

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023



A Table in the Wilderness

Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Joel Kok ♦ Piano: Jill Friend ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries, Rob Haan ♦ Drums: Christian Lief
 Worship Leaders: 5th & 6th Graders, Rebecca DeVries
 Sound: Jeff Ploegstra ♦ Video: Jason Wyenberg ♦ CCLI #493458 ♦ OneLicense #A-721171

Hearing Assistance

A telecoil hearing-loop system sends a signal into the sanctuary. If your hearing aid is t-coil equipped, try switching to the t-coil receiver. An FM hearing assistance system is also available for ears without hearing aids. Consult the sound operator for assistance.



Matthew 21:8-9

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

God Gathers Us

Welcome

Call to Worship: John 12:12-13, Psalm 118:27-29 p.1671, 957

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival
heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem.

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"

Hosanna!

"The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us.

With boughs in hand, join in the procession up to the horns of the altar.

Let the feast begin! Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the king of Israel!

Blessed is the king of Israel!

You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

*Song: "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death"

1. ***What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.***

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

What holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

Chorus: O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death.

2. ***What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.***

Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore,

the rock of Christ. (to chorus)

3. ***Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"***

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,

We Are Sent as Disciples

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Come to Us, Beloved Stranger"

LUYH 207

God Feeds Us with His Word

Children's Blessing: "Taste and See" LUYH 817 (chorus)

Leader & Congregation: **The Lord be with you.**

Kids & Helpers: And also with you.

Leader & Congregation: **God bless you as you worship.**

Kids & Helpers: God bless you as you worship.

Children ages 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to go downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 p.1531

Message: "Gentle, Humble, and Royal" Pastor Joel Kok

*Song of Response: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LUYH 146:1,3,4

God Provides a Table in the Wilderness

The Institution: 1 Corinthians 11

Prayer of Consecration, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

**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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

The Invitation

We invite you to come down the center aisle to the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. You may partake at the table or take it back to your seats to partake there.

Communion Songs: "My Song Is Love Unknown" LUYH 148
"Stay with Me" LUYH 159

*and we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours forevermore. (to chorus)*

Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Matthew Merker, © 2020 Getty Music Hymns and Songs, Getty Music Publishing, Jordan Kauflin Music, Love Your Enemies Publishing, Matthew Merker Music, Messenger Hymns (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Man of Sorrows—What a Name" LUYH 170:1-3

We Journey into the Wilderness

Call to Confession: James 3:5-12 p.1883

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior

**1. Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
oh, You rescue the souls of men.**

**2. Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
oh, we hopelessly lost the way.**

Chorus:

**You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

**3. Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
oh, we're falling before Your throne. (to chorus)**

Words & Music: Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse, © 1989 Dayspring Music, LLC, Word Music, LLC (a div. of Word Music Group, Inc.)

Offering Announcement

Offering our gifts is an important part of our response to God—connecting our worship with a life of discipleship—and is a way to participate in the ministry of Covenant CRC here in this building and around the world. Offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary, or check your bulletin announcements for more ways to give.

Prayers for the Church and World