



City Church

PHILADELPHIA

Sunday March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Luke: Justice & the Kingdom of God

“Justice & Power”

Pick up a palm and gather outside as directed for the opening of worship. We will process into the church together.

OPENING RESPONSORIAL

Hosanna to the Son of David!

All **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**
Behold your king comes to you, O Zion,
meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey.
Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice!
Your throne is the throne of God, it endures forever.
The scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter!
You have loved righteousness and hated evil.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you:
with the oil of gladness above your companions.
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

God our Savior,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah
to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

PROCESSION


Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

The congregation processes into the auditorium and to their seats. Please remain standing until we are finished singing.

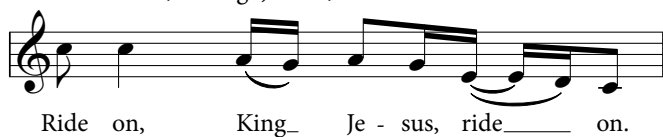
OPENING SONG

Ride On, King Jesus

African American Spiritual,
Ernest Davis, Stephen Key



Ride on, King Je- sus, no man can a-hin-der me.



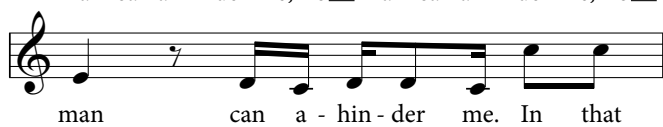
Ride on, King Je - sus, ride on.



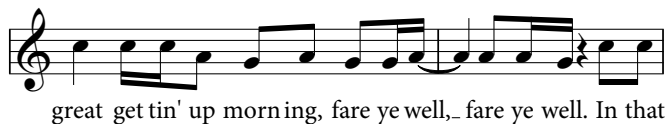
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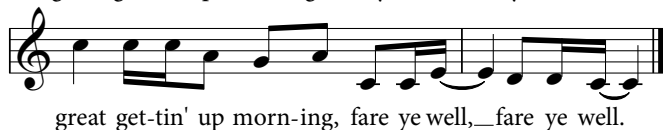
man can a hin der me, no man can a hin der me, no



man can a - hin - der me. In that



great get tin' up morning, fare ye well, fare ye well. In that



great get-tin' up morn-ing, fare ye well, fare ye well.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CONFESSION OF SIN

With the same lips that shout for joy,
we so quickly deny and betray you.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

With the same hearts that hail you as king,
we so readily trust in earthly powers.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

With the same minds that know your steadfast love,
we so easily return evil for evil.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the Father of mercy
forgive and cleanse you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you

to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Come Light Our Hearts - Sandra McCracken

For you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait,
for you, O Lord, our souls in stillness wait,
truly our hope is in you, truly our hope is in you.

O Lord of life, our only hope,
your radiance shines
on all who look to you in the dark;
Emmanuel come, come light our hearts.

O Joy above all other loves,
in you we find more than enough.
We come as we are, O heal and restore,
come light our hearts.

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed - James Montgomery, Vito Aiuto

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression and rule in equity.

He comes in succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever, his name to us is love.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Children attending kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. Children in 1st and 2nd grades are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament reading: Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. ²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. ²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Luke 19:28-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Justice & Power" – The Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

OFFERING AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The offertory is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly.com/give. If you're visiting, we are so glad you are worshipping with us, but please do not feel obligated to give.

CREED

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Lord Jesus, you are our meek and humble king,
coming in the name of the Lord:
teach us to look to you as the one in whom
the promises of God are Yes and Amen.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Son of David, you did not resist evildoers,
but set your face toward Jerusalem to suffer and to die:
turn us from vengeance and give us courage to love.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

King of Israel, your throne is the throne of God:
raise up righteous leaders in our city and nation,
ones who keep their word and govern with justice.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Anointed of God, you have become our salvation:
make us instruments of love to the sick, the dying,
sojourners, the lonely, and all who suffer pain or loss.
For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at
this time, ending with,*

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly
as our Savior has taught us:

All 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 and ever.
Amen.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!

The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer and speaks the Words of Institution.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

We use wine in Communion. Non-alcoholic white grape juice and gluten-free rice cakes are also available if preferred. Please recycle your Communion cup as you leave worship.

COMMUNION SONG

What the Lord Has Done in Me - Reuben Morgan

Let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
let the blind say, "I can see;
it's what the Lord has done in me."

Into the river I will wade;
there my sins are washed away.
From the heavens mercy streams
of the savior's love for me.

*Hosanna, hosanna to the lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.*

I will rise from waters deep
into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs:
Jesus Christ has set me free.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
by this meal cast out our fear
and grant us faith
to know you and to love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

BLESSING AND SENDING

All Glory, Laud and Honor - Neale, Teschner, Theodulph of Orleans

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 company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all
things created make reply.
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 praise we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

West Philly

Jonathan Davis: liturgist
Chris Currie: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Paul Arbogast: trombone
Jeff Hiatt: bass
Jordan McCree: drums

Fairmount

Chris Currie: liturgist, celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice
Paul Arbogast: trombone
Jeff Hiatt: bass
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