

Reach One More For Jesus!

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT

“O God, increase our faith as we journey through this Holy Week and its roller coaster of emotions. We pray in Jesus’ Name.”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

P: Blessed is the One Who comes in the Name of the Lord!

L: Blessed is the One Who comes with healing and compassion.

P: Blessed is the One Who comes with forgiveness and mercy.

L: Lord, rest Your hand of healing on our hearts today.

P: Gracious Jesus, let us walk with You today. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN “All Glory, Laud, and Honor” vs. 1-3

Hymnal Page #280

1. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

2. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

3. All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our prayer and praise and anthems before thee we present.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of abundant pardon and mercy, be with us this day as we parade through the Jerusalem gates, wanting the reign of God to be established immediately in the hearts of all people. Make us aware that fear and anger are powerful motivators for evil. Open our hearts to the words of Jesus, that we might find courage and healing for all our burdens. In His Name, we pray. AMEN.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40 NRSV

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this, "The Lord needs it." ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "WHEN JESUS COMES TO TOWN"

1. WHEN JESUS COMES TO TOWN, I CAN SEE HIS HUMILITY.

2. 2. WHEN JESUS COMES TO TOWN, I CAN SEE HIS VICTORY.

PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

GIVING BACK TO GOD (TITHES AND GIFTS)

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What can we offer that You have not already offered us? What can we do that You have not already done for us? Lord Jesus Christ, in Your gifts to us, You have provided us the way to live and serve You. In both Your triumph and Your suffering, You deserve our praise. Through the gifts we now offer, we express our longing to serve and to follow wherever You go. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hymnal Page #278

1. Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
2. From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.
3. "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

BENEDICTION