



During these weeks in which we are not able to join to worship together in our sanctuary, our pastoral staff wanted to share with you a few worship resources that we hope will aid you, either individually or with your family, in lifting your heart in worship to the Lord, experiencing his presence in your life, and feeding on his Word.

This week's resource follows along with our online worship service - check it out on the [HBIC YouTube Channel](#), beginning Sunday morning at 9 am.

Call to Worship (Pastor Woody):

Song (Pastor Esteban): Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

*Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away*

*Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

*Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new
'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away*

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Prayer (Pastor Esteban):

Lift your heart(s) before God in prayer.

Greeting One Another (Pastor Lynda):

This week the Lord brought to my mind a couple verses from Romans. In Romans 1:11-12, Paul wrote to the believers in Rome, "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

These verses echo what so many of us are experiencing these days, a longing to see one another and a desire, a call, to mutually encourage one another. We can impart gifts to one another to help make us strong – gifts of prayer, gifts of scripture, gifts of encouraging words of faith in the midst of a lot of discouraging news, gifts of friendship and fellowship. So, whether it's by a phone call, a text, an email, Whatsapp, Signal, Facebook, and the list goes on, think about some of the people you might be able to encourage this week. Ask God to bring people to mind those who may need a little encouraging from you. Let's keep reaching out to others, helping one another, praying for one another through this time.

Children's Story (Pastor Brie)

Good morning children! I'm Pastor Brie and I get to share the children's story with you this morning. Today is Palm Sunday and it marks the beginning of Holy Week. Holy Week is the week set apart on our church calendar to remember the time leading up to Jesus' death on the cross through his resurrection from the dead, which is what we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

To think on Palm Sunday, we are going to hear the story of the Triumphal Entry found in the book of Matthew 21:1-3, 6-11. In this passage we hear about the time when Jesus was returning to Jerusalem and large crowds gathered to cheer his coming! Since, I thought it may be a little more fun than me just reading it to you, I have a video of my kids (and Mr. Steve) narrating and acting out these verses for you!

(Video clip w/narration and portrayal of the following verses.)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

In this story, many people saw the ways Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the king who was to come. They had waited a long, long time for the coming Messiah and they were so excited about his coming! In this story, the crowds shouted "Hosanna" and praises.

The Bible tells us to praise the Lord too! We are to even, and especially, praise God in hard times. A lot of things are different in life right now for all of us and that can be hard.

Psalm 34:1-4 says,
*I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.*

I encourage you now to praise the Lord! There are many ways to praise the Lord. A question I leave you with is, "How do you praise the Lord?" Think on that. I'll leave you with the responses to that question from a few of our friends here at HBIC:

(video clip of kids answering the question)

Offering Invitation (Pastor Patty):

Good morning! It is great to be together even if we are separate. I've enjoyed getting to see and interact with many of you through our online meetings we've had lately. We are made for community and it's a delight when we can connect!

Normally at this point in our service, we'd pass around our offering plates as we give to the work of the Lord being done within the many ministries of our church. Unfortunately, we're not together physically today, but we want to encourage you to continue supporting these ministries whether you're able to give a small amount or a large amount! We are in an unpredictable time together. We invite you today to honor and worship the Lord through your tithes and offerings. He is ahead of us in all of this, and he delights in our continued faithfulness.

Before we pray, I'll remind you of some ways to give. You can start at our church website harrisburgbic.org.

- Look for the "ways to give" tab, you can then scroll down and the various ways to give are listed.
- One listing is [giving by electronic funds transfer](#). Click that tab and it will take you to directions and it also has a link to the form and details of where to send it.
- Another option is titled [online giving](#). After you click on that, it details directions there for giving through *easytithes*; you can use it for one-time or recurring gifts.
- Another listing says [mobile giving](#). Under that it describes how to give using *easytithes* from your mobile device.
- And you can also always use the traditional method of writing a check and mailing it to the church, **2217 Derry St., Harrisburg, 17104**.

There's a lot being said these days about exercising our faith and not giving in to fear. We choose faith over fear as we take steps that require faith, and giving is one of those steps, especially now. Let's pray...

