

Palm Sunday – Theme Psalm 118

Creating Community with God

Song: Sing Hosanna

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Keep me burning 'til the break of day

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna - Sing hosanna to the King of Kings
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna - Sing hosanna to the King of Kings

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Give me joy in my heart, I pray
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
Keep me praising 'til the break of day

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Give me peace in my heart, I pray
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Keep me resting 'til the break of day

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving 'til the break of day

Shout Hosanna

Jesus is coming. **SHOUT HOSANNA**
He's riding on a donkey **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Open the gates **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Open the ancient doors **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Don't be afraid **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Wave the branches **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Spread out your coats **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Peace in heaven **SHOUT HOSANNA**
Glory in the highest heaven **SHOUT HOSANNA**

Lead us into Holy Week

We tell your story
We follow in your steps

LEAD US INTO HOLY WEEK

We walk towards the city
We wait in the garden

LEAD US ONTO HOLY GROUND

We journey towards death
We hope for resurrection

LEAD US INTO HOLY JOY Ruth Burgess

Hymn Ride On, ride on in Majesty

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
Hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry!
O Saviour, meek, pursue your road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

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;
in lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, o God, your power and reign!

Henry Hart Milman 1791-1868

A prayer on the way to Jerusalem

Who may ascent the hill of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.

O Living God,
Age after age the children of dust
Make their way to holy places to see you,
Yet you are closer than hands or feet.

In temples and in churches
People make sacrifices and offerings,
But what you seek
Is the love and well-being of your children.

Your Word Promises
That those whose hands are clean
And whose hearts are pure
Can climb the heavenly hill;
But who are we to do that?

On our journey through life
Our hearts and our hands
Have become stained and dirtied.

If we have stretched out our hands in greed, or lust, or love of money,
LORD, CLEANSE US BY YOUR MERCY.

If our hearts have been sullied by pride or resentment,
LORD, CLEANSE US BY YOUR MERCY.

If we have turned aside from our pilgrimage
to follow the world's ways,
or to seek false gods,
or spirits other than your Holy Spirit,
LORD, CLEANSE US BY YOUR MERCY.

Lord, you forgive the sins of all who turn to you in sincerity;
You cleanse the penitent heart from all uncleanness.
Lord, set our course according to your word
So that we may take up afresh the challenge of the journey to the holy city.

Give us new strength to follow you on your way,
So that even we may ascend the hill of the Lord
And stand in the holy place.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN.**

As we journey, Jesus keeps calling us forward, even when we fall.
Jesus Christ says to us: You are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Encountering Human and Divine – Jesus Christ

Song We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God (repeat)

We are marching, marching
We are marching – woh-oh
We are marching in the light of God (repeat)

Siyahamba 'kuka nyen kwen kos
Siyahamba 'kuka nyen kwen kos (repeat)

Siyahamba, hamba,
siyahamba – woh-oh
Siyahamba 'kuka nyen kwen kos (repeat)

We are waving in the light of God
We are waving in the light of God (repeat)

We are waving, waving
We are waving – woh-oh
We are waving in the light of God (repeat)

South African traditional Tr Anders Nyberg 1955-
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Readings

Your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path (Ps 119)

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

John 12:12-16

Give us understanding that we may keep your law
and observe it with our whole hearts (Ps 119)

Message

Empowering of Spirit

Offering and Dedication, Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the People

- Week of Prayer for COVID [World Council of Churches prayers]
- Prayers for Floods
- The Lord's Prayer

Song Come into the streets with me

Come into the streets with me!
Come to where the crowds will be,
See a strange and gentle king
On a donkey travelling...

*Come and follow my leader
Come and follow my leader
Jesus Christ is riding by,
Come and follow my leader.*

All the people shout his name,
Waving branches, sing his fame,
Throw their coats upon his road,
Glad to praise the Son of God –

Chorus

If the soldiers draw their swords,
Will we dare to sing these words,
Be his friends for just a day,
Cheer him on, then run away?

Chorus

Jesus goes where things are rough,
Jesus knows when life is tough,
Always comes to us, his friends,
So his story never ends.

Chorus

Sung Blessing Shalom to you now

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.