



Epiclesis

An Ancient-Future Faith Community

Liturgy

April 17, 2011 (Liturgy of the Palms)

GATHERING

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your King is coming to you;

He is just and endowed with salvation, humble, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

– Zechariah 9:9

When they had come near to Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, He sent ahead two of His disciples.

He said, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this: ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them.

They brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and He sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of Him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

– Matthew 21:1-11



PROCESSION INTO THE CHAPEL

Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!
(Repeat)

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Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!...

Sing praises, sing praises, sing praises to the King!...

All glory and honor and praises to the King!...

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!...



Entry into Jerusalem. Fra Angelico, 1450



INVOCATION

Prayers of welcome and praise

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever. Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

**Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank You that You have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

The Lord is God, and He has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**You are God, and we will give thanks to You;
You are our God, we will extol You.**

– from Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

All Glory, Laud and Honor

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.

The company of angels is praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

Music: Melchior Teschner; Text: Theodulph of Orleans, trans. John M. Neale.



PROFESSION OF FAITH

The word of the Lord:

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world, and who is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.

*When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
born a descendant of David according to the flesh;
born of a woman, born under the Law;
in the likeness of sinful flesh, to be an offering for our sin;
so that He might redeem us,
that we might receive adoption as His children.*

God also highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

—from Hebrews 1:1-3; Romans 1:3,8:3-4; Galatians 4:3-4, Philippians 2:9-11

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Righteous God of all time, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We have joyfully praised Him with shouts of Hosanna. Yet we confess that we have not always bowed before Him, and are often slow to acknowledge His rule. We too easily give allegiance to the powers and principalities of this world, and fail to live as Your covenant people. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken and to receive us as Your own. Raise us to acclaim Jesus as ruler of all, that we may walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name.



Agnus Dei

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

You alone are Lord Most High,
The Holy One, our heav'nly King.
We worship You, we give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.
Almighty God and Father. Amen.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the word of the Lord from Psalm 118:
Let those who fear the Lord say,
 “His steadfast love endures forever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
 the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
 He has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
 and recount the deeds of the Lord.
In Christ, God answers us and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

– based on Psalm 118:4,5,14,17



TIME OF OFFERING

Testimonies of God's faithfulness
Prayers of thanksgiving and devotion

My Lips will Praise You

My lips will praise You, for You are holy.
My voice will ever rise before Your throne.
My heart will love You, for You are lovely,
And You have called me to become Your own.

I am Your own,
And I will worship You alone.
I am Your own, I am Your child.
I am Your own,
And I will worship at Your throne.
I am Your own, And I will love You.

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THE WORD

Matthew 21:1-11



L'entrée de Jésus à Jérusalem. Corinne Vonaesch, Contemporary



THE TABLE

Remembering the Body of Christ

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by Your Name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done
On earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours.
Now and forever, Amen.

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We Behold You (Fraction Anthem)

With all of the saints and angels,
We gather before You.
Our hearts filled with thankfulness,
We lift up Your holy Name.
With all who have gone before us,
We feast at Your table.
We eat of Your body and
Drink of Your holy blood.



Epiclipsis

And we behold You, and we behold You
Lamb of God, slain for our sins.
(Repeat)

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SENDING FORTH

The Life of the Body

Benediction

Now brothers and sisters, we go forth into the world to live out our baptisms, loving and serving the Lord. Just as we have carried these branches, and in praise declared Jesus Messiah and King, may we now follow Christ in the way of the cross – journeying with Him in this week of remembrance and hope – and taking on His likeness, for the honor of His holy name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (verse 3)

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n, our King;
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

Text: Jenette Threlfall.

Hymn tune: ELLACOMBE; from *Gesangbuch der Herzogl, Württemberg* 1784

A thought about worship...

“There is a reason for the order of Word and Table: It is rooted in the Gospel story, in the rhythm of the dying and rising of Christ; and it re-presents Christ. Consequently, Word and Table together with the rites of Preparation and Dismissal constitute the structure of Christian worship. This is the order of the early church—an order that has found universal acceptance in two thousand years of church history. . . . I hesitate to tell you exactly how you should act out these parts of Christian worship. . . . It is up to your congregation to choose a style that is appropriate for your size and needs.”

(Robert E. Webber, *Worship is a Verb: Celebrating God’s Mighty Deeds of Salvation* [Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishing, 1992], 60-61.)

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