

Simply Faith

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April 5, 2020 – 9:30 AM
Palm Sunday
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AS WE GATHER

It's ironic that within five days, the cries of 'Hosanna' (save us), change to 'Away with Him.' The crowds in Jerusalem had welcomed Jesus as a king, but most misunderstood the kind of King He would be. Their original 'faith' in a temporal king would need to find greater depth in trusting Jesus as the eternal King.

WE SING

"Jesus"

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹Rejoice 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. ¹⁰I 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.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to Me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵"Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

WE SING

"Hosanna" (Praise Is Rising)

KIDS' TIME

WORDS OF CONFESSION

P: O Lord, with the Palm Sunday crowd, we cry out to You:

All: Hosanna! Save us! Bring Good News to our lives!

Save us, for we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed.

**Save us, for we have sinned against You by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

Save us, for we have not loved You with our whole heart.

**Save us, for we have not loved and forgiven our neighbors as we
have been loved and forgiven by You.**

**Have mercy on us. Forgive, renew and cleanse us. By Your Holy Spirit,
empower us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.**

GOD'S WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**CONFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLES' CREED**

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 on 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

OFFERING OUR LIVES IN SERVICE TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER**PRAYERS****THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

SCRIPTURE READING**Philippians 2:1-11**

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

WE SING

"Lord I Need You"

BENEDICTION

