

## PALM SUNDAY

**THEME:** We have a True King who governs on our behalf--Jesus

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### OPENING HYMN "Green Book" 121 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry:  
O Savior meek, your roar pursue,  
With palms and scattered garments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin  
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes  
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne  
Awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die,  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

#### WE CONFESS OUR SINS.....

**C: Gracious God, we admit that we are sinners, and that we have gone against your loving will in thoughts, words, and actions. We do not want to hear your word challenging us in our lives and our priorities. We ask for your forgiveness, so that we are freed from our sin to live in your gracious love.**

#### SONG OF CONFESSION "White As Snow"

White as snow, white as snow, Though my sins were as scarlet,  
Lord I know, Lord I know, that I'm clean and forgiven,  
Through the power of your blood, Through the wonder of your love,  
Through faith in you I know that I can be white as snow. *(Repeat)*

## NOW GOD FORGIVES.....

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us Pray.....Gracious Lord, you entered Jerusalem with sounds of human praise, but you knew what was set before you. We thank you for your love that took you from Hosannas to crucifies. May we honor you as King of our hearts always, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

### Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a

*The Suffering Servant will be vindicated*

The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.  
Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.  
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.  
I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.  
But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.  
Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

**Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11**

*Although Jesus was equal to God, he took the form and function of a servant*

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 emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**By Joseph M. Martin**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!"

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

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN "Red Book" 135**

**Majesty**

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne  
unto His own who His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.  
Majesty, worship His majesty,  
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.

**SERMON**

**“Faith goes from the lips to the heart”**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And was born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate.  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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** (We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions)

**OFFERING SONG “Green Book” 410 vs. 1 and 4 only      We Give Thee but Thine Own**

We give thee but thine own, What e’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
To tend those lost in loneliness, Is angels’ work below.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer)

**LORD’S PRAYER**

## CLOSING BLESSING

### CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 118      Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
God, Creator, Christ, Redeemer,  
All who live in love are thine,  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

Day of gladness! Gone is sadness!  
Christ is Risen from the dead!  
Come before Him and adore Him,  
Jesus our victorious Head.  
Bonds are broken, heav'n is open;  
Sing, O ransomed mortals, sing!  
Christ our Savior lives forever;  
Son of God, our Lord and King.

### DISMISSAL