

MONDAY, APRIL 6



John 12:12–15 ♦ Psalm 35:1–6, 9–10

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!” *John 12:13*

Glory, Laud, and Honor

The crowds cheered and waved their palm branches and gave Jesus glory, laud, and honor.

“All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King” (*LSB 442*).

Our Redeemer, our King, deserves our greatest praise. But even as early as the Monday after Palm Sunday, people began to question Jesus’ actions. All week long, others plotted to arrest Him. And a crowd gathered later in the week to call for His death.

The nerve! On Sunday, the crowds of people honored Jesus. Throughout the week, these same people did anything but.

Sound familiar? On Sunday morning, we sing the praise of our Redeemer. Throughout the week, we shy away from His will. We ignore those who are arrested in His name. We deny Him in front of our friends and don’t wince as others mock Him, denying His death.

Lord, have mercy! We thank God that mercy is exactly why Jesus came to Jerusalem during Holy Week. He had mercy on us, and He battled for us against sin, death, and the devil. As people of His kingdom, we join in giving Him glory, laud, and honor.

O Redeemer King, You came to Jerusalem to defeat sin, death, and the devil. You have overcome, and Your kingdom will never end. In Your name I pray. Amen.