

Psalm 118

PALM SUNDAY

Psalm 118 Luke 19:28-40

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Psalm 118 is a Messianic Psalm that foreshadows Holy Week. It teaches us what the Messiah will go through *for us and our salvation*. It teaches us and the entire Christian Church to *give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His steadfast love endures forever!*

Psalm 118¹ was sung on Palm Sunday! *We heard the story today:* Rather than walking into Jerusalem like everyone else, Jesus deliberately arranged to ride into Jerusalem on colt. He did this to signal that He was the Messiah! A large crowd of people have gathered around Him → and there is electricity in the air. *Everyone knew that something significant was happening.* They recognized the significance of Jesus on a colt. The people were waving palms, they are laying their coats on the ground, and they are singing. **Everyone knew something spectacular was happening:** Jesus rode into town like a King, just as the ancient prophecy had foretold:

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, **your King comes to you,** righteous and having salvation, gentle and **riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.** Zechariah

9:9

On Palm Sunday,

- ⇒ The **King** enters the **Royal City!**
- ⇒ **God** comes to His **Holy Temple!**
- ⇒ The **Messiah** has arrived to **save His People!**
- ⇒ The **Lamb of God** is here to **take away the sins of the world!**

¹ Interestingly, all four of the Gospels use **Psalm 118** to announce that Jesus is the Messiah as He enters Jerusalem! The precise wording of the disciples' acclamation are different in each gospel report. All the things reported were surely spoken, perhaps more! Each evangelist has made a selection. All are based on **Psalm 118:26**. See for yourself: Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10, Luke 19:38; John 12:13.

At the sight of their King, the people rejoice! There is a parade of people weaving through the streets of Jerusalem – and they are singing verses from **Psalm 118**!

Hosanna! we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD! Psalm 118: 25-26

Psalm 118 not only foreshadows Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as King, but it also predicts His rejection as the Messiah. Jesus, the **King of the Jews** and the **God of Israel**, will be rejected by the Chief priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, and teachers of the Law. All the “*holy and religious*” people will persecute Him, and reject Him as their Messiah, Savior, King, and God. Here is how **Psalm 118** describes it:

The stone that the builders **rejected** has become the *cornerstone*. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:22-23

The rejection that Jesus will face *for us and our salvation* **intensifies** as Holy Week progresses:

- Jesus will be **betrayed** by a kiss, by one of the 12 disciples!
- He will be **arrested** by an armed crowd,
- He will be **denied** by Peter – His close friend.
- He will be **ridiculed** with a purple robe;
- He will be **crowned** with painful thorns;
- He will be **beaten, whipped, spit on, insulted and abused**;
- He will be **tried in a mock trial** by the high priest, and
- He will be **dragged before an unjust Roman Governor**
- He will **die by crucifixion**
- He will be **buried** in a stranger's tomb

The IRONY of Palm Sunday is that Jesus the King is entering the Royal city of Jerusalem *to suffer*; and God is entering His Holy City *to be put to death*: *all for us and our salvation!*

Psalm 118 not only foreshadows Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, but it predicts His rejection also. Jesus, the **King of the Jews**, the **God of Israel**, and the **long-awaited Messiah**, will be rejected, persecuted, and put to death by the Chief priests, Pharisees, Sadducees, and teachers of the Law.

And all of this is *for us and our salvation*!

The truth is that Jesus is not only being rejected

by the Jews; BUT BY GOD HIMSELF. Jesus is being rejected because He is carrying our sin and guilt.

Jesus is taking our place under the shame and the suffering of our sin and our guilt. *He is being punished for us; He will suffer and die as a guilty sinner so that we can be declared righteous and live as His holy people.* Jesus endured the rejection and the shame because He loves you. This is the work of salvation that only He could do for us. **This is God's love in action!** The great prophet Isaiah foretold it:

3 He was despised and rejected by men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.
4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned--every one--to His own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

Isaiah 53:3-7

**Jesus was rejected by God
so that you will never be rejected by God.**

There is also a warning here for all of us. Jesus used Psalm 118 to warn us not to reject Him and His love. Here is what He said:

But Jesus looked directly at the Jews and said, "What then is this that is written: **"The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone!"** Everyone who falls on that **Stone** will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." Luke 20:17-18

Jesus is the **Stone** that was rejected; and in His resurrection from the dead, He has become the **Cornerstone** of the Holy Christian Church and the Kingdom of God.

The warning here is not to reject
Jesus and His work of salvation.
There is no other way to be saved.

Jesus carries the cornerstone image one step farther and teaches that *Everyone who falls on that Stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.* Using the cornerstone image, Jesus teaches that every single person will encounter Him in one way or another --- you will either be broken by Him or crushed by Him.

