

GIVE UP OPPOSITION; WELCOME THE KING

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

During Lent God calls us to give up our sin. His pointed attacks against the sins that beset his people help us put off the attitudes and actions of our sinful nature. His perfect righteousness as our substitute assures us that we are right with God and empowers us in godly living. Today, Jesus confronts all who would oppose him. On Palm Sunday he rode into the heart of enemy territory, knowing the opposition that was in front of him. Whether we welcome him as the people did or rebuke him as the Pharisees did, all opposition will be overcome and all will eventually worship him as king. Therefore, let us yield to him in every area of our live and joyfully acknowledge him as our King.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher.....Name
Presiding MinisterName
KeyboardistName
Instrumentalists.....Name
ChoirName
Ushers.....Name

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FESTIVAL SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

Please stand.

L The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C And also with you.

L Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb, and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest!

GOSPEL FOR PALM SUNDAY

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus' followers welcome him as king while the Pharisees rebuke in opposition.

"After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.' " Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.""

PRAYER FOR PALM SUNDAY

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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 Amen.

L Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C Hosanna to the Son of David!

PROCESSION WITH PALMS¹

Hosanna! | **Francis Patrick O'Brien**

The duet sings the refrain the first time. The congregation may repeat the refrain after verse one and after each subsequent verse.

As the children process, the duet sings:

Children of Jerusalem shouting praises followed him.
"This is he who comes to save, he our ransom from the grave."

Refrain



¹ The people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus into their midst with palm branches and shouts of "Hosanna!" So also we, who welcome Jesus here today, wave palm branches and sing "Hosanna" to our Savior.

Entering Jerusalem crowds of people covered him.
"Hosanna to the chosen one! Blessed is he, God's only son!"

Refrain

"Open wide the sacred door the king of glory rides once more.
Sing hosannas, shout his name, to the world God's love proclaim.

Refrain

The children, having precessed to the front of the church, now sing:

Blessed Christ, who comes in pow'r, saves us all from Satan's hour.
Grasping not Divinity² he wins our freedom on a tree.

Refrain

Earth and see and sky above glory in this saving love.
Blessed, rich in mercy be he who sets all people free.

Refrain

Every tongue on earth confess, Jesus, rich in holiness,
comes to be our saving Lord; in his name be God adored.

Refrain

The congregation joins the children to sing the final stanza:

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a 4/4 time signature and contains the lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God,___ pour - ing forth e -". The second staff continues the melody and has a 3/4 time signature at the end, with lyrics: "ter - nal love,___ help us praise the bless - ed One,___". The third staff begins with a 3/2 time signature and ends with a double bar line, with lyrics: "praise un - til our life is done.".

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ter - nal love,___ help us praise the bless - ed One,___

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² *Philippians 2:6*

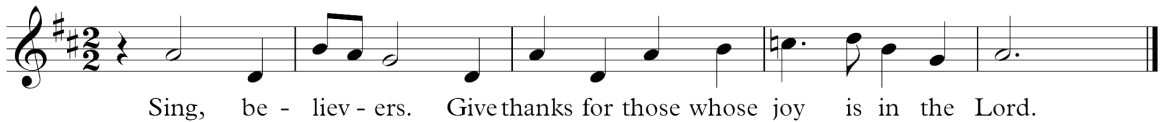
Final Refrain

The children return to their seats.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 24 | Hal Hopson

The cantor sings the refrain once to introduce the melody. The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again when indicated.



1. The earth belongs to the Lord, and all that we enjoy.
A strong foundation was laid, was laid in the seas.

Refrain

2. O tell us, who shall ascend? Who shall go up to God's house?
They are those who love the Lord, who make God's will their own.

Refrain

3. O tell us, who are these saints, these saints who praise God's name?
They are those whose hearts are clean, whose joy is in the Lord.

Refrain

4. The Lord will bless the just, new life shall be restored.
O come and seek the Lord; O praise God's holy name.

Refrain

LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3

Jesus endured opposition and is now exalted. Let us do the same.

- C** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its

shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

GOSPEL

Passion History According to St. Luke

The minister reads the passion history of our Lord Jesus Christ.

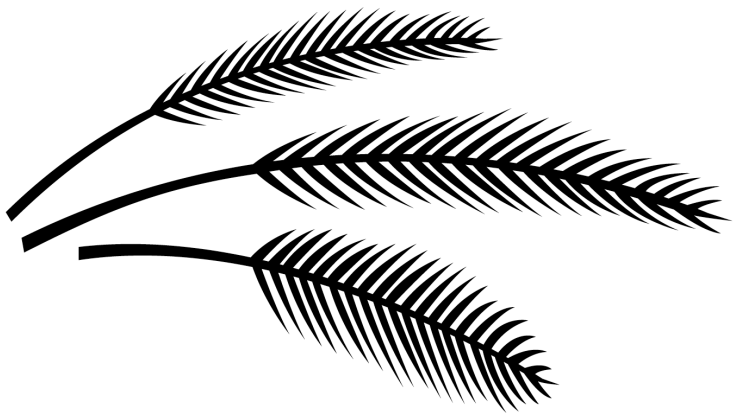
HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty | 133

SERMON

Hebrews 12:1-3

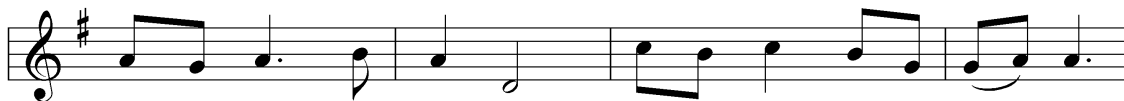
Sermon Theme



YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

Please stand.



