

# When the King Pursues You

Welcome to our celebration of Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.

Long ago, the people expected the Messiah to come armed to the teeth and riding a war horse. Instead, He came riding a lowly donkey, the symbol of peace. When you come under the sway of this gentle King, you will be transformed.

Let us prepare our hearts for worship by reflecting on one way we would like King Jesus to change us! Spurgeon writes:

“It is not Christ who has come to you, if you have grown prouder, harsher, and more obsessive than ever. No, the Christ who enters to save is Himself gentle and humble of heart. Those who take His yoke upon them learn of Him, and they become like Him. Invite the humble Christ into your life and He will kill your bad temper, conquer your malice, and cast out your pride.”

Let us worship our King who conquers by humility.

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION   \*   9:00 AM Service   \*   Gathered Worship**

On this day Lord Jesus,  
You did enter the rebellious city where You were to die:  
Enter into our hearts, we beseech You,  
and subdue them wholly to You.  
And as Your faithful disciples rejoiced in Your coming  
and spread their garments on the road,  
make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and are.  
And grant that we, after having confessed and worshiped You upon earth,  
may be numbered among those who shall hail Your eternal triumph  
and bear in their hands the palms of victory  
when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that You are Lord.  
Amen.

**SONG FOR GATHERING . . . . . Sing to the King**

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain  
Life and sal - vation His empire shall bring  
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King

*Chorus:*

*Come, let us sing a song  
A song declaring we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
And Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King*

For His returning we watch and we pray  
We will be ready the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King

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A song declaring we belong to Jesus  
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**CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Psalm 24:7, 10**

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts,  
He is the King of glory!**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION. . . . .**

**SONG OF PRAISE . . . . . Came to My Rescue**

Falling on my knees in worship  
Giving all I am to seek Your face  
Lord all I am is Yours

My whole life I place in Your hands  
God of mercy humbled I bow down  
In your presence at Your throne

I called You answered  
And You came to my rescue and I  
Want to be where You are

My whole life I place in your hands  
God of Mercy Oh Lord I bow down  
In your presence by your throne

I called You answered  
And You came to my rescue and I  
Want to be where You are

I called You answered And You came to my rescue  
and I want to be where You are

In my life be lifted high  
In our world be lifted high  
In our love be lifted high (3X)

I called You answered And You came to my rescue  
and I Want to be where You are

**SONG OF ADORATION . . . . .Just a Closer Walk With Thee**

*Chorus:*

*Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be Dear Lord Let it be*

I am weak but you are strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk let me walk close to Thee

*Chorus*

When my feeble life is o'er  
time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently safely o'er  
to that shore Dear Lord to that shore  
To that shore good Lord to that shore

*Chorus*

**MORNING PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION. . . . .**

God, our gracious heavenly Father,  
You sent the gentle King of glory to rescue us.  
Forgive us for our resistance to Your meek and humble ways.  
We confess that we have leaned too much on earthly wisdom  
that has produced strife, jealousy, and selfish ambition.  
May Your heavenly wisdom bring about its fruit in our lives  
– peaceable relationships, merciful hearts, a gentle manner,  
a godly sincerity, and a passion for purity.  
Mold us into the image of the gentle King of glory,  
for we pray in His name, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS. . . . .Zechariah 9:9-10**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation,  
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey...  
He will proclaim peace to the nations;  
His rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the river to the ends of the earth.

**HYMN OF SALVATION. . . . .All the Way My Savior Leads Me**

All the way my Savior leads me  
Who have I to ask be-side  
How could I doubt His tender mercy  
Who through life has been my guide

All the way my Savior leads me  
Cheers each winding path I tread  
Gives me grace for every trial  
Feeds me with the living Bread

*Chorus: You lead me and keep me from falling  
You carry me close to Your heart And surely  
Your goodness and mercy will follow me*

All the way my Savior leads me  
O the fullness of His love  
O the sureness of His promise  
In the triumph of His blood

And when my spirit clothed immortal  
Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way  
Jesus led me all the way

You lead me and keep me from falling  
You carry me close to Your heart  
And surely Your goodness and mercy will follow me (2X)

All the way my Savior leads me  
All the way my Savior leads me

**GREETINGS/MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES. ....**

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE. .... Philipians 4:6-7**

Be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything  
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL READING .....Luke 19:28-48**

*Page 1117 in the Church Bible*

**THE SERMON .....When the King Pursues You**

*#3 in our series on "When Jesus Pursues"*

1. He comes humbly to rescue (28-40).
2. He comes tearfully to reconcile (41-44).
3. He comes boldly to preserve (45-48).

**SONG OF COMMITMENT. . . . . Wonderful, Merciful Savior**

Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
hopelessly lost the way  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus: You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore,  
You give the healing and grace our  
hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father,  
faithfully loving Your own  
Here in our weakness You find us  
falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. Chorus (2x)

**BENEDICTION. . . . . 2 Corinthians 13:14**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all. AMEN.