1. *Everyone who falls on that Stone will be broken to pieces.* This is a call for **repentance**. Repentance is pictured as being broken to pieces. God's Law works in your heart to expose your sin; you are led to remorse, guilt, and fear – your hard heart is “*broken to pieces*” and you turn to Him in faith knowing that He is your Savior who was rejected for you so that you are welcomed and accepted by the Father. In faith, Christ is not only the Cornerstone of the Holy Christian Church; but He is the cornerstone of your life. It is God's Kindness that breaks you to pieces on the Chief Cornerstone --- it means you are repentant, your sins are forgiven, and you will live forever!
2. *The other option, though, is sheer terror.* This is a **Judgment Day** image. Jesus said, “*If the Stone falls on anyone, it will crush him.*” For those who reject Jesus in this life, they will face Him as their Judge on the Last Day. There will be no mercy for them. It will be like a huge stone crushing them. There is no second chances on Judgment Day; the verdict of “guilty!” is final and eternal. If you are crushed on Judgment Day, it’s because you have rejected Jesus and remained unrepentant in your life.

This too is a call to repentance. If you are rejecting Jesus, then pay attention to this harsh warning. Your sin and guilt will crush you on Judgment Day. God's verdict will be eternal – and you will be lost forever. Christ’s rejection by God on the cross was for you and your salvation! His suffering, death and resurrection earned your forgiveness and gives you eternal life! *Turn from your sin and trust in Christ NOW while you still can!*

These warnings remind us of how serious our sin is; and how significant is the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Psalm 118** is a Messianic Psalm that outlines Holy Week. It teaches that the Messiah will be rejected by God so that you never will be rejected by God! **In Jesus, we see God's love in action!**

*O give thanks to the Lord for He is good and His steadfast love endures
forever!* Psalm 118:1,29

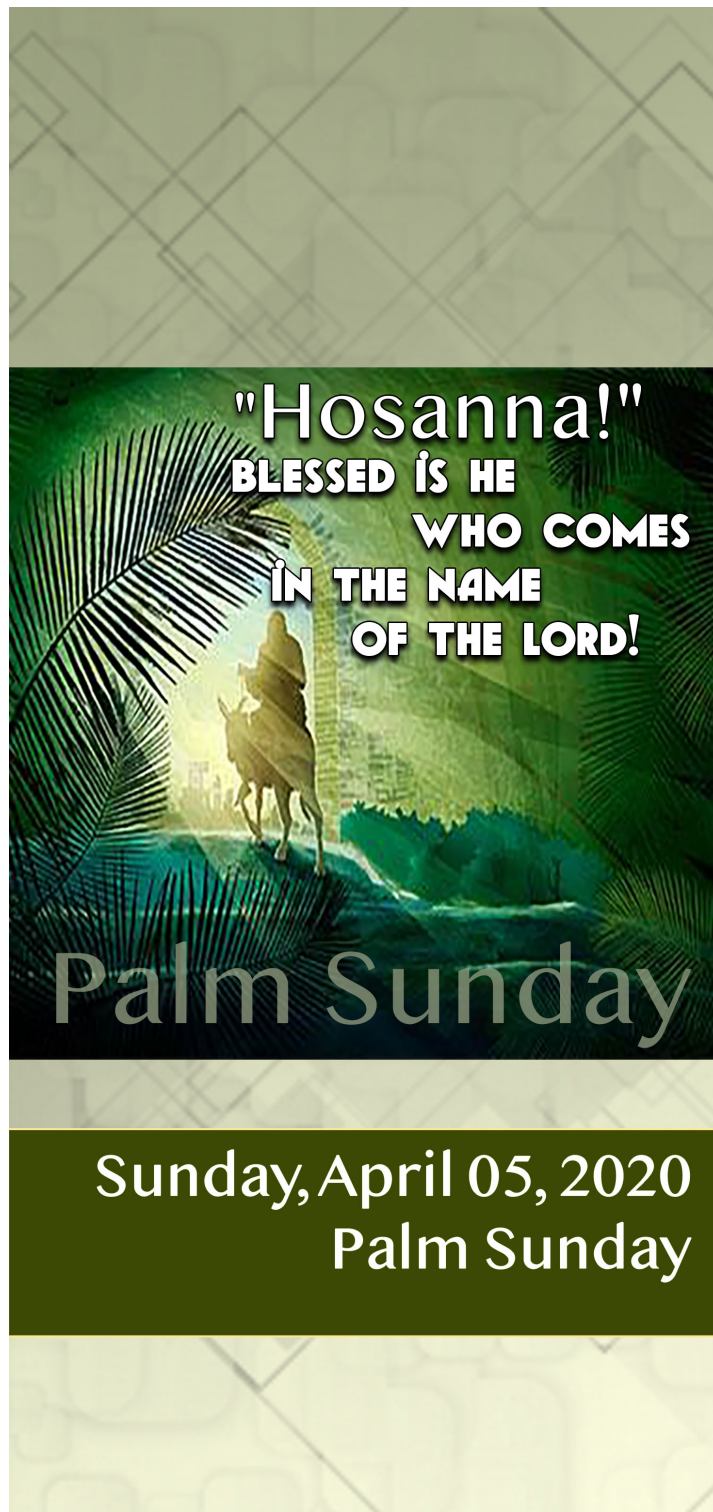
AMEN!

