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**TABLE**

Worship Gathering  
Palm Sunday  
March 25, 2018

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*Gathering as the Body*

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## Announcements and Welcome

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

## Scripture Reading *John 12:12-15*

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Song: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, Hosanna, come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new

## Collect of the Day

The Lord is here.

**And His Spirit is with us.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Blessing of the Children

Let's bless one another as we continue to worship:

Adults: **The Lord be with you as you worship**

Kids: **And also with you.**

## Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your gospel is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading *Zechariah 9:9-11*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus**

## Responsive Psalm Reading *Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

**Let Israel say:**

**"His love endures forever."**

Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

**This is the gate of the Lord  
through which the righteous may enter.**

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

**The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;**

the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.**

Lord, save us!

Lord, grant us success!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.

**With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
upto the horns of the altar.**

You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading** *1 Corinthians 1:26 - 2:5*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, Hosanna, come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus**

**Gospel Reading** *Mark 11:1-11*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

...The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayers of the People

Father, when I am tempted to use \_\_\_\_\_ to get what I think I want, teach me Your way of peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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*Communing at the Table*

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## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

## Prayers Around the Table

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 him thanks and praise!**

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*(sung together)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died!**

**Christ is risen!**

**Christ will come again!**

...Because you are one with us, O Christ,  
make us one with you as we pray the prayer you taught us:

*(sung together)*

**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.**

...Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*All are welcome to come to the Lord's table. Come with open hands to receive the bread, dip it in the cup, and feed on Christ's presence, with thanksgiving.*

*If you are not a baptized Christian, come with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. (And let us know if you're interested in being baptized.)*

## **Song: The Anima Christi**

Body of Christ, sanctify me  
Blood of Christ, cleanse me,  
O Jesus Christ, save me  
Have mercy, O God

Within thy wounds, hide me  
From the enemy, defend me  
In my hour of death, call me  
That I may come to you  
That I may be with you  
That I may worship you for eternity.

## **Song: Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.  
His Name shall stand forever, That Name to us is Love.

## **Song: Rescuer (Good News)**

*He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer  
We are free from sin forevermore  
Oh how sweet the sound, Oh how grace abounds  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer*

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed  
There is good news for the one who walked away  
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed  
For the good Lord has come to seek and save

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores  
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive  
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life

So come and be chainless, come and be fearless  
Come to the foot of Calvary  
There is redemption for every affliction  
Here at the foot of Calvary

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Sending and Blessing

The worship is over! The service has begun!  
Receive the benediction:

Go now and follow Christ in obedience.  
Have the same mind as was in Christ Jesus;  
Keep your ears open to God's teaching;  
Be humble, even in the face of hostility  
and do not turn back.

And may God help you and keep you from disgrace;  
May Christ Jesus lead you through the gates of justice;  
And may the Holy Spirit keep you in God's steadfast love  
and fill your mouths with praise to the glory of God.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God.**

