



CALL TO WORSHIP

Humble and riding on a donkey,
we greet you.

Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,
we cheer you.

moving from the peace of the countryside
to the corridors of power,
we honor you, Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beast of burden
a new dignity;
you are giving majesty
a new face;
you are giving those who long for redemption
a new song to sing.

**With them, with heart and voice, we shout:
Hosanna! Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

HYMN *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One. **[Refrain]**

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and love and anthems
before thee we present. **[Refrain]**

To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. **[Refrain]**

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. **[Refrain]**



LENTEEN PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

**Triumphant Lord, we rejoice in your entry
into the world and into our lives!
Joining with the crowds, we sing your praises
and affirm your reign;
but even so, our hearts are sometimes
far from true worship,
and our minds are distant
from true understanding.
We are disappointed with your humility,
we are uninspired by your selflessness.
We still long for power and control,
and struggle with self-will.**

**Help us to reflect the glory of your Son in our lives
and to live faithfully and selflessly here and now.
Have mercy on us, Savior of all;
find us in the lost and forsaken places.
Bring us home again and teach us
a new song of joy and celebration.**

(time for silent prayer and reflection)



SONG *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

O Splendor of God's glory bright,
from light eternal bringing light;
O Light of Light, light's living spring
true Day, all days illumining.

Come, holy Sun of heavenly love,
rain down your radiance from above,
and to our inward hearts convey
the Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day
with thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
with faith like noontide shining bright,
our souls unshadowed by the night.

O Lord, with each returning morn,
your image to our heart is borne;
O, may we ever clearly view
our Savior and our God in you.



SCRIPTURE READINGS: Psalm 118:1-9 and 21-29
John 11:1-6; 17-27; 38-44

MESSAGE **God's People in Wilderness:
Loss and Hope**

PRAYER

HYMN *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*

If you will trust in God to guide you
and place your confidence in him,
you'll find him always there beside you,
to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in God's care and keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await God's leisure,
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take what-e'er your Father's pleasure
and all discerning love have sent.
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
to God who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
so do your own part faithfully,
and trust God's word; though undeserving,
you'll find God's promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need
the soul that trusts in God indeed.

BENEDICTION

May the grace of Christ attend you,
The love of God surround you,
And the Holy Spirit keep you,
That you may live in faith,
Abound in hope,
And grow in love,
Now and forevermore.
And all of God's people said, Amen!

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

