



Palm Sunday

So they took branches of palm trees
and went out to meet Him, crying out,
"Hosanna! Blessed is He who
comes in the name of the
Lord, even the King of Israel!"

John 12:13

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Worship Service - Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements (10:25)

*A warm welcome to those new to Westminster!
Please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and
drop it in the offering plate so we can get to know you. Thank you!*

Time of Silence: *To prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

Call to Worship: from Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118 (Responsively)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is He, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Let Israel say, "His love endures forever!" and all who fear God say, "His love endures forever!"

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

With the LORD on our side, what can we fear? What can humankind do?

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

We shall triumph over those who surround us and stand in confidence in the LORD, our God!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

The LORD is our strength and our might. The LORD has become our salvation!

Hosanna to God, Hosanna in the highest!

Salutation: Malachi 3:1; 2 Corinthians 1:2

Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the LORD of Hosts.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Invocation Prayer

***Hymn of Worship # 235:** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Old and New Testament Readings: **Zephaniah 3:14-20** (pg. 742); **Ephesians 1:3-14**
(pg. 917)

Prayer of Confession and Assurance from John Paarlberg

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 hearts 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 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. In Jesus' precious name, amen.

***Hymn:** *Worthy Is the Lamb* (See Insert)

Offering /Prayer: 1 Chronicles 16:29

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him.

Offertory

***Doxology: Hymn # 731** *Psalm 150:6*

**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.**

Choir Anthem: *Hosanna to the King of Kings*

Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna!
Blessed is He! Blessed is He! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna!
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, that the King of Glory may come in.
Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna! Hosanna to the King of Kings, Hosanna!
Who is this King of Kings? Who is this King of Kings?
He is the Lord! He is the Lord! He is the King of Kings!

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Children aged 4-2nd grade may go to Children's Church at this time.

Prayer for Congregation

Scripture Reading: John 12:12-13; 20-36 (pg. 845)

Sermon: *Why Must the Son of Man Be Lifted Up?* By Pastor Mark Scholten

***Hymn of Response # 179:** *Hallelujah! Thine the Glory (Stanzas 1, 3, 4)*

Communion – *Please retain the elements and we will partake together.*

***Closing Hymn:** *At the Cross (See Insert, Stanzas 1, 4)*

***Benediction: Luke 19:38; 2 Thessalonians 3:16, 18**

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*Indicates standing if you are able.

Celebrating Communion Together

All professing believers may partake of the Lord's Supper with us. After an explanation and invitation, the ushers direct us to approach the table to receive the elements. All then return to their seats. There may be an Elder available near the Lord's Table to pray for families with children. If you cannot come forward, an Elder will bring the elements to you. We partake together at the direction of the pastor. Elders are also available for prayer near the pulpit after the service.

Please join us tonight at 6:00 pm for a church-wide **Prayer Meeting & Fellowship** led by Ed Payne in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's Workers

April 13: Nursery – Abby Hartman Toddlers – Nataalka Eagle

April 20: Nursery – Kris Finlay Toddlers – Kathy Scholten

Children's Church Leaders

April 13: Kathy Waters

April 20: Karrie Harmer

Diaconate House Duty for April: Mike Banta

Ushers for April: Randy Waters, Matt Scholten, Allen Miller, & Dan Dunham

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