

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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THE GATHERING

*The Prayer of Invocation

*The Responsive Call to Worship: Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, 1; Matthew 21:9

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

*All Glory, Laud and Honor

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!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
And mortal men and all things created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans; translated by John M. Neale MUSIC: Melchior Teschner

The Reading of Psalm 118:1, 14-29

The Prayers of Confession

All: Jesus our King, who on this day in Jerusalem was greeted with praise by the crowd but later treated with contempt: we confess that we are often no different than they, for our faith can be more show than substance, more parade than pure, more habit than heart.

Jesus our priest and sacrifice, have mercy on us. Forgive our capricious and fickle discipleship. Cause our faith to be constant, our love to be steadfast, our obedience to be joyful, our witness to be faithful, even as we walk in humility, bathed in Your blood, justified by faith in Your holy name.

PRIVATE (Silence is kept for private confession)

The Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:5-11

*The Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into Hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

(Note: Although not written by the apostles, this creed is a summary of their teachings. Though its origin is traced to the second century, it developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. For the sake of clarity, please note that we believe that Jesus suffered the agony and punishment of Hell on the cross, most especially when He knew that He had been forsaken by His Father, and that He died a real death from which He was resurrected. We believe also that "holy catholic church" refers to the church universal.)

*Christ is Mine Forevermore

Mine are days that God has numbered, I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure, and forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer, though I fall, His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing, I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow, darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel, where I see no earthly good
But mine is peace that flows from heaven, and the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted, Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger, pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter, harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armor for this battle, strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver, safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure, Christ is mine forevermore (2x)

And mine are keys to Zion city, where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore
Christ is mine forevermore, Christ is mine forevermore

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*Hosanna

I see the King of glory, coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes

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

(chorus)

Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the Highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, hosanna in the Highest

(repeat)

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

(repeat chorus 2x)

Hosanna in the Highest

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The Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

Since we are not meeting at the church-house, tithes and offerings can be made by mailing checks to Grace EPC, Attn: Bob Woods, 3312 Calvin Drive, Lawrence KS 66049. You can also give directly from your bank to the church, or by credit or debit card. Please go to Grace EPC website at www.gepc.org, click on "Give," and follow the prompts to set up an account and choose the amounts, funds and frequency you prefer. If you have any questions concerning online giving, please contact bob@gepc.org or (785) 843-2005.

THE WORD AND PRAYER

The Prayer of Illumination

The Reading of Scripture

All: The grass withers and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.

The Message from Scripture

Bill Vogler

The Prayers of the People

THE SENDING

*The Benediction

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Congregation will stand.

Elders are available to pray and assist you at elders@gepc.org,
or contact Ryan Randolph (randolph@gepc.org) with any other needs you may have.