

Home Worship Guide
Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

We hope that you will use this home worship guide this Sunday. We encourage you to gather together with your family and any other neighbors or friends that might be in your home to worship with you.

A guide has been sent for your children. We hope that they will enjoy and participate, but would like to encourage you to join together for prayer at the end of worship.

Even though we are not all in the same place, we are in these days, the church “scattered.” Nevertheless, we recognize God is present with each of us and we are the church “gathered” for worship even when it’s “online.” Please join in the call to worship and prayer of confession. Feel free to sing! Let us worship God!

Gathering Music

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rejoice greatly! Shout aloud!
Your King comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*All glory, laud, and honour
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 Blessèd One.*

*All glory, laud, and honour
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 praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present.*

*All glory, laud, and honour
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet Hosannas ring.*

*To Thee before Thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise.*

*All glory, laud, and honour
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet Hosannas ring.*

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our souls are in need of cleansing.
Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives.
Help us to lay at your feet all that we have done and all that we are,
trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.**

Take a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sung Response

“For God so Loved the World”

*For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son,
That whosoever would believe in Him
Should not perish, but would have everlasting life,
Everlasting life.*

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 118:19-29

Song of Praise

“*Hosanna*”

The Belonging Company and Kari Jobe

Verse 1

Humble King

You chose the road that led to suffering

Nothing was spared to prove Your love for me

Verse 2

You're the mystery

That Your final breath became eternity

What we had lost forever You redeemed

Chorus 1

Hosanna hosanna

In the highest forever

Hosanna hosanna

Hallelujah forever

Verse 3

Triumphant King

The Lamb who was slain who rose in majesty

There's never a heart beyond a victory

You are the one that we are welcoming

You are the one that we are welcoming

Bridge

Blessed is He

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

Join now and sing Jesus is King

He reigns forevermore

Second Scripture Lesson

John 12:12-26

Sermon

Sung Response

“More to Come”

Verse 1

*You're the God who makes the giants fall
You bring down the walls of Jericho
You're the God who gives the miracle
We believe*

Verse 2

*You're the God who parts the ocean wide
Just to bring us closer to Your side
You're the God who brings the dead to life
We believe oh we believe*

Chorus 1

*God how great You are
Great things You have done
For everything we've seen
There is more to come
Every victory every battle won
For everything we've seen
There is more to come*

Verse 3

*We are confident in all Your ways
Cause we know You never make mistakes
God You fill us with a greater faith
We believe*

Bridge

*All of our hope in
All of our trust in
All of our future in
The God who never fails*

*All of our faith in
All of our strength in
All of our future in
The God who never fails.*

Praying Together

Spend some time praying together in response to our Savior who heals and helps us to see. Consider prayers along the following:

For those we love

For those who are hurting

For those who are struggling financially, especially those who have lost their job

Song

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

*What wondrous love is this,
O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this!
O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul, for my soul!
To bear the dreadful curse
For my soul!*

*When I was sinking down,
Sinking down, sinking down;
When I was sinking down
Sinking down,
When I was sinking down,
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
For my soul, for my soul!
Christ laid aside his crown
For my soul!*

*To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing--
To God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing!
While millions join the theme,
I will sing!*

Benediction

A note about entering Holy Week

While our city is still in the midst of social distancing restrictions, we want to invite you and your family to join us in “marking” all the significant events leading to Jesus’ death and resurrection. A “Prayer and Scripture Guide” will be sent that gives you daily scripture readings and prayers. In addition are the following online worship services:

Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
Good Friday	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday	11:00 AM

Ann Weems poem from [Kneeling in Jerusalem](#) helps orient us to the week!

*Holy is the week. . .
Holy, consecrated, belonging to God. . .
We move from hosannas to horror with the predictable ease
of those who know not what they do.
Our hosannas sung, our palms waved,
let us go with passion into this week.
It is a time to curse fig trees that do not bear fruit.
It is a time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.
It is a time to greet Jesus as the Lord’s Anointed One,
to lavishly break our alabaster and pour our perfume out for him
without counting the cost.
It is a time for preparation . . .
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.
The time to give thanks and drink from the cup is imminent.
Eat, drink, remember:
On this night of nights, each one must ask,
as we dip our bread in the wine, “Is it I?”
And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand beneath the tree
and watch the dying
if we are to be there when the stone is rolled away.
The only road to Easter morning
is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.*