

Lighthouse Worship

Welcome the King – Pastor Jon Donohue
Sunday, April 5, 2020



- **Opening Prayer**

Welcome the Lord into your presence, inviting Holy Spirit to come and move as He desires in your midst.

- **Opening Thought**

Today is Palm Sunday – the day we recognize Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem as Messianic King! In fullness of prophetic time, Jesus was revealing to the people that He IS the King they were looking for, even though most did not fully understand the nature of His Kingship. Today, we understand what it means that Jesus is King, and we worship Him as such! Celebrate together with hearts filled with praise!

- **Read Together**

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey – riding on a donkey's colt.

Psalms 118:25-26 O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

John 12:12-13 The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

- **Worship Through Song** (Recommended: Use computer or cast to a TV)

Hosanna-Praise is Rising (Maranatha! Music): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioL62cqH3iM>

- **Why were palm branches waved?**

- Palm branches were a symbol of goodness, grandeur, power, and victory.
- In Roman athletic competitions, winners were awarded palm branches as a symbol of strength.
- Palm branches were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Even King Solomon had palm trees carved into the walls and doors of the Temple. (1 Kings 6:29)
- Kings and conquerors were customarily welcomed with palm branches being strewn before them and waved in the air.
- At the end of the Bible, the book of Revelation speaks of people from every nation raising palm branches to worship Jesus:

Revelation 7:9-10 After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

- **Waving Our Palms**

We might not have actual palm branches in hand, but we can symbolically wave palms in our hearts. Share your stories and give Him praise together.

1. What is God doing in your midst that inspires you to wave your proverbial palms before King Jesus today?
2. How has Jesus ridden in to your life as the sovereign and good King of Kings recently?

- **Worship Through Song**

Hosanna (Hillsong Music): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoM0AT8fBvs>

- **Lighthouse Message & Communion: Welcoming the King**

YouTube Channel: Alliance Bible Church, Anchorage (available 8 AM Sunday morning)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYnhhwO3DYtDWIcIVtelFrg>

Activity for Kids: During the sermon, draw a picture imagining that you were there the day Jesus rode in to Jerusalem on a donkey. Have your parents post a picture of your artwork on the ABC Connections Facebook page, or email it to the office so we can share it with our church family!

- **Read Together**

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the LORD.^[a]

Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;

on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea, and everything in them—

he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed

and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,

the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner

and sustains the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

- **Worship Through Song**

Marching On (Rend Collective): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCPhnSOHMS0>

- **Discussion**

1. What have you been feeling this past week regarding the challenges in our world?
2. How has today's worship time and message about the Triumphal Entry encouraged or inspired you in your circumstances?
3. How will you live differently with the awareness that God is riding into our community in the midst of this turbulent season?

- **Communal Prayer**

To close, share prayer requests and pray for one another as the Lord leads.

- **Blessing**

2 Thessalonians 3:16 Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

IMPORTANT:

- **Virtual Foyer**

Join us TODAY between 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM for online fellowship via Zoom
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9758310621> (Meeting ID: 975 831 0621)

- **Be Light**

Check out the NEW “**Be Light**” tab on our website for ideas about how we can serve and bless others around us during this difficult season: <https://www.abcanchorage.org/be-light>

- **Giving**

Thank you for faithfully, sacrificially, and joyfully giving to the ministry of ABC. Your giving allows our church to continue to live the mission. **Text-to-Give** your offering amount to the number **84321**, or visit the website for a complete list of ways to give to Alliance: <https://www.abcanchorage.org/giving>

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