Dear Father, thank you that your promises are sure, you are faithful, and we can rely on you. Your word says that we will find joy in offering our time, talents and money to meet the needs of others. Help us to give freely, sacrificially and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. May you cause the seeds that we sow to grow into well-watered, fruitful trees of life. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Doxology (Pastor Esteban):

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

The Word (Pastor Hank):

Mark 11:1-11 NIV

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

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

¹⁰"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Mark 11:1-11 The Message

¹⁻³ When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany on Mount Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: "Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'The Master needs him, and will return him right away.'"

⁴⁻⁷ They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said, "What are you doing untying that colt?" The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted.

⁸⁻¹⁰ The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in God's name!

Blessed the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in highest heaven!

¹¹ He entered Jerusalem, then entered the Temple. He looked around, taking it all in. But by now it was late, so he went back to Bethany with the Twelve.

Questions for Reflection and/or Discussion:

- What are some common ways that people misunderstand who Jesus is?
- How have you missed who Jesus is?
- How do you worship Christ as King?
- Jesus is the Servant King, who gave His all for us. How is God calling you to serve Him now with your whole heart?
- God is at work in your world right now. What is one way you can join in that work?
- After Palm Sunday and before the rest of Holy Week, Jesus spent time with God. How will you set part apart time to connect with God this week??

Song (Pastor Esteban): *Hosanna (In the Highest)*

I see the King of Glory

Coming on the clouds with fire

The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes, yeah

*I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing*

*Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest*

*I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees*

*Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity*

*Hosanna, Hosanna
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Announcements (Pastor Carmen):

1. Thank you for joining us this morning on the [HBIC YouTube Channel](#). We hope to "see" you again next week for Easter! (The link for each week's service will be live on Sunday morning by 9 am.)
2. **Welcome** to those who are viewing or visiting us for the first time. If you would like to visit our website, you can find it at [HBIC.church](#).
3. **Holy Week**
 - In addition to this morning's service for Palm Sunday, we'll be kicking off this week with Pastor Esteban and Priscilla leading us in **Holy Week Worship Through Song**. They will be recording a hymn set video that you'll be able to use as part of your personal worship, singing along with them anytime you'd like. It will be available on the [HBIC YouTube Channel](#) starting tonight (Sunday) at 7 pm. The Holy Week email will have a link to the lyric sheet.
 - The Virtual Prayer Meeting is usually on Wednesday nights, but **this week, we'll meet on Thursday** instead, still at 7 pm, for a special [Zoom Virtual Prayer and Communion for Maundy Thursday](#). You'll want to be sure to have some bread and juice on hand at your home for the communion time. (If you need help to download Zoom, send an email to office@harrisburgbic.org.)
 - We'll also be having a **24-hour Prayer Vigil**, beginning Thursday at 8 pm and ending on Good Friday evening at 8 pm. Check out the Holy Week email for information on signing up to pray for one of the time blocks.
 - We will be sending out an outline of **Good Friday Prayer Stations** that you can do on your own or with your family, with things that you likely have around your home. The prayer stations are based on Jesus' last words on the cross. Check out the Holy Week email for more details.
4. We will be using our Harrisburg BIC website ([HBIC.Church](#)) for updates, and we will be sending out emails as well. If you know someone in our church who does not have any access to any of these means of communication, please help them to stay updated. ...Along those lines, if anyone has an old iPad that you're not using, the pastoral staff would love to make use of it for someone in our church who may not have a way to be online and stay connected. Contact [Pastor Lynda](#) if you could help with this need.
5. Connect – in this time of isolation and separation, please remember our call to be the Body of Christ. We want to encourage you to keep looking for creative ways to keep connected to people in your circles and neighborhoods, people that come to mind, or anyone you know that may be in need. If you can help, please help. If we can help, please let us know. God bless you.

Song (Pastor Esteban): *What a Beautiful Name*

*You were the Word at the beginning
One With God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ*

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now*

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

*What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

*Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast, of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again*

*You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, Our God reigns
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name, above all names*

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King*

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Closing Prayer (Pastor Hank):

Lift your heart(s) before God in prayer.

May God bless you!

Pastor Hank, for all of the pastors

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