

April 5, 2020

WELCOME

"Hosanna"

[Verse 1]

Praise is rising,
Eyes are turning to You,
We turn to You
Hope is stirring,
Hearts are yearning for You,
We long for You.

[Bridge]

'Cause when we see You,
We find strength to face the day
And in Your presence, all our fears
Are washed away,

Washed away--

[Chorus]

Ho--san--na, ho--sanna
You are the God Who saves us,
Worthy of all our praises
Ho--san--na, ho--sanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

[Verse 2]

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You.
We turn to You.
In Your kingdom
Broken lives are made new,
You make us new

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

[Bridge x2]

Washed away--

[Chorus x2]

Ho--san--na, Ho--sanna, Ho--sanna, Ho—sanna

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: The Bible is God's Word, and as the very words of God, it is trustworthy. It is often divided into two parts: law and gospel. The gospel shows us our Savior, while the law shows us our sin (shows us our need for a savior), and acts as a guide for Godly living. Not only is God's Word trustworthy but it is also honest—sometimes brutally honest. Romans 3:20 says, "No one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin." It is not possible for us to obey so perfectly that we gain heaven. So why even read the Bible if it will just leave our consciences burdened and hurting? Because if you stop after reading only the law you miss out on the other half—the gospel. We see our sin and our need, but we don't see Jesus.

Today, we will hear of Jesus riding into Jerusalem and being welcomed like a king. His entrance marks the start of that most important week where he does exactly as he promised. He allows himself to be killed on our behalf, for our sin. This is the gospel, hearing your sins are truly forgiven. Therefore, we come before God confessing our sin and in response, we hear the gospel—we hear what Christ has done with honest and earnest love for us.

Congregation: Loving Lord, you have given me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my mind and all my abilities. You have richly and daily provided all I need to support my body and life. Yet with all these blessings I have continued to sin—in thought, word, and deed. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me—not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin. Take away my guilt. Grant me strength to focus on you and your Word. Assure me of your love for me and renew me to live my life for you.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

WL: God, our heavenly Father, is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love. His Word is truth; his actions are honest and loving. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. He remembers your sins no more. Go in peace with the full assurance that your sins are forgiven. May God richly preserve you in faith through his Word and strengthen you to live your life in joy for Christ our King. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

- I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

FIRST LESSON Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!
 Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
 See, your king comes to you,
 righteous and victorious,
 lowly and riding on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

 ¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem,
 and the battle bow will be broken.
 He will proclaim peace to the nations.
 His rule will extend from sea to sea
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.

SECOND LESSON Revelation 17:14

¹⁴ They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers."

"YOU ARE MY VISION"

[Verse 1]

You are my vision, O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord
You are my best thought
by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping,
Your presence, my light.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 2]

You are my wisdom, You are my true word,
I ever with You, and You with me Lord:
You're my great Father and
I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me,
together we're one.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 4]

I don't want riches or man's empty praise:
You're my inheritance, now and always;
You, and You only,
the first in my heart:
High King of heaven,
my treasure You are.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

[Verse 5]

High King of heaven, when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.
Oh, oh, oh. Oh, oh, oh.

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THAT MOST IMPORTANT WEEK:

PALM SUNDAY — THE STORY OF TWO PARADES

based on Mark 11:1-11

Sunday, April 5th, begins what is called "Holy Week" or "Passion Week" in the Christian church. Holy Week takes us back to the week of Jesus' earthly life that contained his final suffering and crucifixion; a week that could be called the last week of Jesus' life—in the earthly sense. God, in the Bible, does not treat the events of that week lightly. For example, out of the 28 chapters of Matthew's Gospel roughly the first 2 chapters focus on the first 3 years of Jesus' life. Then Matthew spends chapters 3-20 telling us about the 3 years of Jesus' public ministry. Matthew concludes his Gospel by spending chapter 21 through the first half of chapter 28 on Holy Week! One quarter of the entire Gospel of Matthew is spent on one week of Jesus' life! There must be some important things that happened that week about which God wants us to know! Therefore, on the Sundays in Lent this year at Grace, we are exploring some of the events of THAT MOST IMPORTANT WEEK.

MARK 11:1-11

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

PRAYER

Pastor Kevin will offer the Prayer. Following the Prayer, all will join in....

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.

WL: May God bless you with good health and hope in Jesus.

"KING OF LOVE"

[Verse 1]

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.

And He is mine forever.

[Verse 2]

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth.
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

[Chorus]

Never failing, Ruler of my heart.
Everlasting, Lover of my soul.
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

[Verse 3]

Lost and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.

[Verse 4]

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

[Chorus]

[Bridge x2]

Oh-oh-oh, Hallelu-jah, Hallelu-jah

[Chorus x2]

[Verse 5]

So through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Your praise,
Within Your house forever;
Within Your house forever.

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WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship:

