



*Grace Church Stamford welcomes you
to our Palm Sunday Service
where our aim is to meet Jesus Christ
through his Word and Spirit*

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Call To Worship

King Jesus comes, King Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man, Messiah. **Hail! King Jesus, King of all!** Recall the words of the Scriptures: 'A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.'" **In praise we adore you, King Jesus. Enter our hearts today as you entered Jerusalem long ago, and lead us by faith in the way of everlasting. Amen.**

Singing Together

O Worship The King

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O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His wonderful love!
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O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm!

*Chorus You alone are the matchless King
 To You alone be all majesty!
 Your glories and wonders what tongue can recite
 You breathe in the air, You shine in the light!*

O measureless might ineffable love
While angels delight to worship above!
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend! (Chorus 2x)

Hearing God's Word

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Confessing Together

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom rebellious. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this Holy Week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipleship, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 us and sets us free. In Christ, we are forgiven. (From Psalm 118) **Thanks be to God.**

Singing Together

Oh The Deep, Deep Love

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Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Your love
Leading onward, leading homeward
To Your glorious rest above

*Chorus Oh the deep, deep love
 All I need and trust
 Is the deep, deep love of Jesus!*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread His praise from shore to shore
How He came to pay our ransom
Through the saving cross He bore
How He watches o'er His loved ones
Those He died to make His own
How for them He's interceding
Pleading now before the throne (Chorus)

Living Hope

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How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Chorus Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
 Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
 You have broken every chain
 There's salvation in Your name
 Jesus Christ my living hope*

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope (Chorus)

Praying Together

The Collection

Hearing God's Word Proclaimed

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Far surpassing all the rest
It's an ocean full of blessing
In the midst of every test
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Mighty Savior, precious Friend
You will bring us home to glory
Where Your love will never end (Chorus 2x)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory! (Chorus 2x)

Communing Together

Invitation

Brothers and sisters, this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of our Lord. So let a person examine themselves, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

*** Prayer for those searching for truth** Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. While I find that hard to believe, help me to believe your claims. Guide me, teach me, open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

*** Prayer of belief** Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn away from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Singing Together

Rejoice The Lord Is King

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Rejoice the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore
Mortals give thanks and sing
And triumph ever more

Chorus *Lift up your heart*
 Lift up your voice rejoice
 Again I say, rejoice

Jesus the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above (Chorus)

His Kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heaven
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given (Chorus)

He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit
And bow to his command
And fall beneath his feet (Chorus)

Rejoice in glorious hope,
Jesus the judge shall come
And take his servants up
To their eternal home (Chorus)

Benediction

Sermon Series: Follow the ~~Leader~~ Servant

Behold Your King

Isaiah 42:1-9

Introduction: The Servant Songs of Isaiah

Isaiah 42:1-9

Isaiah 49:1-7

Isaiah 50:4-11

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

(Isaiah 61:1-3)

1. The Man

2. The Mission

3. The Method

Application: Do you know the Servant? Has his Mission made you love righteousness? Do you therefore follow his method?

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