



SOTC Worship  
March 28, 2021  
Palm Sunday

————— **GATHERING** —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

As Christ approached the city of Jerusalem, the streets were crowded.  
**The mood of a parade filled the air.**

From young and old, rich and poor, shouts came from deep in the heart.  
**Hosanna! Save us!**

Save us from the darkness that threatens to surround and fill us.  
**Hosanna! Save us!**

Save us from illness, from anxiety, from fear, and from death itself.  
**Hosanna! Save us!**

Save us from callous indifference and neglect of neighbor.  
**Hosanna! Save us!**

Save us from lukewarm faith and wandering hearts.  
**Hosanna! Save us!**

Save us from lazy habits, faithless commitments, and hard-heartedness.  
**Hosanna! Save us!**

Together with the people long ago, we cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls.  
**Hosanna! Save us! Save us now!**

*Congregation invited to sing the chorus. Chorus is repeated after the second verse.*

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VERSE

G<sup>5</sup>



1. Praise \_ is ris - ing, eyes \_\_\_ are turn - ing \_ to You; .  
2. Hear \_ the sound \_ of hearts \_ re - turn - ing \_ to You; .



— We turn to You; — Hope \_\_\_ is  
— We turn to You; — In \_\_\_ Your



stir - ing hearts \_\_\_ are yearn - ing \_\_\_ for You; \_\_\_  
King - dom bro - ken lives \_\_\_ are \_\_\_ made new, \_\_\_



We long for You; \_\_\_ 'Cause when we see \_\_\_  
You make us new; \_\_\_



— You, we find strength — to face the day; \_\_\_ In Your pres-

21 D<sup>(4)</sup> C G<sup>5</sup> D

- ence all our fears are washed a-way, washed a-way. Ho -

**CHORUS**

25 G<sup>sus</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

- na, ho-san-na, You are the God.

29 G<sup>5</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

- who saves us, wor-thy of all our prais-es; Ho -

33 G<sup>sus</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

-san-na, ho-san-na, come have Your way.

37 G<sup>5</sup> D<sup>sus</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

- a-mong us; We wel-come You here, Lord Je-sus.

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

PSALM: PSALM 118:1-4, 14-29

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**his steadfast love endures forever!**

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>3</sup>Let the house of Aaron say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the Lord say,

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;  
**he has become my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup>There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

**the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but I shall live,

**and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely,

**but he did not give me over to death.**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,

**that I may enter through them**

**and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;

**the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me

**and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;

**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

**O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!**

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,

and he has given us light.

**Bind the festal procession with branches,**

**up to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**you are my God, I will extol you.**

<sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever.**

#### READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-19

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always

have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

<sup>9</sup>When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

**"Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord —  
the King of Israel!"**

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup>"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

**Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"**

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup>It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup>The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

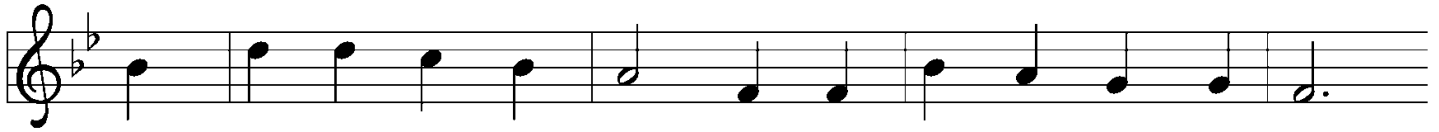
HYMN  
1,3,4)

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

(VERSES

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at [pastor@shepherdofthecross.org](mailto:pastor@shepherdofthecross.org)*

### ————— MEAL —————

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Congregation is invited to share communion elements with those in their family, saying "The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are worshipping on your own, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as God's Word of promise is spoken to you. All are welcome to share in God's feast given to us in love.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

## BLESSING

As you leave this space,  
may your mouth speak of God's goodness;  
may your arms hold those in need;  
may your feet walk toward justice;  
may your heart trust its worth;  
may your soul dance in God's grace;  
and may this be your rhythm –  
again and again and again...  
until God's promised day.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ: the Beloved, and Love itself:  
go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.  
**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you!**