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
You have ris - en to free us;



praise you,

we praise you!

With the mar - tyrs and your
To the Trin - i - ty most
And with all your saints in

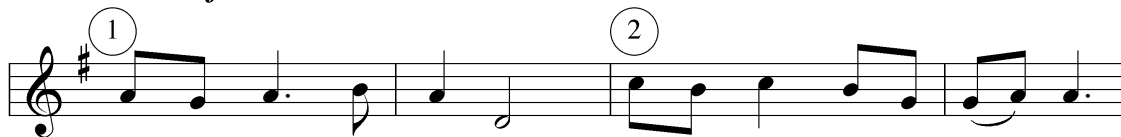


ho - ly Church,
bless - ed,
glo - ry,

We sing in end - less

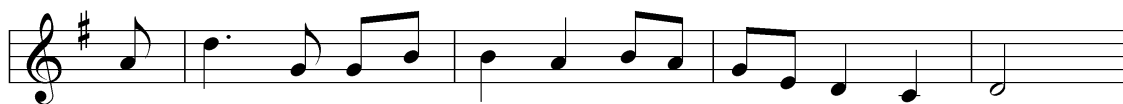
to Refrain
praise! *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain

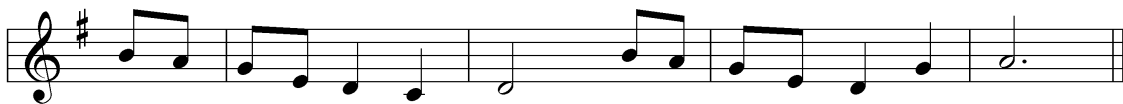


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To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise,



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Be seated.

OFFERING

Moved by God's love, the members of St. Stephen Lutheran have joined together to do the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

Please take time to sign the friendship register when it comes your way.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- L** O God, our heavenly Father, we come before you with thanksgiving and joy. In your great mercy, you sent your one and only son to share our humanity and to unveil the mystery of your saving will from Holy Trinity. Through your holy word and sacraments, give us faith to see the earnest work of your salvation and every word and deed of Jesus.
- C** **Grant us humble repentance, dear Father, and lead us to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**
- L** O Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, you have redeemed us from our empty ways, not with gold or silver, but with your holy, precious blood and your innocent suffering and death. All things were made by you, yet you humbled yourself and became our servant. In you shines the light of life, yet you became obedient to death, even death on a cross. Enlighten our darkened hearts and minds that we may ever marvel at your willingness to die for those who did not live for you.
- C** **By your humble form and sacrifice, lead us to see the seriousness of our sin, the depth of your love, and the fullness of your forgiveness.**
- L** O Holy Spirit, giver of life, grant to your Church strength of purpose in your holy service that we may seek with willing hearts the building of your eternal kingdom. Put the song of salvation on our lips and clothe us with the garments of praise that with joy we may declare:
- C** **"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"**
- L** You wept, dear Jesus, over the city of Jerusalem when you desired to gather her children together as a hen gathers her chicks, but they were not willing. Give us tender and compassionate hearts, O Lord, for those who reject your word or do not know you. Lead us to be faithful and patient ambassadors of your saving work and loving care, and grant success to the preaching of repentance and forgiveness of sins in your name.
- C** **Give strength in times of weakness, courage in times of fear, truthfulness in times of temptation, and confidence in your saving word and will.**

L Now as we have received your mercy and seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, grant to us, O God, the comfort of your grace through him who died, but who rose again and evermore reigns as King in heaven and on earth.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

The minister sings the prayer.

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

The congregation sings:



BLESSING



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

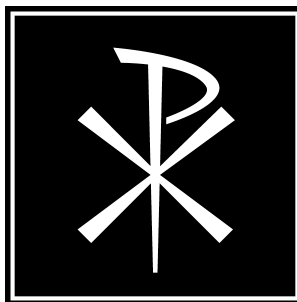


C A - men.

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CLOSING HYMN

In Christ Alone | 752



The symbol above is called the "Chi Rho," which are the first two letters in the name "Christ" as it was written in Greek, the language of Jesus' time.

This ancient and beloved symbol of the Christian Church focuses us on Christ alone.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TITLE

Date | Time

Nulla eget magna ac eros pellentesque gravida id eget nunc. Quisque in nulla neque, in sodales arcu. Nam placerat eleifend semper. Proin porttitor, purus vitae facilisis imperdiet, orci lacus rutrum neque, vitae ullamcorper justo odio sit amet augue.

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CALENDAR

MARCH 24-31

TODAY	9:00 AM	Church Service
	11:00 AM	Bible Study
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Event
	2:00 PM	Event
TUESDAY	1:00 PM	Event
	2:00 PM	Event
WEDNESDAY	1:00 PM	Event
	2:00 PM	Event
THURSDAY	1:00 PM	Event
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