

MARCH 25, 2026 – MIDWEEK 5

PALMS AND VICTORY

The pilgrims packed Jerusalem during the Feast of Passover, waving palm branches and singing praises to the donkey-riding King who came to save. Not knowing exactly how or even when He would declare His victory over His foes, the multitudes celebrated and were “altogether joyful” (Deuteronomy 16:15). We can have the same joy and gladness in our hearts today as Jesus comes to us through the promised treasures of His Word. Because we have received the full story of His saving actions for us, we are blessed to know that by His death and resurrection that week of Passover, our humble King has delivered us from our enemies—Satan, sin, and death. Let us together be “altogether joyful” in Jesus!

OPENING SENTENCES

LSB, p. 229

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

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PSALM

Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15

- P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,
C to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
P For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;
C at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.
P The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
C They are planted in the house of the LORD;
P they flourish in the courts of our God.
C They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,
P to declare that the LORD is upright;
C He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
 O Savior meek, pursue Thy road,
 With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
 O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 The angel armies of the sky
 Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
 To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
 The Father on His sapphire throne
 Awaits His own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
 In lowly pomp ride on to die.
 Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
 Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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+ READINGS +

READING

Deuteronomy 16:13–17

P A reading from Deuteronomy, the sixteenth chapter.

¹³“You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. ¹⁴You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. ¹⁵For seven days you shall keep the feast to the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.

¹⁶“Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that He will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. ¹⁷Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that He has given you.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

READING

Revelation 7:9–17

P A reading from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve Him day and night in His temple;
and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and He will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

READING

John 7:28–39

P A reading from St. John, the seventh chapter.

²⁸So Jesus proclaimed, as He taught in the temple, “You know Me, and you know where I come from? But I have not come of My own accord. He who sent Me is true, and Him you do not know.

²⁹I know Him, for I come from Him, and He sent Me.” ³⁰So they were seeking to arrest Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. ³¹Yet many of the people believed in Him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will He do more signs than this man has done?”

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest Him. ³³Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to Him who sent Me. ³⁴You will seek Me and you will not find Me. Where I am you cannot come.” ³⁵The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? ³⁶What does He mean by saying, ‘You will seek Me and you will not find Me,’ and, ‘Where I am you cannot come’?”

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

LENT RESPONSORY

LSB, p. 231

- P** Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**
P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.
C **Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.**

HYMN

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (*LSB* 434)

1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

2 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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SERMON

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ANTIPHON

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- P** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
C **and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Magnificat

- P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
C **for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.**
For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

**For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of
their hearts.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed forever.**

**☐ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Offering

786 Lord of All Good

- 1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

- 2 We give our minds to understand Your ways;
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design;
Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze—
Thus for Your glory all our pow'rs combine.

- △ 3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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**☐ Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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**☐ 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.**

COLLECTS

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to You.**

P Lord Jesus Christ, palms lifted high were waved in the air to celebrate Your triumph. As those who know You as King and Savior, help us to be altogether joyful because of Your victory over our foes. Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.

C **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**

P Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

C **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**

P Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

C **Inspire us by the palm-waving pilgrims who sang Your praises as You entered Jerusalem. Enter our lives that we may have victory in You amid the pain and adversity of this world.**

P Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need, [*especially . . .*], and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.

C **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

HYMN

“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!

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