



Palm Sunday 5 April 2020

Introduction

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Song – Give Thanks to the Lord our God and King

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King:
His love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things:
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

2 With a mighty hand and outstretched arm:
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn:
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever,
Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever, forever.*

3 From the rising to the setting sun:
His love endures forever.
By the grace of God we will carry on:
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praise, sing praise.

Chris Tomlin

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Song – Make way, make way for Christ the King

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
In splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
Into your lives.

*Make way! Make way!
For the King of kings.
(For the King of kings.)
Make way! Make way!
And let his Kingdom in.*

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,
The prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
The blind shall see.

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
Who weep and sigh;
With laughter, joy and royal crown
He'll beautify.



4 We call you now to worship him
As Lord of all.
To have no gods before him,
Their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick

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Reflection – Who is This?



What does this picture mean to you? How do you know what it means?

We know what road signs mean because the Highway Code tells us. This picture would have meant much to the people of Jesus' day, because they knew what the prophets had said and had written down.

Bible Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 (New Living Translation)

21 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. ²“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. ³If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will immediately let you take them.”

⁴This took place to fulfil the prophecy that said,

⁵“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.’”

⁶The two disciples did as Jesus commanded. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

⁸Most 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. ⁹Jesus was in the centre 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!”

¹⁰The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered. “Who is this?” they asked.

¹¹And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”



Song – Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
Thine humble beast pursues his 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 wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects 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 power and reign.

Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)

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Bible Message: Who is This?

Who is Jesus?

Deciding who Jesus determines our destiny.

Who Jesus says he was

Matthew 21:5 NLT

"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.'"

Jesus was claiming to be God's Messiah.

The crowd asks: Who is Jesus?

Matthew 21:10-11 NLT

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."

Not a surprising question! It was a pretty weird procession. But deciding who Jesus was determined the crowd's destiny.

We must answer this question for ourselves

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. (C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity)

Who is this? We must answer the question for ourselves. With Jesus it is all or nothing: will you acknowledge him as king, or not receive him at all.



Do you know Jesus? Are you ready to wave your palm branches? Are you ready to sing and shout Hosanna? Are you ready to accept his lordship, his sovereignty over your life?

Song – The Lord is King! I own his power

The Lord is King! I own his power,
His right to rule each day and hour;
I own his claim on heart and will,
And his demands I would fulfil.

3 He claims my hands for active life
In noble deeds and worthy strife;
He claims my feet, that in his ways
I may walk boldly all my days.

5 He claims the brightness of my youth,
My earnest strivings after truth;
My joys, my toil, my craftsman's skill,
All have their place, and serve his will.

2 He claims my heart, to keep it clean
From all defiling taint of sin;
He claims my will, that I may prove
How swift obedience answers love.

4 He claims my lips, that purest word
In all my converse may be heard;
My motives, passions, thoughts, that these,
My inner life, my King may please.

6 O Lord, my King, I turn to thee!
Thy loyal service makes me free;
My daily task thou shalt assign,
For heart and will and life are thine.

Darley Terry (1847-1933)

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Song – Unto thee, O Saviour-King

Unto thee, O Saviour-King,
Our allegiance now we bring,
Body, soul and spirit, all
In obedience to thy call.
Naught have we thou didst not give,
By thy life and grace we live,
Selfish aims do we forsake,
Service with our Lord to take.

3 We are with thee 'neath the cross,
Henceforth earthly things are dross;
Thine, resigned to mortal ill,
Thine to die if thou shouldst will.
Thou who hast the winepress trod,
Reconciling us to God,
Help us each returning day,
Be thou with us all the way.

2 We are with thee 'gainst thy foe,
Fighting for his overthrow;
Though the fight be doubly fierce,
Though the venom'd dart should pierce,
Satan never shall prevail,
Thou, O Christ, shalt never fail;
We who fight with thee shall win,
Conquer over Hell and sin.

4 We are with thee, Christ of love,
Thou who camest from above,
Thou whose blood was spilt to save,
Thou whose might burst e'en the grave.
From thy throne again come down;
Take thy Kingdom, take thy crown;
Hear us as with joy we sing:
We are with thee, Saviour-King.

Charles Collier (1863-1935)

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Benediction

[I pray] ... you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7 NLT)