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“Song of Simeon” ..... *Christian Worship page 24*

Lord, now you let your servant de-part in peace  
ac-cord-ing to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have pre-pared be-fore the face of all people,  
a light to light-en the Gen-tiles  
and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is-ra-el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: *(sing)* **And his mercy endures forever.**

**BLESSING**

*Christian Worship page 25*

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: *(sing)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** ..... “The King Of Glory Comes”

*Christian Worship Hymn 363*

Refrain: The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him; lift up your voices.

Who is the King of glory?

How shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages.

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him;

lift up your voices.

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

He goes among his people,

curing their illness.

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him;

lift up your voices.

He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;

He took upon himself the sin of the nations.

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him;

lift up your voices.

He conquered sin and death;

he truly has risen,

And he will share with us his

heavenly kingdom.

The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him;

lift up your voices.



Palm Sunday

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**PERKS OF THE PASSION:  
WE HAVE A HUMBLE SERVANT!**

**Good morning!** A blessed Palm Sunday to each of you.

As we begin this Holy Week, may your walk along the path to the cross be blessed. May your heart meditate on the awesome blessing it is to have a humble servant such as Jesus to come and give his all for us! God bless your worship!

M: In this place on this day, we join in a victory parade, for Christ has entered here.

**C: With palms and praises, we welcome the Lord!**

Choir: *(Congregation may join in as comfortable)*  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna, praise to the King!  
Singing, ringing.  
Sing hosanna, praise to the King!  
*(Repeat twice)*

M: In this place on this day, we fall in line behind our Savior.

**C: With palms and praises, we follow our Leader!**

Choir:  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna, praise to the King!  
Singing, ringing.  
Sing hosanna, praise to the King!  
*(Repeat twice)*

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name, and join their glorious song:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” ..... *Christian Worship page 22*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of heav-en-ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he,  
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: (sing) Amen.**

“O Christ, Lamb Of God” ..... *Christian Worship page 23*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us.*

*O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace.*

*A-men.*

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**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 forever. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT**

**The Celebration of Holy Communion** ..... CW pages 21-24



*At Tree of Life, we desire to have all commune with us at the Lord's Table. However, since the Scripture encourages us to "recognize the body and blood of the Lord," "examine ourselves," and join together as "one body," we ask those who are visiting with us this morning to take the time to understand these teachings and establish a unity of beliefs with us before partaking of this act of fellowship. By this practice of close communion, we are in no way judging your personal faith and relationship with Jesus, we just ask for an opportunity for us to share our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table.*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sing) And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: (sing) We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: (sing) It is good and right to do so.**

M: In this place on this day, we shout out, "Hosanna in the highest!"

**C: With palms and praises, we honor our King!**

Choir:

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna, praise to the King!  
Singing, ringing.  
Sing hosanna, praise to the King!  
*(Repeat twice)*

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: (spoken) And also with you.**

**Opening Hymn**..... "All Glory, Laud, And Honor"  
*Verses 1-4* *Christian Worship Hymn 131*

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,  
Our King and blessed one.

All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before you went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The company of angels  
Is praising you on high,  
And we with all creation  
In chorus make reply.

All glory, laud, and honor  
To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To you before your passion  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

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**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: As we sing "Hosannas!" with the crowd that entered Jerusalem with Jesus that first Palm Sunday, we recognize it was for our sake that he came to suffer for our sins. Let us confess our sins to him.

**C: Dear Lord Jesus, it is for our sake that you came to this earth to live and die on our behalf. Forgive us for the times we hail you as our King in the safety of friends, but are quick to betray you when the pressure is on. Forgive us when out of the same mouth comes our praise of you and then words of cursing. With repentant hearts we fall before you pleading, "Lord have mercy on us sinners." With humble hearts that we ask you to hear us as we confess to you.**

*Silence for personal confession.*

M: The thief on the cross asked Jesus to remember him when he came into heaven. Jesus did. The soldiers and religious leaders sinned unknowingly against Jesus, yet Jesus said, "Father forgive them." It is the same mercy and grace that Jesus now gives to you. For sins, known or unknown, he speaks to you, "You are forgiven." For comfort and certainty that your sins no longer separate you from God he says, "You will be with me in paradise." Receive this promise of forgiveness with a heart of faith in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (Spoken) AMEN**

M: With hearts cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, let us respond with joyful praise!

**Song of Praise** ..... "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
*Christian Worship Hymn 310*

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.

**Hymn** ..... "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"  
*Christian Worship Hymn 133*

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry. O Savior meek, pursue your road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.	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. O Christ, your triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.	Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see th' approaching sacrifice.	Text, Tune, Setting: public domain.

**KID'S CHURCH**

People Rejoice as Jesus Enters Jerusalem  
*Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade*

**PERKS OF THE PASSION:  
WE HAVE A HUMBLE SERVANT!**

Philippians 2:5-11  
*Vicar Steve Neuman*

*STAND*

"Create In Me A Clean Heart" ..... *Christian Worship page 20*

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 un-to me the joy of your sal-va-tion,  
and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

*BE SEATED*

**Statement of Belief** ..... Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*BE SEATED*

From Olivet they followed Him an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of saints and angels 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 heav'n, our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise him With heart and life and voice  
And in his royal presence Eternally rejoice.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C:** *(spoken)* **AMEN.**

*BE SEATED*

**FIRST LESSON  
ZECHARIAH 9:9-10**

*"The prophet foretold of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as Israel's King."*

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**PSALM 24** ..... *Christian Worship* page 73

**Refrain:** *Let the Lord enter; he is the King of glory.*

*The earth is the Lord's, and every thing in it,\*  
the world, and all who live in it;*

*Who is this King of glory?\**

*The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.*

*for he founded it up on the seas\*  
and established it upon the waters.*

*Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory may come in*

*Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?\**  
*Who may stand in his holy place?*

*Who is he, this King of glory?\**  
*The Lord Almighty— he is the King of  
glory.*

*He who has clean hands and a pure heart,\*  
he will receive blessing from God his  
Savior.*

**Refrain**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen***

*Lift up your heads, O you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,\*  
that the King of glory may come in.*

**Refrain**

**SECOND LESSON  
PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11**

*“Christ gave up all to humbly serve us.”*

<sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (*John 12:23*)

*STAND*

After the announcement of the Gospel Lesson:

**C: (sing) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL LESSON  
MARK 11:1-10**

*“Jesus entered Jerusalem to the shouts of worship from the crowds.”*

<sup>1</sup>As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.' " <sup>4</sup>They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup>some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" <sup>6</sup>They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup>When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" <sup>10</sup>"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

After the reading of the Gospel Lesson:

**C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!**