



*Jesus riding into Jerusalem*



**6TH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**PALM SUNDAY - PASSOVER BEGINS**  
**A Service of the Word**

*March 28, 2021 ✦ 10:00 a.m.*

## Palm Sunday

"Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!"

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection*

**Prelude** — "Processional" by Matthias (*excerpt*)

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

#### Welcome

#### Greeting

*One:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

#### Call to Worship

*One:* Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.

*Many:* **We now come to the end of the story. Another will soon begin.**

*One:* We have followed Jesus this far; today we remember his entrance into Jerusalem on a colt amidst the strewn cloaks and leafy branches on the way.

*Many:* **We witness, once more, that he taught and walked in love through every step of the journey. Amen.**

#### Blessing of the Palms

*One:* O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation.

We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of persecution and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come gain. Amen.

**Hymn** — "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Reading — Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

“Thank you, YHWH, for your goodness! Your love is everlasting.”

#### Scripture Reading — Mark 11: 1-11

The image of the servant of God is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today’s reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God’s steadfast love.

#### Sermon — “Into Jerusalem”

*Rev. Debbie Pallatto-Fontaine*

### Invitation to Stations of the Cross

#### REFRAIN — from “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*see music on p.6*

♪ **All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,**  
**to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!** ♪

## RESPONSE

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*We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering*

### Responding with our Gifts

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*Those participating via Zoom are welcome to submit prayer petitions (joys and concerns) via the Chat feature. To protect privacy, surnames will not be used.*

### Call to Offering

**One:** *Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of this church and beyond.*

### Dedication

**Many:** **Holy One, blessed are you, who entrust to our care and use the richness of creation. Through our tithes, service, and talents we return to you a portion of that which you have given us. May they be a means of serving you in the mission**

to which you have called this church. Amen.

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** – “Ride On, King Jesus” arr. by Hogan

*Adult Choir*  
*Sarah Marze, Jonah Garcia, soloists*  
*Janice Castle, piano*

*Refrain:* Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin’ king.  
Oh – Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder thee.

*Solo:* I was but young when I begun.

*Chorus:* No man can a-hinder thee.

*Solo:* But now my race is almost done.

*Chorus:* No man can a-hinder thee. *Refrain*

*Solo:* King Jesus rides a milk white horse.

*Chorus:* No man can a-hinder thee.

*Solo:* The ribber of Jordan he did cross.

*Chorus:* No man can a-hinder thee. *Refrain*

He’s the King and the Lord. He’s the first and the last.

He’s the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of peace.

Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin’ king.

Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder thee.

Ride on, Jesus, ride on!

### **The Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord’s Prayer**

**Many:** 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and glory forever. Amen.

*For the Lord's Prayer, we invite you to use the language most comfortable for you: “Our Father/ Mother/ Creator/ Holy One...”*

## **SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world*

**News from our Life Together**

**Hymn** — “Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

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**Benediction**

**Postlude** — “Toccata” by Gigout

*Dr. Patricia Snyder*

**Following the postlude, the Zoom Meeting will remain open** for those who wish to connect and chat—a bring-your-own-coffee “coffee hour”! We look forward to connecting with you!

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.  
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

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# Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.

TEXT: Henry Hart Milman, 1827; alt.  
MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1862

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