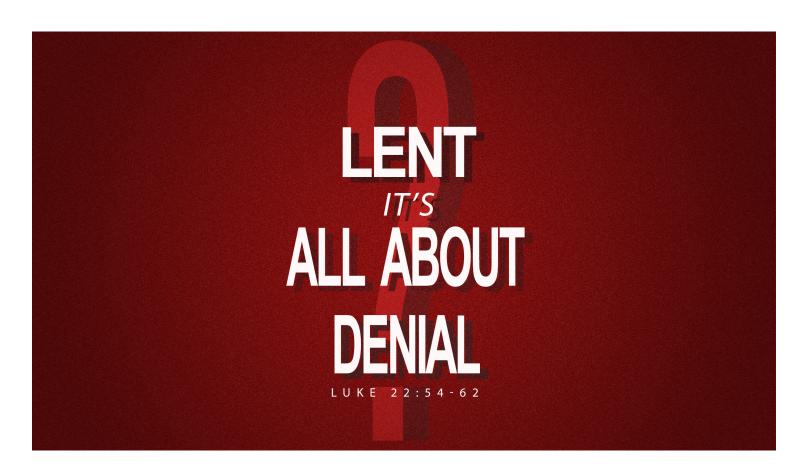
Palm Sunday It's All About Denial



The death of Jesus is not cause for continued sorrow.

Our Lord's giving of Himself for our sin makes His a glorious death. It causes every tongue to confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

How do we do that?

First, our Lord's death draws us to Him, where we find forgiveness, grace, and mercy.

Then, each day we are given opportunity to die to sin and to receive Christ's forgiveness.

It's an ongoing process that involves interacting with the people around us, with whom we share Christ's invitation to heaven itself.

We sing Hosanna, which means, save us. Because of the cross, we are confident that we have been saved already.

Prelude

...Please rise and face the rear of the Sanctuary...

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just 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 had been written about Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to each other, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father. Today we especially thank You for the love You showed as Jesus redeemed us. Step by step He followed Your will so that by His glorious death He would redeem us and draw us to Himself. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, those who greeted Him cut palm branches to lay before Him. We ask that

You bless these palms and all who bear them. Grant that we may always hail Him as our Lord and King, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

9:00am, #442, All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ref All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain
- 2 The company of angels Is praising You on high, And we with all creation In chorus make reply. Refrain
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. Refrain
- 4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise; To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain
- 5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. Refrain

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11:15am, Opening Praise Song

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

P: Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During this week we will recall how Jesus gave His life so that our sins are forgiven.

C: Thank You, Jesus.

P: Confident of the forgiveness He won through His death and resurrection, let us admit our sinful condition to Him.

C: I confess that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am sinful and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake, and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, I beg Your forgiveness and strength. Help me to turn to Your will so that I may follow Jesus in loving service to You and to one another.

P: As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, who gave Himself over to death that you might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \mathbb{H} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: We bless You from the house of the Lord.

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

P: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is this King of glory?

C: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray.

C: Heavenly Father, Your Son's death was His ultimate glory, drawing us to Himself. Grant us so to follow His way that we may live each day in joyful service to You until we see You face to face in resurrection glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Time

9:00am: Hosanna, Hosanna Voice Choir

Zechariah 9:9-12

L: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

L: Behold, your king is coming to you,

C: righteous and having salvation is He,

L: humble and mounted on a donkey,

C: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

L: I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

C: As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

9:00am: #901, Verses 1 and 5, Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer. Oh, how blessèd is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed. May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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Philippians 2:5-11

L: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

C: And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

P: Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

C: so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Holy Gospel and Sermon Text according to St. Luke, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: Then they seized Him and led Him away, bringing Him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said,

C: "This man also was with Him."

P: But he denied it, saying,

C: "Woman, I do not know Him."

P: And a little later someone else saw him and said,

C: "You also are one of them."

P: But Peter said,

C: "Man, I am not."

P: And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying,

C: "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he too is a Galilean."

P: But Peter said,

C: "Man, I do not know what you are talking about."

P: And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to Him,

C: "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times."

P: And he went out and wept bitterly. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

9:00am: #438, Verses 1 and 4, A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, The guilt of sinners bearing And, laden with the sins of earth,
None else the burden sharing; Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
To slaughter led without complaint, That spotless life to offer,

He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mockery, and yet replies, "All this I gladly suffer."

4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see And taste Your kingdom's pleasure, Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure! When I appear before Your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown; With these I need not hide me.

And there, in garments richly wrought, As Your own bride shall we be brought To stand in joy beside You

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11:15am: Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon It's All About Denial

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: ...Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. 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.

God's Benediction

9:00am: #443, Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 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.

2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd, The victor 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.

3 "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 blissful presence Eternally rejoice! Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821–80, alt. Text: Public domain

11:15: Sending Praise Song

The Postlude