Us In Christ

The Call for Confession from God's Word:

"Now as Jesus drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation." *Luke 19:41-44*

God's People Join in a Hymn of Confession:

[congregation standing]

Chide Me, O LORD, No Longer

NE VEUILLES PAS, Ô SIRE (7 7 6. 7 7 6)
Genevan Psalter, 1542
harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564; alt.

Psalm 6

W. W. J. VanOene, 1972; rev.

Silent Confession: *“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.” 1 Timothy 1:15*

Those who are willing and able are invited to kneel for our time of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

We confess to Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and before all the company of heaven, that we have sinned, in thought, word and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault; wherefore, we pray Almighty God to have mercy upon us, to forgive all our sins, and to make clean our hearts. For we pray in the Father's love, pleading the shed blood of Christ His Son, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Forgiveness: *From the Gospel of John*

“The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of Jehovah! The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. “And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” *John 12:12-16; 20:30,31*

Though our sins do stand against us, the punishment for them has been taken away in the finished sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, for “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” We have been cleansed and clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. And not only that, we are now **in** Christ and **in** Him we are in the heavenly places, in the very midst of the blessed Trinity with the Saints of all the ages, from every tongue, tribe and nation prepared to worship in the beauty of holiness.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Come Bless the Father:

Come bless the Fath - er, all you ser - vants of the Son, who stand by the Spir - it in the
House of the Lord. Lift up your hands to the Ho - ly Place and bless your God.
May the Lord _____ bless you from Zi - on, He Who made hea - ven and earth. _____

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up un - to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is pro - per and right to do so.

Truly it is proper and right that we should, at all times and in all places, give praise to you O LORD. And so, with the angels and all the company of heaven, and with the Church, as she gathers throughout the world this day, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

God's People Sing a Hymn of Thanks:

[congregation standing]

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" John 12:13

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Consecration: Where God Equips & Prepares His People

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" Romans 12:1,2

THE LORD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD:

The Triumphal Entry: Responsive readings for Palm Sunday

Mark 11:7-10

"Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it.

And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of Jehovah!"

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David That comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!"

Luke 19:37-40

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, saying:

"'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of Jehovah! 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples."

But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

Revelation 15:3-4:

They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested."

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, Who from His al - tar
 3. *Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the*
 4. *Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the*
 5. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter - res - trial
 6. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may

fall; Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a -
 call, Who from His al - tar call; Ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's
fall, Ye ran - somed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His
gall, The worm-wood and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at His
 ball, On this ter - res - trial ball, To Him all maj - es - ty as -
 fall! We at His feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing

¹³
 dem, And crown Him,
 rod, Him,
grace,
feet, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 crite, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 song, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
 crown

¹⁸
 crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all!

Music: James Ellor (1819-1899)

Text: st. 1-4, Edward Perronet, 1780; st. 5 & 6, John Rippon, 1787

DIADEM

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God Speaks to Us Through His Word: Scripture, Prayer for Illumination, and Sermon

"Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Jehovah, and teach out of Your law." Psalm 94:12

"Our Member Covenant", Part 3

From Pastor Paul Liberati

Based on Various Texts

God's People Sing a Hymn of Response:

[congregation standing]

To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

NUN BITTEN WIR (10 9. 11 9. 4)

German *Leise*, c. 1100

Johann Walter, *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524

st. 1, author unknown, c. 1250

st. 2-4, Martin Luther, 1524

tr. *Worship Supplement*, 1969, adapt.

1. To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
2. O sweet - est Love, your grace on us be - stow;
3. Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
4. Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it pre - cious light;

Most of all for faith up - on our way
Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right

That he may de - fend us when life is end - ing
That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er,
That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us
That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us,

And from ex - ile home we are wend - ing.
Ev - 'ry strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord have mer - cy.
When the foe shall taunt and as - sail - us.
Till to our true home he has brought us.

Response to God's Word through the Tribute Offering [read in unison]

“Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously. Psalm 96:8-10

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings:

With the Singing of Psalm 24:1-4 & the Doxology

Words composed by Brenda Fisher

**1: Earth is the Lord's, all it contains. 2: Who may stand in God's Holy place?
The world and those on its terrains. Who may ascend before His face?
For on the seas He founded it, He has a pure heart and clean hands.
And on the waters stablished it. He worships God, keeps His commands.**

**3: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Prayer, Concluding with the Lord's Prayer

Justin Roome

"Jehovah has heard my supplication; Jehovah will receive my prayer." Psalm 6:9

**Our Father,
Which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one,
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever: AMEN
[Matthew 6:9-13]**

Communion: Where God Communes With His People

Preparation for Communion: Congregation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord has prepared His table for all who love and trust Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and are not under discipline from Christ's Church are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our Lord our God will call.

