

WORSHIP GATHERING

April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come,

New City opens wide her doors and offers
welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome.

Call to Worship

Matthew 21

Leader

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

Congregation

**“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”**

Leader

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting,

Congregation

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

We Have Come (Come, We That Love the Lord)

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1707 (verses); Zac Hicks, 2008 (chorus & bridge); Music:
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CHORUS

We have come to give You praise
Almighty God, lift up our gaze
Lord, we long to see Your face
Won't You come and fill this place?
Won't You come and fill this place?

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne
We now surround the throne
Our God, He rules on high, and thunders when He please
He rides upon the stormy sky, and manages the seas
He manages the seas

CHORUS

This awesome God is ours, our Father and our love
He will send down His heavenly powers to carry us above
He carries us above
So let our songs abound, and every tear be dry
We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high
We long to be on high

CHORUS

We're marching up to the gates of Zion
The city of God, where the Most High dwells
Where streams make glad our fainting spirits
We now surround the throne
And worship You alone

Hallelujah to the Father
Hallelujah to the Son
Hallelujah to the Spirit
'Round the throne we have come

Confession of Sin

Leader

Let us confess our sin together.

Congregation

O King and Father, Your Son died only to be raised. Now give us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may rise to new life and power.

Heal our confused minds with Your word, heal our divided wills with Your law, heal our troubled consciences with Your love, heal our anxious hearts with Your presence, all for the sake of Your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US ON YOUR KNEES, OR BOWING

IN YOUR SEAT, FOR PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN.

Declaration of Pardon

From 1 John 2

Leader

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. In Christ you are forgiven, free, and restored!

Congregation

In Christ we are forgiven, free, and restored!

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed

To this I hold: My Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome!
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold: My sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold: My hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The Coming King and His Deliverance

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Zechariah 9:9-10

⁹ Rejoice 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.

¹⁰ I 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.

Disorientation: what is going on...things are crazy and I am kind of freaking out!

Orientation: things may still be crazy...but I need not fear.

Because Jesus is the triumphant king of the entire universe who has brought peace to his people and the nations, we ought to respond to him with joyful praise.

1. *We Respond with Glad Trust at the Coming of Our King (v. 9)*

Isaiah 53:4-5 “Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed”

2. *The Strength and Authority of our King Quiets the Voice of Anxiety (v. 10)*

John 10:11, 14, 27-29 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand”

Oh! Great is Our God!

Brian Eichelberger

Oh Great is our God, so we should worship greatly
No song is too loud, no orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing

Oh Great is our God, so let our songs be endless
So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give

CHORUS

We will sing your praise
And pour forth your fame
We will bless your name
Let everyone give thanks
Because our God is great

Oh Great is our God, and we cannot contain it
We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness
His mercy covers all that He's made
Showing His glory and His grace

CHORUS X2

Benediction

from Psalm 118

Leader

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

And blessed are you as you go.

The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Go in peace