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CHRIST EXALTING

The Lord's Day

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Covenant's Mission Statement

*Covenant seeks to glorify God by
Establishing Disciples biblically,
Engaging Culture redemptively,
Expanding Christ's Church faithfully.*

Covenant's Values

*Covenant is **biblical** by affirming the Bible as the
authoritative Word of God,
connectional by affiliating with the Presbyterian Church
in America (PCA),
confessional by adhering to the Westminster Standards,
missional by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and
relational by encouraging families to build community.*

*The Lord's Day
Palm Sunday*

*"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38*

Prelude

During the prelude, prepare for worship
by reflecting on Luke 19:38 printed above.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:6-9

*"Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King,
sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing
praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on
His holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the peo-
ple of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong
to God; He is highly exalted!"*

Invocation

*Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

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 prayer and praise 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!

Your glorious cause, O God, engages our hearts.
 May Jesus Christ be known wherever we are.
 We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown.
 The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your Kingdom come."

Let Your Kingdom come, let Your will be done,
 So that everyone might know Your Name.
 Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
 Till Your sovereign work on earth is done. Let Your Kingdom come.

Give us Your strength, O God, and courage to speak.
 Perform Your wondrous deeds through those who are weak.
 Lord, use us as You want, whatever the test.
 By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till our dying breath.

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Corporate Profession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith
Chapter VIII, Paragraph I

It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 118

Josh Sanford, Ruling Elder

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Out of my distress I called on the LORD; the LORD answered me and set me free. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The LORD is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. All nations surrounded me; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns; in the name of the LORD I cut them off! I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly, the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!" I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The LORD has disciplined me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, 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. The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Hymn

“Behold Our God”

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

chorus: Behold our God, seated on His throne.
Come, let us adore Him,
Behold our King, nothing can compare,
come, let us adore Him!

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave,
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

chorus

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Corporate Confession of Sin

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of Your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of Your kingdom treasonous, for we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins.

For our treason You died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, You rose again. Draw us closer to You in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of Your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of Your grace.

By the Holy Spirit’s continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Individual Prayer of Confession (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 33:8

“I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.”

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
 what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain: Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
 No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing, this I see - nothing but the blood of Jesus;
 for my pardon this my plea - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Nothing can for sin atone - nothing but the blood of Jesus;
 naught of good that I have done - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

This is all my hope and peace - nothing but the blood of Jesus;
 this is all my righteousness - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Now by this I'll overcome - nothing but the blood of Jesus,
 now by this I'll reach my home - nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

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Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-44

And when He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As He was drawing near - already on the way down the Mount of Olives - the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

I. The King is ruling (v. 28-33).

II. The King is recognized (v. 34-38).

III. The King is rejected (v. 39-44).

Hymn

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name”

Man of Sorrows! what a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned He stood,
sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
spotless Lamb of God was He;
full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die,
“It is finished!” was His cry;
now in Heav’n exalted high:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,
all His ransomed home to bring,
then anew His song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

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