



# Palm Sunday



# Welcome



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

The grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**And also with you.**

## Blessing of the Palms

### Ride On, Jesus, Ride

Ride on, Je - sus, ride. Ride on, Je - sus, ride.

## Opening Song

Ride on, Je - sus, con-quer-ing King, Ride on, Je - sus ride.

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|---------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. King | Je - sus      | rides          | on a                | milk white | horse.    | Ride on, | Je - sus, |
| 2. My   | Je - sus      | lift - ed      | his                 | throne     | a - bove. | Ride on, | Je - sus, |
| 3. The  | chil - dren   | of             | Je - ru - sa - lem, |            |           | Ride on, | Je - sus, |
| 4. ♪    | "Bless - ings | on             | the                 | Ho - ly    | One!"     | Ride on, | Je - sus, |
| 5. ♪    | Ride          | so             | hum - ble,          | ride       | so        | true,    | Ride on,  |
| 6. ♪    | Ride          | to             | set                 | your       | peo - ple | free,    | Ride on,  |
| 7. ♪    | Ride          | o - be - dient | un - to             | death,     |           |          | Ride on,  |
| 8. ♪    | Ride          | a - gain       | in                  | the        | hearts    | of       | us,       |
| 9. ♪    | Now           | be - yond      | all                 | time       | and       | space,   | Ride on,  |

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|-------|-----|---------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|----------------|----------|
| ride. | The | riv - er      | Jor - dan | he          | did       | cross.         |          |
| ride. | ♪   | See           | his       | mer - cy    | and       | his            | love.    |
| ride, | ♪   | strewed       | their     | branch - es | on        | his            | way.     |
| ride. | ♪   | "Bless - ings | on        | the         | Sav - ing | One!"          |          |
| ride. | ♪   | Ride          | to        | bring       | the       | world          | to       |
| ride. | ♪   | Ride          | the       | road        | to        | Cal - va - ry, | Ride on, |
| ride. | ♪   | Ride          | to        | break       | the       | chains         | of       |
| ride. | ♪   | Ride          | a - gain  | in          | the       | hands          | of       |
| ride. | ♪   | Now           | in        | ev - 'ry    | land      | and            | race,    |

ride. Ride on, Je - sus, con-quer-ing King. Ride on, Je - sus ride.

## Our Reconciliation with God and Each Other

And God said, I will put my law in them,  
**And so we come to worship in search of the Author,**  
And I will write it on their hearts;  
**Opening our hearts,**  
And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
**Finding communion.**

Twenty centuries past, what city has not heard of your coming?  
From Beijing to Berlin, from Jerusalem to Johannesburg,  
from New York to New Delhi surely the word has spread that you've come in peace, not  
violence to enrich, renew, transform our lives and bring us to shalom?  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest!**

Twenty centuries past, what city has not heard of your church?  
From Catholic, Orthodox, Uniting or Anglican, Evangelical, Progressive or Pentecostal  
surely the message of acceptance, healing, confidence in your royal advent, has been  
passed on through faithful living?  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest!**

Twenty centuries past, what city has not rejected you?  
From penthouse to tenement, from factory to leisure center, from theme park to concert  
hall, surely the news is that this life is for taking, not giving and what stands in the way  
of this lifestyle must now be removed?  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest!**

Twenty centuries past, what city does the Christ seek to enter?  
From leafy suburb to shanty town, from housing estate to downtown flat, from salon to  
slum, surely the sign of the church free from pride, united in deed,  
must be the welcome Christ longs for as he enters our city?  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest!**

All things are made new by Christ. All things are restored in Christ. The fullness of life  
in Christ is found in forgiving others, finding healing and reconciliation, and working  
for justice, knowing that death does not have the final word. The opportunity for new  
life is now, not at death. Eternity is now. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive  
us our sins, and bring us all to everlasting life. **Amen.**

As we enter our time of prayer, let us embrace the fullness of life in Christ, knowing that  
we are forgiven, restored, and loved., and offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

# Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading:** Zecharian 9:9-10

**Psalm:**

## THIS IS THE DAY (PSALM 118)

Bobby Fisher

Refrain: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat; thereafter: All

This is the day! This is the day! This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us re-joyce! Let us re-joyce and be glad! Let us re-joyce and be glad!

(to Verses)

Final time only

**Second**

**Reading:** Phillipians

**Gospel:** Luke 19:28-40

*We break open the Word together.*

**Affirmation of Faith** *from A Brief Statement of Faith.*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed and blessing children,**

**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain**

**and giving his life for the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,**

**breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## Presentation of the Gifts

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my family in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty and Holy One. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all the Church.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of Steadfast Love: you hand us the palm branches, the evergreens, the sprouting or our shrubs so we can wave them in hope; you steady us in these days when pain is stuck to the bottom of our lives, On this day of your joyful entry into the holy city, We empty ourselves so you might fill us with joy.

God of healing comfort: When our mouths turn numb and we cannot speak our dreams, you tenderly caress our cheeks, leaning over to hear our faltering words. When our arms have grown weak from the burdens we carry, you take them from us, and strengthen us with your mercy. On this day of your joyful entry into the holy city, We empty ourselves so you might fill us with joy. We empty ourselves so you might fill us with peace.

God of unending life: when death hovers so close you come to us, the warm breath of resurrection, pushing aside our fears. When we hesitate to walk into the unknown stretching before us, you tightly clasp our hands and teach us the first step. On this day of your joyful entry into the holy city, We empty ourselves so you might fill us with joy. We empty ourselves so you might fill us with peace. Reminded of your vastness and power, we join with our ancestors and all creation in the unending hymn of praise: Holy, holy, holy...

**Concelebrant** Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body + and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, **He took bread and gave you thanks and praise; he broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body, which will be given up for you.**

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**When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks and praise, he gave the cup to his disciples, and said: Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.**

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, holy God, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit. Great is the mystery of faith. *Save us Savior of the World...*

We remember you and know that you live on in all who courageously and faithfully bring forth the light of your love in earth's darkest places. We ask that the Holy Spirit renew your church and preserve us in solidarity, together with +Pablo our bishop and all people who seek to know and serve you. Make your Church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of peace.

Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin Mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ. For it is, through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours almighty God, forever and ever, *Amen*.

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us: **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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Lord, may we here taste and see your goodness. And as we are nourish now, may be one day take our places at your heavenly banquet. *Lamb of God...*

This is the table not of the Church but of the Christ, and all are welcome.... We come, because it is Christ's will that we meet him here. **For this is the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and we, though many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

*Our table is open to all those seeking a relationship with the Living God.*

# Communion Song

## Tree of Life



1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, In your  
2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we  
3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed  
4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -  
5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling



death we are re - born, Though you die in all of  
see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your  
on through act and word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -  
through our steps may be, One with you in joy and



his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you  
sto - ry We may die to rise a - new, We may  
bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our Lord, Wears the  
her - it If we bear the cross with you, If we  
sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the



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die to rise a - new,  
bod - y of our Lord,  
bear the cross with you,  
riv - er, you the sea.

## Community Life

**Easter is coming.** Mass will be Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Prayer will be followed by community joy, an egg hunt for the kiddos and hospitality! Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper is here in the Great Hall at 6. Veneration of the Cross will be at 6 pm on Friday

## Closing Prayer



Our God is with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us...to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Song

### Jerusalem, My Destiny

Refrain

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my  
 des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I  
 can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the  
 way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let  
 no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses

1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.

D.C.

Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.  
 Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.  
 Here a - mong you I have met the sav - ior, Je - sus Christ.  
 Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.  
 Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

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