

Sunday, March 29, 2026 -Palm Sunday

“From Hosanna to It Is Finished: The Good News Story”

Scripture Readings:

- Matthew 21:1-11 (Triumphal Entry)
- Luke 22:14-20 (The Last Supper)
- John 19:16-30 (The Crucifixion)

The Good News Story Continues

Today we gather on Palm Sunday, remembering the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as King as the people waved palm branches in His honor. But as we celebrate, we also look ahead—to the table of the Last Supper, and then to the shadow of the cross. This is not just a story of celebration, but of sacrifice. It's part of what we call the *“Scarlet Thread of Redemption”*—God's plan, woven through all of Scripture, to rescue and redeem us.

I. The Triumphal Entry: The King Arrives

Matthew 21:9 (ESV)

“And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!’”

On that first Palm Sunday, crowds shouted “Hosanna!” and laid down palm branches for Jesus. They expected a conquering hero, a political savior. But Jesus came not on a warhorse, but on a donkey—a sign of peace and humility. He came to bring a different kind of kingdom: one built not by force, but by love and sacrifice.

Application:

How often do we want Jesus to fit our plans, our expectations? Palm Sunday reminds us that God's ways are higher than ours. He brings peace where we want power, humility where we want pride.

II. The Last Supper: The Scarlet Thread Revealed

Luke 22:19-20 (ESV)

“And Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’”

Just days later, Jesus gathered His disciples for the Passover meal. He took bread and broke it, saying, “This is my body, given for you.” He took the cup, saying, *“This is My blood, poured out for you.”*

Here, the **scarlet thread** becomes clear:

from the lamb's blood on Israel's doorposts at Passover, to the blood of Christ on the cross, God's plan to redeem His people is woven through every page of Scripture.

Application:

The Lord's Supper is more than a ritual. It's a reminder that Jesus gave everything for us. His blood covers our sin, just as the **scarlet thread** covered the sins of God's people in the Old Testament.

**When we take The Lord's Supper,
We Remember:
We Are Forgiven,
We Are Loved,
We Are Redeemed.
We Are Family.**

II. The Crucifixion: The Price of Redemption

John 19:30 (ESV)

“When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished,’ and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.”

Isaiah 53:5 (ESV)

“But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.”

On Good Friday, the cheers of “Hosanna!” turned to cries of “Crucify Him!” Jesus, the sinless Son of God, was nailed to a cross. The sky darkened, the earth shook, and the curtain in the temple was torn in two. The **scarlet thread** reached its climax—Jesus became the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Application: The cross is not just a symbol of suffering; it's a symbol of victory. Jesus paid the price we could never pay. Because of His sacrifice, we have hope, forgiveness, and eternal life. The **scarlet thread** runs through our lives, too—no matter our past, His blood can redeem us.

IV. The **Scarlet Thread** in Our Lives Today

So, what does this mean for us? The story of redemption isn't just ancient history—it's good news for today.

- If you feel unworthy, remember: Jesus' blood was shed for you.
- If you feel lost, remember: the **scarlet thread** leads you home.
- If you feel burdened by sin, remember: the cross is enough.

Let the story of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, and the Crucifixion remind you:

**God's love is relentless.
His plan is perfect, and
His grace is available to all who believe.**

Conclusion: The Invitation

Church, let's walk this road together—
From the waving palms of welcome
to the quiet upper room, from the broken bread
to the blood-stained cross.

See Him—

Jesus, riding in on a donkey,
not with a sword, but with surrender.
Crowds shout “Hosanna!”
but He knows the cheers will fade.
He knows the cost of love.

See Him—

at the table, bread in His hands,
eyes full of compassion.

“This is my body, given for you.”

A **scarlet thread**, stretching back to the lambs of
Egypt, now tied to a new covenant—
His blood, poured out for many.

See Him—

on the cross, arms wide, heart broken,
for you, for me, for the world.
The **scarlet thread** of redemption
woven through every page of Scripture
now runs red on Calvary's hill.
And here's the Good News—
That thread is not just ancient history.
It's not just for saints and stories.

It's for you. For your shame, your wounds, your
wandering. For every place you feel unworthy,
the blood of Jesus says, “You are loved. You are
forgiven. You are mine.”

So today, if you've never grabbed hold of that scarlet
thread— if you've never trusted the One who gave
everything for you— let this be your moment.
He's calling you to the table, to the cross, to new life.

As we prepare to take the Lord's Supper,
remember: This bread, this cup, they are not just
symbols. They are reminders—of a King who came
for you, a Savior who died for you, a Redeemer who
lives for you.

Will you receive Him?

Will you let the **scarlet thread** of redemption become
your story, too?

1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV)

***“Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile
ways inherited from your forefathers, not with
perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the
precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without
blemish or spot.”***

Let's pray together, then we will have a time of
personal reflection, confession and invitation to
repentance and salvation. Then we will share the
Table of Grace in Communion as One Family.