Palm Sunday

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1. Psalms 118 is a Messianic Psalm that _____ Holy Week.
2. Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your _____ comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a _____...Zechariah 9:9
3. _____! we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! _____ is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Psalms 118: 25-26
4. The stone that the builders _____ has become the cornerstone. Psalms 118:22-23
5. Jesus, the _____ of the Jews, the _____- of Israel, and the long-awaited _____, will be rejected, and put to death.
6. The _____ here is not to _____ Jesus and His work of salvation.
7. Repentance is pictured as being _____.
8. For those who _____ Jesus is this life, they will face Him as their _____ on the Last Day.
9. _____ from your sin and _____ in Christ NOW while you still can!
10. In Jesus, we see _____!

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Call To Worship

Worship Focus

All Glory, Laud, and Honor (LSB-442, vs 1,2,4,5)

All glory, laud, and honor to You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *(refrain)*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before You we present. *(refrain)*

To You before Your Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To You now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(refrain)*

Invocation

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
People: Amen!

Confession of Sin

Pastor: Jesus, our Palm Sunday King,
People: Our consciences convict us of our sins; we have rebelled
against You and sinned against other people. Lord, we know
that we deserve to die because of our sin. We ask Your
forgiveness, and seek Your peace.

*Please take a moment of silence to reflect
on your sinfulness and your need for a Savior.*

Words of Absolution

Pastor: You have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ! Jesus has
come to forgive you all of your sins! As a called and ordained
servant of the Word, and by Christ's authority, I forgive you all of
your sins in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit!
People: Amen!

The Scripture Lessons

Psalm 118 (selected verses)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." ³ Let the house of Aaron
say: "His love endures forever." ⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love
endures forever."

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; ²³ the
LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day the
LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success. ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Please Rise For The Holy Gospel Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

The Apostles' Creed

Pastor: We remember back to our own Baptism as we confess the Creed together. Do you renounce the devil and all of his evil works and all of his wicked ways?

People: I do renounce them!

Pastor: In whom do you believe?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prepare the Royal Highway (LSB-343)

Prepare the royal highway: The King of kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the king of glory foretold in sacred story:

Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see him coming: Your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's Word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before him! All nations, now adore him!
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's Word!

His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:
Hosanna to the Lord, for He fulfills God's Word!

Today's Message

By Pastor Dave Bolte

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. 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.

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen!

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (LSB-343)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little Children should on His bidding wait.

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

***God the Father has given you God the Holy Spirit to make you
a Biblically-literate, Doctrinally-sound, Mission-minded, and
Passionately-engaged disciple of God the Son Jesus Christ!***

Family Talk Time

This take home tool is designed for parents/grandparents and children to discover who the humble King is, who came riding into Jerusalem in peace. Use this tool for family faith discussions, adapting for age levels.

What an exciting day that was! The very first Palm Sunday!

Somehow the people knew this was a momentous occasion!

Read Luke 19:28-38. The crowd laid their cloaks and branches on the ground for him! Some of the crowd ran before Him. Others followed behind, all shouting praises: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!” (Matt. 21:6-11) “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” (Luke 19:38) What an amazing parade that would have been!

Jesus set his heart to go to Jerusalem, even though he told the disciples that the elders, chief priests, and scribes would make him suffer and kill Him. He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey – a sign of a King coming in peace. Yet the people did not yet understand that Jesus was coming to win a battle for OUR very lives ... forever!
The real enemy was our sins.

The people shouted: “Hosanna” which means “Save us!” and “You have saved us!” It was a prayer, a plea and praise, perhaps even beyond the depth of their knowledge! King Jesus came in peace to go into battle for the saving of all people of all time – to bring peace to us now and forever!

The battle of His suffering & death for the forgiveness of all OUR sins was horrific!
His resurrection victory is eternal!

Hosanna!

Save us! Jesus! You have saved us from our sins!

Hosanna!

Putting God’s Word in our Hearts: Memorize as a Family

“Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 118:29

Mon: Luke 19:38 Tues: Psalm 118:14 Wed: Psalm 118: 24

Thurs: Psalm 118:25 Fri: Psalm 118: 26 Sat: Psalm 118:29