

Hymn of the Week

April 14 • Palm/Passion Sunday April 19 • Good Friday

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Text and music: Joy F. Patterson, 1994.

Topics: Holy Week, Lent, Palm Sunday, Suffering of Christ

Scriptural References: Matthew 21:1–11, Mark 11:1–10

Publications

New Songs of Rejoicing (Selah, 1994) Teach Our Eyes New Ways of Seeing (Selah, 2005)

Why Has God Forsaken Me

Text: William L. Wallace.

Music: Taihei Sato.

Topics: Biblical Names (Lazarus), Crucifixion, Good Friday,

Love (God's), Mystery of God

Scriptural References: Matthew 27:45–46, Luke 23:46, John 11:35

Publications

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition (Church of Scotland, 2004)
The Mystery Telling (Selah, 2001)
A Panorama of Christian Hymnody (GIA, 2005)
Sing! A New Creation (CRC Publications, 2002)
Sound the Bamboo (GIA, 2006)
Sing to Our God New Songs of Rejoicing (Selah, 2011)



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Hosanna, Hosanna!

Hosanna, hosanna! the cheering people cry, hosanna, hosanna! as Jesus passes by. Messiah, Israel's savior! All hail to David's son! In God's name he is coming, the blest and chosen One!

Their palm branches waving, the crowds press near to see what manner of king God's own Chosen One will be: he rides a borrowed donkey, his clothing poor and plain; no riches, no great splendor, will greet his coming reign.

The crowds that have cheered him too soon will fall away; his friends all will leave him, too filled with fear to stay. The soldiers come to seize him, by rulers he'll be tried; his innocence condemns him; he must be crucified.

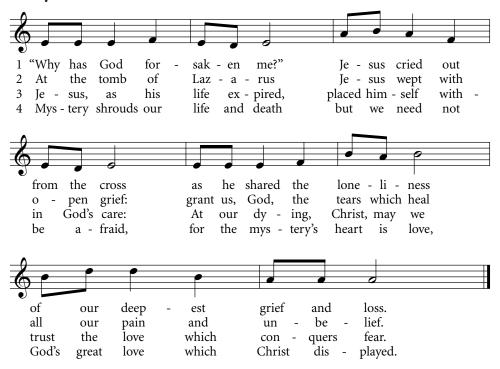
We, too, cry hosanna! and celebrate this day, for death cannot hold him; he lives, with us to stay. God, strengthen us and guide us who call him Lord and Friend, that we may walk beside him until this life shall end.

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Why Have You Forsaken Me?



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Why Has God Forsaken Me?

"Why has God forsaken me?" Jesus cried out from the cross as he shared the loneliness of our deepest grief and loss.

At the tomb of Lazarus Jesus wept with open grief: grant us, God, the tears which heal all our pain and unbelief.

Jesus, as his life expired, placed himself within God's care: At our dying, Christ, may we trust the love which conquers fear.

Mystery shrouds our life and death but we need not be afraid, for the mystery's heart is love, God's great love which Christ displayed.

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