



Hymn of the Week

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

Hosanna, Hosanna!

Text and music: Joy F. Patterson, 1994.

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Why Has God Forsaken Me

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Publications

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Sing to Our God New Songs of Rejoicing (Selah, 2011)



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Hosanna, Hosanna!

1 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na! the cheer - ing peo - ple cry,
 2 Their palm branch - es wav - ing, the crowds press near to see
 3 The crowds that have cheered him too soon will fall a - way;
 4 We, too, cry ho - san - na! and cel - e - brate this day,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na! as Je - sus pas - ses by.
 what man - ner of king God's own Chos - en One will be:
 his friends all will leave him, too filled with fear to stay.
 for death can - not hold him; he lives, with us to stay.

Mes - si - ah, Is - rael's sav - ior! All hail to Dav - id's son!
 he rides a bor - rowed don - key, his cloth - ing poor and plain;
 The sol - diers come to seize him, by rul - ers he'll be tried;
 God, strength - en us and guide us who call him Lord and Friend,

In God's name he is com - ing, the blest and chos - en One!
 no rich - es, no great splen - dor, will greet his com - ing reign.
 his in - no - cence con - demns him; he must be cru - ci - fied.
 that we may walk be - side him un - til this life shall end.

PALM SUNDAY

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?

Unison

1 "Why has God for - sak - en me?" Je - sus cried out
 2 At the tomb of Laz - a - rus Je - sus wept with
 3 Je - sus, as his life ex - pired, placed him - self with -
 4 Mys - tery shrouds our life and death but we need not

from the cross as he shared the lone - li - ness
 o - pen grief: grant us, God, the tears which heal
 in God's care: At our dy - ing, Christ, may we
 be a - fraid, for the mys - tery's heart is love,

of our deep - est grief and loss.
 all our pain and un - be - lief.
 trust the love which con - quers fear.
 God's great love which Christ dis - played.

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HOLY WEEK

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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