



This is the start of Holy Week so we'll be celebrating together today with communion.

We celebrate the day Jesus entered into Jerusalem as our saviour and king, riding on a donkey - a symbol of his humility. With a large crowd laying their cloaks and palm branches across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. Hundreds of people shouted '*Hosanna to the Son of David ... Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord ... Hosanna in the highest heaven*'.

They were literally shouting 'save us'. They didn't truly understand how Jesus was going to save them but we do, and today we remember that we have a king who saves us.

## Read Luke 19:28-48

The entry to Jerusalem



## Introduction

I wonder how many of those here on this day were left disappointed when only a few days later, there seemed to be a tide of opposition to this moment of optimism and hope. We, of course, are safe in the knowledge of how this story turns out, but for those supporting Jesus it might have been a very different story.

## Song

Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

Lord we lift up Your name  
With hearts full of praise  
Be exalted oh Lord my God  
(1st) Hosanna in the highest  
(2nd) Glory to the King of kings

Glory glory  
Glory to the King of kings  
Glory glory  
Glory to the King of kings

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## Teaching

- Consider the reactions of the people that day
- Who might you be most like?

## Prayer

We, too, welcome Jesus, the Son of David, the One who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Let us acclaim Christ, the Lord. To Jesus, the True Light, who illuminates the darkness and brings us hope during difficult times.

*Hosannah to the Son of David*

To Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who models compassion and inclusion, sensitivity and goodwill.

*Hosannah to the Son of David*

To Jesus, who shows us by example how to accompany others, offering gently guidance and direction.

*Hosannah to the Son of David*

To Jesus, the Great Healer, who cares for the sick with tenderness and mercy, showing love to heal body, mind, and spirit.

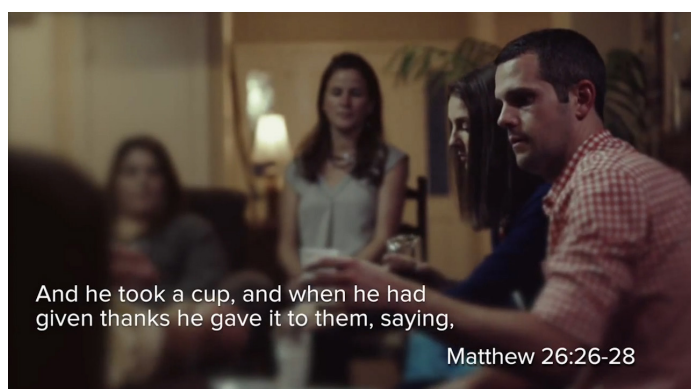
*Hosannah to the Son of David*

To Jesus, who died so that we might rise to new life.

*Hosannah to the Son of David*

## Communion

On the night before Jesus' crucifixion, he led his disciples in the Lord's Supper, which would later serve as a reminder to us of his death and resurrection. This act serves as a lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers. Pause now to take communion.



And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Matthew 26:26-28

## Song

Where are You now  
When darkness seems to win  
Where are You now  
When the world is crumbling

Oh I,  
I hear You say  
I hear You say

Look up child hey  
Look up child hey  
(Look up)

Where are You now  
When all I feel is doubt  
Where are You now  
When I can't figure it out

You're not threatened by the war  
You're not shaken by the storm  
I know You're in control  
Even in our suffering  
Even when it can't be seen  
I know You're in control

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May Christ crucified draw us to himself, so that we find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.