

Pastor's Bible Study

March 25, 2026 – Palm (Passion) Sunday Weekend

LSB 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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Background to Passion Sunday / Palm Sunday:

The service of the Passion Sunday, beginning with the procession of palms, reflects the contrasting attitudes toward Jesus that were on display during the days leading up to His crucifixion. “Palm Sunday” is named after the palms that were spread before Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. The acclamation of the people, “Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,” clearly reveals that they hailed Jesus as the messianic king. Yet only days later, our Lord would hear the cry “Crucify!” This contrast is reflected on this day as the joy of His triumphal entry into Jerusalem gives way to the somber remembrance of His passion. The extended reading from the passion narrative sets before the faithful all that our Lord did on our behalf. Thus is the Church prepared to enter Holy Week – the most important week of the entire Church Year. (*Altar Book, pg. 501*)

Isaiah 50:4-9a:

1. Who is the “me” of verse 4?
2. How do we know this?

Philippians 2:5-11:

1. How does Paul highlight Jesus’ humility in this text?
2. How does Paul highlight Jesus’ glory in this text?

John 12:12-43:

1. When it comes to Palm Sunday, what experiences stand out for you?
2. What does “Hosanna” mean?
3. Have you ever heard or seen the statement from the Greeks in verse 21, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus,” before?
4. Do you recall Jesus using this “hour” language before?
5. What do you think Jesus means by this “hour” language?
6. Verse 32 shares something significant; what do you think that is?
7. How do verses 35-43 sit with you?

Devotional Thought:

Christ faces the moment of His glory, confirmed by His Father’s voice from heaven: the hour when He would be lifted up on the cross so that He could draw all people to Himself. Now is the day of salvation (2 Co 6:2); people ignore it at their great peril. Thanks be to God, Christ remains committed to His mission to save the world in spite of its unbelief. *(TLSB, 1807)*

Prayer:

Father, glorify Your Son and draw us to Him today. *(TLSB, 1807)*