

# Worship

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## Opening Worship

### Call To Worship

King Jesus comes, King Jesus,  
Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah.  
Hail! King Jesus, King of all!

Recall the words of the Scriptures:

“A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!’” In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way everlasting. Amen.

—based on John 12:13

### Opening Prayer

God of all,  
you gave your only Son to take the form of a servant  
and to be obedient even to death on a cross.  
Give us the same mind of Christ Jesus  
so that, sharing in his humility,  
we may come to be with him in his glory,  
our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

—based on Philippians 2:5-11

### Blessing

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ through the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Time of Confession**

### **Call To Confession**

Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

### **Prayer of Confession**

O King of glory,  
we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit’s continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## **Assurance Of Forgiveness**

### **Reading From Psalm 118**

Hear the Word of the Lord from Psalm 118:

Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures for ever.” Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. In Christ, God answers us and sets us free! In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

—based on Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17, NRSV

## **Prayers Of The People**

*The following is a guide for extemporaneous prayers. The pattern provides a suggested text for the opening and closing of each part of the prayer and calls for extemporaneous prayers of thanksgiving, petition, and intercession.*

Son of David,  
you entered Jerusalem with a triumphal procession that left you alone and in humiliation on the cross. We thank and praise you for your selfless sacrifice . . .

for the redemption of creation . . .

for those who offer their lives in Christlike service around the world . . .

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for your work as it continues in our community . . .  
for the sacrificial love of those who serve us in your name . . . for our redemption . . .

The cries of “Hosanna!” soon turned into cries of “Crucify him!” Today too there are those who refuse to recognize you as King. The effects of sin continue to be felt in all of life. So we pray

for creation . . .  
for the nations of the world . . .  
for our nation and its leaders . . .  
for this community and those who are in authority . . . for the church universal as it works on your behalf . . .

for this local church in its ministry . . .  
for persons with particular needs . . .

With the angels and all of creation we look forward to the day when we will join in declaring “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” Amen.

## **Closing**

### **Sending**

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

—Philippians 2:3-8, NRSV

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, remain with you always. Amen.

—based on Philippians 4:7, NRSV