

Luke 19:28-48

Triumphal Entry

God, the heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your handy work [Psalm 19]. You are the author of creation and nature would cry out in worship if your people would not. As we gather here today may our worship be an offering worthy of our great king. May we praise you, our God, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day we will praise you. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is beyond comprehension. **Psalm 145**

God in the text today we see both a people who joyfully worship you and throw their cloaks on the ground in front of you as a sign of worship and sacrifice. In contrast we see a group of people who would take advantage of your house and use it wrongly for personal gain. God we pray for the strength to be a people who honor you in all things. May our actions match our hearts that love you. May we be generous with our time and possessions. May we show the world who you are by our fruits.

Lord, we have gathered here to sing your praises and hear your word, but for many of us, it is easy to forget who you are as soon as we walk out these doors. We take peace in the creation and not the creator. We so easily lose sight of your majesty and settle for a broken world and a counterfeit joy.

In these times, God you are a king who cries for your people. Through out scripture we see your tears. Your love and compassion for us are without end and like a good father, you want what is best for us. You gave us your word that we might know you. You sent your son so that we could have a relationship with you. And you sent your spirit to reveal your truth and remind us of your teachings.

And yet, we are still prone to wonder. God call us back to your truth and pull us deeper into relationship with you. Sanctify us with your word so that we are not easily swayed by the world. Let us be a people that make your house a house of prayer and praise you without ceasing.

We pray for your church around the world. Some gatherings worship you with singing, dancing and shouting. Others worship in quiet reverence. All of them unique and important parts of the unified body of Christ. God we pray for their protection as many of them gather in areas hostile to your disciples. We pray that your spirit would guard their hearts and expand their numbers. We pray that those who would seek to hurt your church would be brought to an understanding of their need for a savior.

Our mighty King, we pray that our gathering today will honor you. We pray that the teaching we are about to hear will convict our hearts. We pray that lessons given by the faithful leaders within this church will produce fruit. God, in all things, we pray that your kingdom would be on display here in Blackfoot and throughout the world. Amen

At this time, we'd like to invite our children's ministry leaders to the front and if you have children ages 5-11 they may now come up to the front and follow our children's ministry volunteers out this side door for an age specific bible lesson. We also have the nursery available for children 4 and younger and If your little one gets a little restless during the sermon, the sermon is live streamed to that room so you'll be able to follow along with the sermon. Children are always welcome to stay during the sermon if parents would prefer.

Benediction

Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the Lord, you his servants, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the lord be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

God may we be a people of praise, who joyfully declare your word. May we not be ashamed to worship you in all things and at all times so that we may be rightfully known as your people.