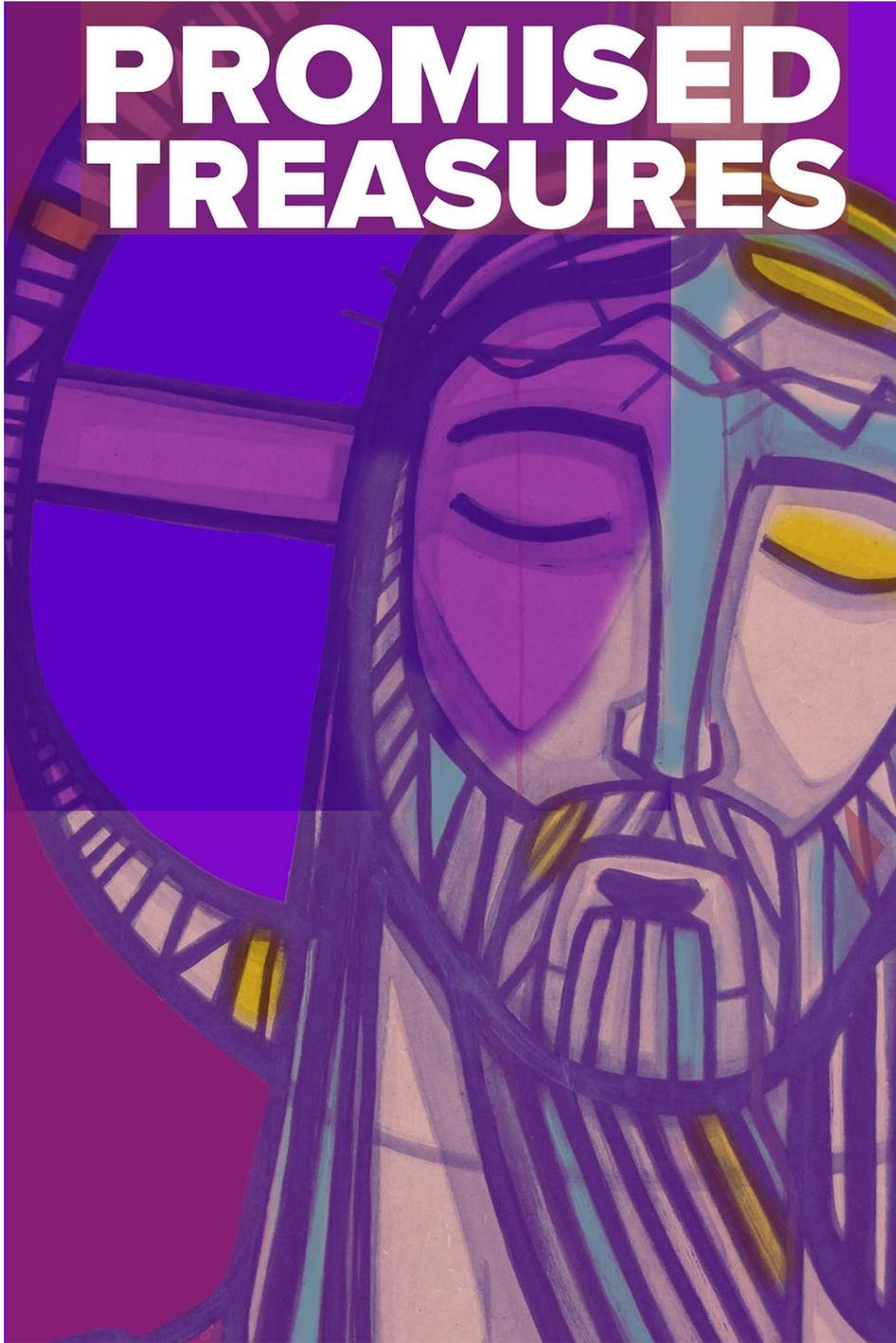


PROMISED TREASURES



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

PALMS AND VICTORY

AS WE GATHER

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!

✠ GATHERING ✠

HYMN

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

LSB 441 St. 1, 4, 5

Verse 1

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

Verse 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.

Verse 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.

CALLING ON GOD'S NAME

SPEAKING GOD'S WORD TO ONE ANOTHER

2 Corinthians 5:21, alt.; Isaiah 53:5

Pastor: For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,

People: so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: But He was wounded for our transgressions;

People: He was crushed for our iniquities;

Pastor: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

People: and with His stripes we are healed.

SEEKING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

Based on Philippians 2:1–11

Pastor: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Pastor: With humble hearts, let us pray together:

People: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

Pastor: You call us to celebrate Your victory over death and the grave, but often we resign ourselves to defeat and refuse to give You our praise.

People: Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us—

Pastor: to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

People: With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. He is the eternal King of Israel, King David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comes to bless us with life and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 16:13–17

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9–17

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:28–39

HYMN

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

LSB 531 St. 1, 3, 4

Verse 1

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.

Verse 3

Jesus hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.

Verse 4

Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All you noblest anthem raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

MESSAGE

“Palms and Victory”

Pastor Warren

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TALKING WITH GOD

Pastor: 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.

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

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

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

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

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

(forgive us our sins...)

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

People: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LEAVING WITH A BLESSING

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: Amen.

HYMN

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443

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.

Verse 2

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait

Verse 3

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heaven, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His holy presence Eternally rejoice!