

Let us Pray:

Dear Lord,

We know that you would rather hear us praise you than to hear a “rock concert.” So

Lord, we lift your name on high!

Amen



Blessed is the  
king who  
comes in the  
name of the  
Lord. Peace  
in heaven and  
glory in the  
highest.  
Luke 19:38

*May God's blessing surround you each  
day.*

*As we trust Him and walk in His way;*

*May His presence within,*

*Guard and keep us from sin;*

*Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

## Minster Bethel Congregational Church (MBCC)

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# Palm Sunday



# Hosanna

They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"  
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!"

John 12:13

Today we are going to be thinking about when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the Donkey.

I've chosen the song this week as it reminds me of palm Sunday, Hosanna (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoM0AT8fBvs>) :

I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds of fire  
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes  
I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing, the people sing

**Hosanna, Hosanna**  
**Hosanna in the highest**  
**Hosanna, Hosanna**  
**Hosanna in the highest**



I see a generation  
Rising up to take the place  
With selfless faith, with selfless faith  
I see a near revival  
Staring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

[Chorus]

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity.

Our reading/story today is taken from Matthew John 12:12-19 (<https://youtu.be/z-39h0xYqdE>):

## JESUS RIDES A DONKEY

As Jesus came closer to Jerusalem, he asked two of his disciples to go ahead of Him. He said, "When you get to the town, you will see a donkey tied up. Untie it, and bring it to me. If anyone asks you about taking the donkey, just tell them, 'The Lord needs it and He will bring it back as soon as He's done with it.'"

So, the disciples did as Jesus asked. They soon found the donkey tied at a doorway. As they were untying it, some people were standing nearby visiting. They didn't recognize the men and asked, "What are you doing? Why are you untying the donkey?"

They replied just as Jesus had told them to. Explaining that the Lord needed it, the people let them go.

They brought the donkey to Jesus and Jesus rode on the donkey towards Jerusalem.

As He was traveling, some people saw Jesus coming and came running towards Him. They had heard He might be coming. One by one, they laid their coats on the ground for the donkey to step on. People cut palm branches and laid them down.



As they got even closer to the town, more and more people noticed Jesus. A crowd surrounded Him and started to shout praises to Him for all the miracles He had done: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, Hosanna!" .

Some men named Pharisees (these men thought they were important; a lot of the people listened to them). They heard the crowd praising God. They said to Jesus, "Teacher, why don't you tell these people to stop praising you as if you were God?"

Jesus replied, "If they were quiet now, even the rocks would cry out!"

**Today is palm Sunday. The day that all those years ago, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the crowds cheered, laying down their coats and waving palm leaves.**

**One part of this reading that always makes me think is when Jesus says: "If they were quiet now, even the rocks would cry out!"**

**What might the rocks have said if they did cry out? Maybe they would have told us about how David used a small stone to slay a giant to show that we can do anything when God is with us!**

**Another might remind us that Jesus once told a story about a wise man who built his house upon a rock. When the storm came the house on the rock stood firm.**

**Yes, there are many stories that the rocks could tell, but we won't let them. Just as the followers of Jesus lined the streets to praise their King, we can praise him too. As long as we praise Him, there will be no need for these stones to cry out.**