

SERMON *on the* MOUNT

ASK, SEEK,

Knock

Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020

Welcome

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain: 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.

Invocation and Opening Sentences

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Hosanna!
C Hosanna in the highest!
P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
C Hosanna in the highest!
P Who is the King of Glory?
C The Lord, strong and mighty.
P Who is the King of Glory?
C The Lord who comes on a donkey.
P Who is the King of Glory?
C The Lord Jesus is His name.
P Hosanna!
C Hosanna in the highest!

Palm Sunday Gospel

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Confession and Absolution

P As we follow Jesus down the road, through the gate and into the holy city of Jerusalem, we are reminded that it is our sin that has put Him on this path.

C **Most merciful God, You sent Your one and only Son Jesus to pay the price for our sin. Instead of glorifying Him, we glorify ourselves through our selfishness and the idols we create and worship. Instead of walking with Jesus, we walk away from Him. We are sinful in thought, word, and deed. By our evil action and inaction we lock the door to the future. But by His life, death, and resurrection Jesus opens it again for us. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us and restore us that we would live to Your glory, love You, and serve our neighbor.**

P The very purpose of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem was to make His way to the sorrow, pain, and suffering of the cross. By His perfect life and action your sins have been forgiven and you have been redeemed. Jesus flings wide open for you the

door to eternal life. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

1 On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!

Old Testament Reading

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁷“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

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!

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Hosanna!

C Hosanna, Son of David.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

P The God of all grace, who opens the door for a new and eternal future, bless you with every blessing as you journey with Him to the cross. Rejoice and be glad!

C Amen.

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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