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Palm Sunday

On this day of great rejoicing, Lord Jesus Christ, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross. Hosanna! we cry. Blessed are You who come in God's name to save us. Hosanna! Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise. Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light. We need You, Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. Hosanna!

Amen

Rejoice, O people of Zion!

Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem!

Look, your king is coming to you.

He is righteous and victorious,  
yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—  
riding on a donkey's colt.

Zechariah 9:9



As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. “Go into the village over there,” he said. “As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.”

This took place to fulfill the prophecy that said,

“Tell the people of Jerusalem,

‘Look, your King is coming to you.

He is humble, riding on a donkey—

riding on a donkey’s colt.’”

The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, “Praise God for the Son of David!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! Praise God in highest heaven!”

The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked. And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

“...Who is this man...”

to you?

Though he was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
he took the humble position of a slave  
and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human  
form, he humbled himself in obedience to God  
and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him  
to the place of highest honor  
and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of  
Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

It was for the joy set before you that You rode into town that day.  
Knowing exactly what lay ahead at the end of that road,  
You still took ownership of the debt humanity owed.  
I was the one You had in mind as they put You on that tree,  
I was the one who turned away as You died to set me free.  
So in this week of Passion to come,  
We give You all Praise Jesus, Holy! Lamb of God!  
For seeing this creation as more than just flesh and blood,  
But as the joy set before You in Your Kingdom Come.

Amen