



CHRIST<sub>THE</sub> KING  
— PRESBYTERIAN —

PALM SUNDAY – APRIL 13, 2025

# “Lift Up Your Heads”

*by Catherine Winkworth, Georg Weissel,  
and Lloyd Larson*

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold the King of glory waits;  
The King of kings is drawing near,  
The Savior of the world is here.

A helper just He comes to thee,  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.

O blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** *Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to  
the LORD.*

**People:** This is the gate of the LORD; the  
righteous shall enter through it.

**Leader:** *I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.*

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



**Leader:** *This is the day that the LORD has made;*

**People:** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Leader:** *Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the LORD!*

**All:** We bless you from the house of the LORD!

# PRAYER OF ADORATION

# “Hosanna Loud Hosanna”

*by Jeannette Threlfall and Jeff Redd*

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  
A happy joyous crowd  
Their large palm branches waving  
And singing clear and loud

The Lord of men and angels  
Rode on in simple joy  
And welcome all the children  
Each little girl and boy

Hosanna in the highest  
That ancient song we sing  
For Christ is our Redeemer  
The Lord of heaven our King



O may we ever praise Him  
With heart and life and voice  
And in His holy presence  
Eternally rejoice

“All Glory Laud And Honor”

*by Steve Wilkinson and David T. Clydesdale*

All glory, laud, and honor,  
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 Blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before Thee we present

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

Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King!

All glory, laud, and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.



# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4–9

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!

# CONFESSION OF SIN

O Merciful Father,

We are the prodigal children of Your house. With hearts bent toward self and eyes fixed on far-off lands, we have squandered the riches of Your grace and sought life apart from Your presence. We have wandered in pride, imagining freedom in rebellion, and we have stumbled in shame, fearing Your welcome home.

Yet You, O Lord, are the Father who runs—arms open, voice raised in joy, not in wrath. Forgive us for our wayward hearts. Cleanse our filthy rags with the robe of Christ's righteousness. Restore to us the joy of sonship, that we may feast in Your house and rejoice in the grace that welcomes sinners home through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Hear this good news:*

*The LORD is our shepherd; we shall not want.  
He makes us lie down in green pastures. He  
leads us beside still waters. He restores our  
souls. He leads us in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.*

“Come Ye Sinners Poor And Needy”

*by Joseph Hart*

Come ye sinners poor and needy  
Weak and wounded sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
Full of pity love and power

I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
O there are ten thousand charms



Come ye thirsty come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Every grace that brings you nigh

Come ye weary heavy laden  
Lost and ruined by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all

I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
O there are ten thousand charms

View Him prostrate in the garden  
On the ground your Maker lies  
On the bloody tree behold Him  
Sinner will this not suffice

Lo the incarnate God ascended  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him venture wholly  
Let no other trust intrude

I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
O there are ten thousand charms

# GREETING

**Leader:** *May the peace of Christ be with you!*

**People:** And also with you!

**Leader:** *Let us share His peace with one another.*

*Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).*

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.*

*Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.*



Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be 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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11–32

**Reader:** *This is the Word of the Lord!*

**People:** Thanks be to God!



“Softly And Tenderly”

*by Will Lamartine Thompson*

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me

Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?



Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned,  
he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION

**Minister:** *The peace of the Lord be always  
with you.*

**People:** And also with you!

**Minister:** *Lift up your hearts!*

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord!

*Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.*

*As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.*

*Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.*

“There Is Hope”

*by Niki Shepherd and Paris Shepherd*

There is hope in grace unceasing  
You withhold your wrath from me  
Poured it out upon my Saviour  
On the cross of Calvary



There is hope now for the hopeless  
There is victory all can know  
For the tomb lies bare and broken  
And death's pow'r is overthrown

Jesus Christ my hope forever  
Hope unlike the world can bring  
Your steadfast love beyond all measure  
There is hope in Christ my king

There is hope for sons and daughters  
Who have wandered on their own  
Hear the songs of joy from heaven  
As the lost are welcomed home

Jesus Christ my hope forever  
Hope unlike the world can bring  
Your steadfast love beyond all measure  
There is hope in Christ my king

Hallelujah, Hope of heaven  
Precious treasure of my life  
All my joy is in your presence  
I am yours and you are mine

I will wait until I see him  
Though the twilight turns to night  
For my hope is not defeated  
It will greet His dawning light

Jesus Christ my hope forever  
Hope unlike the world can bring  
Your steadfast love beyond all measure  
There is hope in Christ my king

# CELEBRATING COMMUNION



# Announcements

# Benediction

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all  
the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the  
house of the LORD forever.*

Amen.

# DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen. (4x)



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