

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2020

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

INVOCATION

Lord Jesus, you are our good and gracious king. We offer our hearts, our minds, and our voices to you this day. We pray that you will bless us with your presence and help us hear the story of your love and mercy to all people. Help us to understand your way and to glorify your name by all that we say and do. Amen.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 11:1-11
(printed below)

MESSAGE “Donkey Detail”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN “Hallelujah, What a Savior!”

(printed below)

BENEDICTION

God go before you to lead you, God go behind you to protect you, God go beneath you to support you, God go beside you to befriend you. Do not be afraid. May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you. Do not be afraid. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Mark 11:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’ ”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

THE DONKEY AND I

**This donkey did not know;
but did he comprehend
who the rider was
who nudged him down the road
among the shouting mob
waving palm branches
through the city gates
with praise that was too brief?**

**This donkey did not know;
but did he comprehend
these gentle hands
that guided him on a journey
that pilgrims would recall
for thousands of years
with gratitude and praise
mixed with adoring grief?**

**This donkey did not know;
but did he comprehend
that angels and archangels
held their breath with awe
as the source of galaxies
rode on in humble majesty
to a holy mystery
that beggars all belief?**

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- 1 "Man of Sorrows," what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
- 2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
- 3 Guilty, vile, and helpless, we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full redemption—can it be?
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
- 4 Lifted up was He to die,
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high;
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
- 5 When He comes, our glorious King,
To His kingdom us to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah! what a Savior!