

BELIEVING, PRAISING, & SHARING



Palm Sunday Procession 2009
Spring Grove, PA

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Mt. Zion UCC
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

NOTES—

I selected and adapted this script for our event this year because it focuses on three actions of those early disciples—BELIEVING, PRAISING, and SHARING. The crowd joining Jesus' during His entry Into Jerusalem an (the start of his Journey to the Cross) clearly demonstrated these three actions. By anchor our procession to these terms, I hope we can inspire (both those who have and have not heard) to think upon what those first believers were responding to and to ask themselves...**how must we respond to Christ, especially to his Journey to the Cross for us?**

Thank you for serving this ministry—
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(Procession Begins @ St. Paul—Front Steps)

DISCIPLE

Hosanna to the son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

ASSEMBLY

Hosanna in the highest!

READER 1

Today we celebrate the beginning of Christ's Journey to the Cross. Before arriving in Jerusalem, Jesus had been teaching about God, doing incredible miracles, and sharing God's love all around the land. The people who heard were amazed!!! They had never seen or heard of anyone like him. Those who BELIEVED that Jesus was the king God's people had been waiting and gathered to boldly welcome him into the city. Listen to what Luke tells us in his 19th chapter about God's personal visit to the celebrations in Jerusalem and those who BELIEVED in him...

READER 2

When He got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called 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 been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says anything, asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" So the two disciples left, found the colt and owner just as he said.

READER 2

They brought the colt back to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people who BELIEVED in him and gave him a grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street. Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had seen and BELIEVED to be true!

READER 1

The crowd of disciples BELIEVED that what Jesus had taught was true. They helped to make His entry into Jerusalem a true celebration!...

ASSEMBLY

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

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READER 1

Raise your palm branches as we pray... God our Savior, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms branches be signs of our BELIEF in his victory and in his truth. Grant that we who carry them in his name may call him our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; **Amen.**

Oh people of God see how your King comes!!!!

(Procession begins walk up Main Street to Mt. Zion. St. Paul Rings Church Bell)

ASSEMBLY

(Song: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah (3x)





(Procession arrives at Mt. Zion.)

READER 3

We've been preparing through Lent, with our works of love and self-sacrifice, to journey with Jesus' on the Walk to the Cross. Our works and sacrifices are acts of BELIEF. Today, we come together to PRAISE him. We celebrate, in our town and with the Church throughout the world, as Christ enters his own city to begin his journey and complete his work on earth as our Savior—

READER 4

Jesus came to Jerusalem,
the week he was to die,
riding on a donkey,
riding strong and high.

Children ran to meet him,
palms in hand they sing:
"Hosanna, Son of David,
"Hosanna to our king."

READER 3

The story of Jesus coming into Jerusalem is told again in the twelfth chapter of John's Gospel. Listen to hear how the believers PRAISED Jesus in the streets...

When the huge crowd that had arrived for the Feast, heard that Jesus was entering Jerusalem on a young donkey, they remembered how the scriptures had said...No fear, Daughter Zion. See how your king comes, riding a donkey's colt.

Since they BELIEVED all that Jesus had said was true. They broke off palm branches and went out to meet him. PRAISING Him they cheered: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in God's name! Yes! The King of Israel! Because they BELIEVED all that Jesus had taught them was true...they PRAISED Him as he entered the city!

READER 4

Today we begin to walk with Jesus on his way to the cross, we PRAISE Him for the complete work he has done for us!

Let us pray... Holy and redeeming God, help our BELIEF, that we may follow you into Jerusalem, into our lives, and into the life of the world. Lord help us, to remember all that you have taught us and to PRAISE you in all things! **Amen.**

Just as the people on the road into Jerusalem cried out, let us also cry out...

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ASSEMBLY

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

(Procession continues walk up Main Street to Sacred Heart. Mt. Zion Rings Church Bell)

ASSEMBLY

(Song: Hosanna)

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

King of Israel welcome to our hearts

Here to reign in righteousness

Oh Ruler of the World, Ruler of our Hearts

Now ascend Your throne

You are the King of Kings!

Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!





(Procession arrives at Sacred Heart.)

READER 5

Hosanna to the son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

ASSEMBLY

Hosanna in the highest!

READER 5

The Gospels of Luke and John told us that Jesus entered Jerusalem surrounded by those who BELIEVED and being triumphantly PRAISED as the true Prophet, the Messiah!

The people SHARED their BELIEF with all that would hear. Listen to the story from the 21st chapter of Matthew's Gospel and hear how the people publicly SHARED their PRAISE and celebration...

READER 6

The disciples led the donkey and colt out, laid some of their clothes on them, and Jesus mounted. Nearly all the people in the crowd threw their garments down on the road, giving him a royal welcome. Others cut branches from the trees and threw them down as a welcome mat. Crowds went ahead and crowds followed, all of them calling out. And as he made his entrance into Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken with cries of Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

Unnerved, people in the city were asking, "What's going on here? Who is this?" The parade crowd SHARED what they BELIEVED...

ASSEMBLY

This is the prophet Jesus, the one from Nazareth in Galilee.

READER 5

The crowd PRAISING Jesus was fearless of who might hear them. They BELIEVED Jesus was the true prophet and they wanted to PRAISE Him. They knew the truth and they SHARED it with all who might hear! Luke tells us in the 19th chapter, that some of those that did hear were upset...The Pharisees said to Jesus...

PHARISEE

Teacher, get your disciples under control!

JESUS

If they kept quiet, even the stones would cry out. The stones would shout their PRAISE for them!!!

READER 6

We are called to BELIEF in God. We are called to PRAISE God with all our hearts. We are called to SHARE his love with the world just as we SHARE in his journey to the cross!

Let us pray... Almighty and ever-living God, in your tender love for humanity, you sent Jesus to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross. You gave us an example of great humility. Help us to walk as Jesus did. Strengthen our BELIEF, receive our PRAISE, help us to SHARE your truth with others as we gratefully SHARE in the resurrection. Through Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, **Amen.**

Let us go into the world in peace, BELIEVING, PRAISING, and SHARING the love our Lord gave to us by Journeying to the Cross.

ASSEMBLY

Thanks Be to God!!! Hosanna!