Our Confession of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed

[sung with music by Amber Bartels]

Piano

I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther Al - migh - ty, Ma - ker of hea - ven and earth;

8 And in Je - sus Christ, His on - ly be - got - ten Son, our Lord; Who was con - ceived by the

16 Ho - ly Spi - rit, born of the vir - gin - Ma - ry, Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius

25 Pi - late, was cru - ci - fied, dead and bur - ied; He de - scend - ed in - to

35 hell, the third day He rose a - gain from the dead; He as - cend - ed in - to

43 heav - en, and sit - teth at the right hand of God the Fath - er Al - migh - ty; From

52 thence He shall come to judge the liv - ing and the dead. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit;

60 I be - lieve a ho - ly cath - olic Church, the com - mun - ion of saints, the for - give - ness of sins; the

70 re - sur - rec - tion of the bo - dy, and the life ev - er - last - ing. A - - - - - men.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE (Peace Offering, Gift of Life)

A Word of Encouragement -- Giving of Thanks -- Breaking of the Bread

God's People Sing a hymn of thanks and celebration:

(Sung as a representative of each family comes forward to receive their bread and wine)

Holy, Holy, Holy!

NICAEA (11 12. 12 10)
John B. Dykes, 1861

Reginald Heber, 1826

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee.
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Feasting At The Lord's Table: A simple act of obedience on the 1st day of a new Week *Partaking of the bread together -- Giving Thanks -- Partaking of the wine*

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Commissioning: Where God Sends Out His People

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:35-37

Final Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:14-29 [congregation standing]

¹⁴ Jehovah *is* my strength and song,

And He has become my salvation.

¹⁵ The voice of rejoicing and salvation *is* in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of Jehovah does valiantly. ¹⁶ The right hand of Jehovah is exalted;

The right hand of Jehovah does valiantly.

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of Jehovah.**

¹⁸ Jehovah has chastened me severely, but He has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them,**

And I will praise Jehovah.

²⁰ This is the gate of Jehovah, through which the righteous shall enter.

²¹ **I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone *which* the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This was Jehovah’s doing;**

It *is* marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This *is* the day Jehovah has made;**

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save now, I pray, O Jehovah;

O Jehovah, I pray, send now prosperity.

²⁶ **Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of Jehovah!**

We have blessed you from the house of Jehovah.

²⁷ God *is* Jehovah,

And He has given us light;

Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You *are* my God, and I will praise You;**

You are my God, I will exalt You.

²⁹ **Oh, give thanks to Jehovah, for *He is* good!**

For His mercy *endures* forever.

God’s People Go Forth Singing God’s Word!

Psalm 110

Psalm 110

Psalm 2, Anglo-Genevan Psalter 1556
Harmony by Edward Millar, c1635

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973

1. Je - ho - vah to my Lord has said, "Sit Thou — at My right hand,
2. A will - ing peop - le in Thy day Of pow'r — shall come to Thee,
3. The LORD at Thy right hand shall smite Earth's rul - er's in His wrath.

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Un - til I make Thy foes a stool Where - on — Thy feet may stand."
Thy youth arr - ayed in ho - li - ness Like mom - ing dew shall be.
A - mong the na - tions He shall judge; The slain — shall fill His path.

19

Je - ho - vah shall from Zi - on send The scep - ter of Thy pow'r.
Je - ho - vah swore, and from His oath He nev - er will de - part.
In man - y lands He'll ov - er throw Their kings — with ru - in dread;

28

In batt - le with Thine en - e - mies, Be Thou — the con - quer - or.
"Of the'or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek A priest — Thou ev - er art"
And march - ing, He'll drink from the brook, And so — lift up His head.

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God Blesses His People – The Benediction:

[congregation standing]

*Then Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people and blessed them,
and he came down from offering the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Leviticus 9:22*

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.” 2 Corinthians 13:14

Let us go forth singing Simeon’s Prayer & the Gloria Patri

Lord, now let- test Thou Thy ser- vant de- part in peace, ac- cord- ing to Thy Word:

For mine eyes have seen Thy sal-va- tion, Which Thou hast pre- pared be- fore the face of all peo- ple;

A light to ligh- ten the Gen- tiles, and the glo- ry of Thy peo- ple Is - - - fa - el.

-- With Lifted Hands --

Glo - ry be to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost;

as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now and ev- er shall be, world with- out end. A - men.

The Heidelberg Catechism – Lord’s Day 13

33. Why is He called God’s “only begotten Son,” since we also are the children of God? **Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God,[1] but we are children of God by adoption, through grace, for His sake.[2]**

[1] Jn. 1:14, 18. [2] Rom. 8:15–17; Eph. 1:5–6; *1 Jn. 3:1.

34. Why do you call Him “our Lord”? **Because not with silver or gold, but with His precious blood, He has redeemed and purchased us, body and soul, from sin and from all the power of the devil, to be His own.[1]**

[1] 1 Pet. 1:18–19; 2:9; 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; *Acts 2:36; *Tit. 2:14; *Col. 1:14.