



EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD, SD

Home Worship – April 5

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Today is Palm Sunday, and we should be in church, remembering our Lord Jesus' humble entrance into Jerusalem, riding a borrowed donkey, to the shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The kids were scheduled to sing, waving palm branches as the crowds did 2000 years ago.

Instead, we are home. This worship liturgy guides us to turn our disappointment to God as lament, crying out for His presence and help in these trying times.

If you are celebrating the sacrament of communion with us, you will need to have ready [the communion liturgy](#), and bread and grape juice for each person participating.

For prayer updates and other announcements, [download this week's bulletin](#).

After the sermon and communion, Pastor Cody will close the worship time with prayer and a blessing.

May God bless you as you worship together with us.

GOD GATHERS US

INVITATION TO WORSHIP — FROM HEBREWS 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and sat down at the right hand of God.
Let us consider him who endured such hostility from sinful people,
so that we may not grow weary or lose heart.

Sing, or listen to, this version of [“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus,”](#) by Shane & Shane.

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Through death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion —
For more than conquerors we are!

Refrain:

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.**

His Word shall not fail you — He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Go and tell!

[Refrain]

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
It saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see!

PRAYING OUR LAMENT

Even as we fix our eyes on Jesus, we carry with us burdens of grief, worry, anger, and doubt. Rather than ignoring or denying those hard feelings, God asks us to trust Him with them, offering them to Him as lament. The Psalms are full of these kinds of prayers. As we experience the loss of our normal lives, the separation from each other, the dying of those who are sick, it is right and good for us to pray our laments to God.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL — Psalm 42:1-6a

As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

PROMISE OF GRACE — Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17

Let those who fear the Lord say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;
the Lord answered me and set me free.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

In Christ, God answers our cries, and sets us free!
In Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

Respond to God's promise of grace by singing, or listening to, this version of ["Be Still, My Soul \(In You I Rest\)," by Kari Jobe.](#)

GOD SPEAKS TO US, AND FEEDS US

Watch the April 5 video ["I AM: the Bread of Life"](#) at this time.

Parents of younger children, after the Family Sermon, feel free to fast forward to the communion liturgy. If your kids have expressed their understanding of Christ's death on the cross for the forgiveness of their sins, and they comprehend that this feast is a sign of that sacrifice, then you may share communion with them. If they are not ready spiritually to share in this yet, that's okay. Pastor Cody's video will give them a blessing, as well.

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