



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
PALM SUNDAY—YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 24

**A: Let the Lord enter;
he is the King of glory.**

L: The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,

G: the world, and all who live in it;

L: for he founded it upon the seas

G: and established it upon the waters.

L: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?

G: Who may stand in his holy place?

L: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

**G: he will receive blessing from God his
Savior.**

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up,
you ancient doors.

G: that the King of glory may come in.

L: Who is this King of glory?

**G: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD
mighty in battle.**

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you
ancient doors.

G: that the King of glory may come in.

L: Who is he, this King of glory?

**G: The LORD Almighty – he is the King of
glory.**

**A: Glory be to God the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen!**

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he is the King of glory.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: The hour has come for the Son of Man to
be glorified. (John 12:23 cf. NIV)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Palm Sunday: Here is the culmination of our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal. Here is final preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. The journey of Lent has prepared our hearts to ponder anew the Passion of our Lord and his glorious triumph over death and grave. With repentant hearts we join our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, confident in his everlasting rule, hailing him as our Eternal King. At the same time, we are mindful that he is our King because he is the Messiah, the promised Son of David sent as the sacrificial Lamb of God. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

As you study this week, seek to find the *connecting theme* in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 19:28-40

Our humble King comes in majesty for he comes to do the will of the Father. He comes to bring salvation, righteousness, and peace: peace in heaven and glory in the highest! He came as the fulfillment of scripture, as the answer to mankind's problem, as the Hope for all the true Israel of God. On this day, the king would have his praise, from the stones if necessary. Behold the King had returned to his own city to win peace and salvation for all.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: ZECHARIAH 9:9, 10

The exiled Jews find restoration not through battle with the enemy, but through a king in a time of peace. Here is hope for the tiny remnant returning to rebuild the Lord's temple. For this is the way of the Lord's salvation: Our gentle King comes with power to restore eternal peace.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

The homage due a king belongs to the Christ. At the name of Jesus – "human name for God above" (CW 76 st.5) – every knee shall bow. He has come to serve his people, not with armies and war machines, but with the obedient sacrifice of his own life. Therefore he is exalted by saints on earth and hosts of heaven.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 45:22-25

It is easy to miss the majesty of a king riding a donkey into Jerusalem. The majesty so great that stones would praise him is on display in Isaiah's words. He is God, and there is no other. This coming King will make every knee bow. But he comes to bring righteousness and strength. Because he brings salvation, he brings what no earthly king can provide. Bow before the Lord, for in this King will we be eternally exalted.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 12:1-3

This lesson particularly emphasizes continued preparation and encourages proper focus as we anticipate the celebration of the Three Holy Days (the *Triduum*). Cast off all that entangles and hinders in order to fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?