

“Ride on...!”

Christ had said that he would not return to Jerusalem until it would receive him in triumph. Now he was riding into the city on a colt, while his disciples threw their coats and palm branches before him and shouted, “Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven and glory in the highest” (Luke 19:38).

This was the triumphal entry of the Lord of glory through the gate of Jerusalem, the city he would not again leave until he would carry his cross through another gate on the way to Golgotha.

The city was stirred. Some onlookers were moved because they truly believed that this was the Messiah. Most of the people looked on merely out of curiosity. Others were outright hostile. Some Pharisees called out to Jesus, “Master, rebuke your disciples!”

But Jesus answered them, “I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.”

Jerusalem, this is your hour of decision! What will you do with this man called Jesus? Now he is riding in triumph toward your gates! What will you do with the King, who comes in the name of the Lord?

Now you are praising him! In a little while you will be calling to Pilate, “Crucify him!” You will soon cause him to leave your city by another gate, this time to die on a cross on Golgotha!

Jerusalem, how often this Christ has wanted to take you as a hen takes her chicks under her wings, but you would not. Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets whom God sends to you, see how the Christ weeps over you because he sees your coming destruction! When you lead him through the other gate to Golgotha, he will say, “Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

Cry out disciples! Exalt the King! For if *you* do not exalt him, the very stones on the path you are strewing with garments and branches will have to witness to the Christ, who comes in the name of the Lord. To confess his name is eternal life; to deny him is destruction.

*Rejoice greatly, O
daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O
daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is
coming to you...*

Zechariah 9:9

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 438 *“All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds”*

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 382 *“God Himself Is With Us!”*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:9)

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 157 *“None Other Lamb, None Other Name”*

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 255 *“Oh Jesus, We Adore Thee”*

Sermon Text Isaiah 46:8-13, pew Bible p. 607

Sermon BRINGING RIGHTEOUSNESS NEAR

*Hymn of Response # 520 *“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”*

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord) # 734

*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 12:30pm A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Deuteronomy. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Sunday, April 5. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church. But those who are not communicant members of our Church are asked to meet with the elders of the Church before partaking of the Lord's Supper. It is required that they meet with the elders only once.

Sunday, April 5. Our quarterly offering for the Deacons Fund will be received during the singing of the hymn following The Lord's Supper.