

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 2021
Springfield Outline

AS WE GATHER

On this Palm Sunday, the sixth Sunday in Lent, we cry out, "I just need to know somebody prays." We want someone to lift us up, to fight for us, but too often we feel put down and preyed upon, and therefore cynical and defensive. Praise the Lord that when we pray, He promises to rush to our aid. "I call upon the Lord... and I am saved from my enemies" (Psalm 18:3). Jesus not only died for us so God would hear our prayer, but He Himself continually prays for us. Now we can go forth, knowing that we are lifted up, and pray in confidence for the needs of others.

OPENING HYMN: (8:00)

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) "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!

(10:45)

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Dear friends, we all have times we feel out of touch with God, and so we cry out,

C: **“I just need to know somebody prays.”**

P: In those times, it's good to remember that Jesus Himself lifts us up in prayer.

C: **“Father... I am coming to you” (John 17:13).**

P: Jesus prays for us...

C: **“That they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves” (John 17:13).**

P: Jesus prays for us...

C: **“That you keep them from the evil one” (John 17:15).**

P: Jesus prays for us...

C: **“(That you) sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth” (John 17:17).**

P: Jesus prays for us...

C: **“That they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you” (John 17:21).**

P: Jesus prays for us...

C: **“That they also... may be with me where I am” (John 17:24).**

P: Jesus prays for us...

C: **“That the love with which you have loved me may be in them” (John 17:26).**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ, because Jesus prays for us, we can now draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

P: In our sin, we are our own worst enemy (Psalm 18:3).

C: **In our sin, the cords of death encompass us (Psalm 18:4).**

P: In our sin, the torrents of destruction assail us (Psalm 18:4).

C: In our sin, we are in great distress (Psalm 18:6).

P: Friends in Christ, from His temple, God has heard your voice, and your cry to Him has reached His ears. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for you and to rescue you from your enemies of sin, death and the devil. Because of Jesus, God delights in you, and He forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 18:1-6, 16-19

(We glorify God, who is always ready to hear our prayers.)

P: I love you, O Lord, my strength.

C: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

P: My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

C: My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

P: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

C: And I am saved from my enemies.

P: The cords of death encompassed me;

C: The torrents of destruction assailed me;

P: The cords of Sheol entangled me;

C: The snares of death confronted me.

P: In my distress I called upon the Lord;

C: To my God I cried for help.

P: From his temple he heard my voice,

C: And my cry to him reached his ears.

P: He sent from on high, he took me;

C: He drew me out of many waters.

P: He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me,

C: For they were too mighty for me.

P: They confronted me in the day of my calamity,

C: But the Lord was my support.

P: He brought me out into a broad place;

C: **He rescued me, because he delighted in me.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of all power and might, whose ear is always attentive to the cries of Your people, give us knees that kneel before You daily in prayer, bringing before Your throne the cares and concerns of all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Advocate in heaven, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM: (8:00)

“Hosanna for Palm Sunday”

Choir Ensemble
Trudy Tunnell, director
Brenda Saunders, accompanist

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Job 2:7-9

(Job's wife, instead of lifting up her husband in prayer, gives him only words of discouragement.)

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes. Then his wife said to him, “Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die.”

GOSPEL READING: John 17:13-26

(Jesus prays for His disciples -- both those who walked with Him 2,000 years ago and those who still walk with Him today.)

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

APOSTLE’S CREED

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: (8:00) “Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779, v 1-4

1) Come, my soul, with ev’ry care,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not turn away.

2) Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and pow’r are such
None can ever ask too much.

3) With my burden I begin:
Lord, remove this load of sin;
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt,
Set my conscience free from guilt.

4) Lord, Thy rest to me impart,
Take possession of my heart;
There Thy blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.

(10:45) Great Are You Lord

SERMON

Pastor Andrew Bartholomew

OFFERTORY: (8:00)

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779, v 5-6

5) While I am a pilgrim here,
Let Thy love my spirit cheer;
As my guide, my guard, my friend,
Lead me to my journey's end.

6) Show me what is mine to do;
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
Let me live a life of faith;
Let me die Thy people's death.

(10:45) Hosanna

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and 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

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you
The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: (8:00) "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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Refrain:

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

1) You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One.

Refrain

2) The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply.

Refrain

3) The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present.

Refrain

4) To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Refrain

5) As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King.

Refrain

(10:45) Love Come Down