

Call to Worship

Palm-Passion Sunday

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let those branches be signs of his victory, that we may follow him in the way of the cross; and dying and rising with him, we may enter your kingdom.

Prayer of Adoration and Lord's Prayer

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather in your presence, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem and your faithfulness. As we praise you, O God, help us to consider again the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Speak to us through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may receive grace to show the love of Christ. ... 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins to almighty God.

(Silence) Amen

Assurance of God's Love and Pardon

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

Liturgist, Doctor Janet Loman

Good News Time with Young Disciples

Lon Anderson

Prayer

Hosanna, loud Hosanna

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 victory 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,
and in his blissful presence
eternally rejoice.

Words: Jennette Threlfall

Tune: ELLACOMBE

Psalter Hymnal

Philippians 2:1-11

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Sermon

Full Accord and of One Mind

Rev. Norm Story.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
2 The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Jesus, the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love:
3 When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above:
He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit,
4 And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet: