

## Reflection

*Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
Shout in triumph, Daughter Jerusalem!  
Look, your King is coming to you;  
    he is righteous and victorious,  
    humble and riding on a donkey,  
    on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
    and the horse from Jerusalem.  
The bow of war will be removed,  
    and he will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His dominion will extend from sea to sea,  
    from the Euphrates River  
    to the ends of the earth.*

*Zechariah 9:9–10 (CSB)*

## Child Dedication

God has established a testimony in Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
He has commanded us to teach our children to love Christ,  
that the next generation might know Him  
and arise and speak of Him to their children,  
so that they should set their hope in Jesus Christ  
and not forget the works of God,  
but love Him with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength.

—Questions for Parents—

Parents, do you commit  
to trust God's promises made to you and your children in His Word,  
to seek God and gospel change in the way you live and parent your children,  
to teach God's Word to them and live life in light of the gospel in your home,  
to pray for them and teach them to pray, and  
to partner with our church by seeking their help and accountability and  
leading your children to do the same?

—Parents' Response—

**With God's help, we will  
impress on our children what we have heard and known,  
teach them to love God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength, and  
tell of the glorious deeds of the Lord Jesus—  
of His perfect life, His death on the cross and of His resurrection from the dead.**

—Charge to the Church—

Church, will you commit  
to seek God and seek gospel change in the way you live before these children,  
to pray for these children to love Jesus and trust in Him,  
to teach them the gospel through both your words and your example,  
to partner with these parents through both correction and encouragement,  
to pray for these parents, and  
to walk with them through the joys and trials of parenting?

—Church's Response—

**We, as Christ's church,  
with joy and thanksgiving,  
and by God's help**

**promise to love, encourage and support you,  
as you follow Christ and train your children in the word of God.**

### **Call To Worship**

*We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

#### **Our Spoken Call to Worship**

*Adapted from Matthew 21:9-10, 16;  
Luke 19:38, 40 (CSB)*

God has prepared praise from the mouths of infants and nursing babies!

**“Hosanna\*” to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
“Hosanna” in the highest heaven!**

Who is this who comes in the name of the Lord?

**This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.**

If we were to keep silent, the stones would cry out.

**Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!**

*\*“Hosanna” is a cry for salvation meaning, “We beg you to save us!”*

#### **Our Sung Call to Worship**

##### **Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder**

Verse 1

Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior’s name.  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

Verse 2

Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

Verse 3

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down,  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror’s crown.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Soon will bring us home to God.

Verse 4

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store.  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more.  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
He who washed us with His blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

Verse 5

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high.  
Here they trusted Him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky.  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood,  
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

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Confession

*We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.*

**Our Spoken Confession**

*Adapted from the writings of Thomas Brooks*

It is a true statement that our hearts are deceitful above all things and desperately wicked!

**Hosanna! Save us, Lord!**

Satan whispers, "It is but a little sin....a little pride,  
a little worldliness, a little lust. You may commit it without any danger to your soul. It is but a little one."

**Hosanna! Save us, Lord!**

Beware Christian! There is great danger—yes, many times more danger—in the smallest of sins.

**Hosanna! Save us, Lord!**

**Forgive us for those little sins  
that slide into our souls and breed  
and work secretly to become even greater.**

**Forgive us by the death of Christ  
for offending so great a God.  
Hosanna! Save us, Lord!**

*Take a few moments to consider those "little sins" that have plagued you during this last week and confess them to God.*

**Our Sung Confession**

**His Mercy is More**

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore—  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)

#### **Chorus**

**Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

#### **Verse 2**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus)

#### **Verse 3**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us—  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost!  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. (Chorus 2X's)

#### **Tag**

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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#### **Assurance and Peace**

*We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.*

#### **Remember the Gospel**

*Adapted from the writing of William Romaine*

Christ raises up from the dunghill  
those who trust in Him  
and sets us on a throne!

As vile and base as we are,  
He lets us approach Him  
and converse with Him freely!

He condescends to admit us into fellowship with Him  
and opens His treasures and says, "All these are yours.  
I bought them for you with the price of My blood,  
but I give them to you as a free gift!"

**Hallelujah! Thanks be to God  
who has raised us up with Him  
and made us walk with Him  
in the newness of life!**

**To Him be the glory and the dominion  
forever and ever, Amen.**

**Our Sung Profession of Assurance  
In Christ Alone**

#### Verse 1

In Christ alone, my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

#### Verse 2

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

#### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

#### Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

#### Tag

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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### **Thanksgiving and Petition**

#### **We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God**

*We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.*

#### **We Give Thanks by Giving**

*We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.*

*On the first Sunday of each month we have two offerings—one for the general fund and a second one for the benevolence ministry of our church.*

*You may give electronically at [gabcamees.org/giving/](http://gabcamees.org/giving/) or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.*

### **Scripture Reading**

Joshua 10:28-12:24 (CSB) - reader will only read Joshua 11:16-23

<sup>28</sup> On that day Joshua captured Makkedah and struck it down with the sword, including its king. He completely destroyed it and everyone in it, leaving no survivors. So he treated the king of Makkedah as he had the king of Jericho.

<sup>29</sup> Joshua and all Israel with him crossed from Makkedah to Libnah and fought against Libnah. <sup>30</sup> The LORD also handed it and its king over to Israel. He struck it down, putting everyone in it to the sword, and left no survivors in it. He treated Libnah's king as he had the king of Jericho.

<sup>31</sup> From Libnah, Joshua and all Israel with him crossed to Lachish. They laid siege to it and attacked it. <sup>32</sup> The LORD handed Lachish over to Israel, and Joshua captured it on the second day. He struck it down, putting everyone in it to the sword, just as he had done to Libnah. <sup>33</sup> At that time King Horam of Gezer went to help Lachish, but Joshua struck him down along with his people, leaving no survivors.

<sup>34</sup> Then Joshua crossed from Lachish to Eglon and all Israel with him. They laid siege to it and attacked it. <sup>35</sup> On that day they captured it and struck it down, putting everyone in it to the sword. He completely destroyed it that day, just as he had done to Lachish.

<sup>36</sup> Next, Joshua and all Israel with him went up from Eglon to Hebron and attacked it. <sup>37</sup> They captured it and struck down its king, all its villages, and everyone in it with the sword. He left no survivors, just as he had done at Eglon. He completely destroyed Hebron and everyone in it.

<sup>38</sup> Finally, Joshua turned toward Debir and attacked it. And all Israel was with him. <sup>39</sup> He captured it—its king and all its villages. They struck them down with the sword and completely destroyed everyone in it, leaving no survivors. He treated Debir and its king as he had treated Hebron and as he had treated Libnah and its king.

<sup>40</sup> So Joshua conquered the whole region—the hill country, the Negev, the Judean foothills, and the slopes—with all their kings, leaving no survivors. He completely destroyed every living being, as the LORD, the God of Israel, had commanded. <sup>41</sup> Joshua conquered everyone from Kadesh-barnea to Gaza, and all the land of Goshen as far as Gibeon. <sup>42</sup> Joshua captured all these kings and their land in one campaign, because the LORD, the God of Israel, fought for Israel. <sup>43</sup> Then Joshua returned with all Israel to the camp at Gilgal.

<sup>11:1</sup> When King Jabin of Hazor heard this news, he sent a message to: King Jobab of Madon, the kings of Shimron and Achshaph, <sup>2</sup> and the kings of the north in the hill country, the Arabah south of Chinnereth, the Judean foothills, and the Slopes of Dor to the west, <sup>3</sup> the Canaanites in the east and west, the Amorites, Hethites, Perizzites, and Jebusites in the hill country, and the Hivites at the foot of Hermon in the land of Mizpah. <sup>4</sup> They went out with all their armies—a multitude as numerous as the sand on the seashore—along with a vast number of horses and chariots. <sup>5</sup> All these kings joined forces; they came and camped together at the Waters of Merom to attack Israel.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, for at this time tomorrow I will cause all of them to be killed before Israel. You are to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots." <sup>7</sup> So Joshua and all his troops surprised them at the Waters of Merom and attacked them. <sup>8</sup> The LORD handed them over to Israel, and they struck them down, pursuing them as far as greater Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, and to the east as far as the Valley of Mizpeh. They struck them down, leaving no survivors. <sup>9</sup> Joshua treated them as the LORD had told him; he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots.

<sup>10</sup> At that time Joshua turned back, captured Hazor, and struck down its king with the sword, because Hazor had formerly been the leader of all these kingdoms. <sup>11</sup> They struck down everyone in it with the sword, completely destroying them; he left no one alive. Then he burned Hazor.

<sup>12</sup> Joshua captured all these kings and their cities and struck them down with the sword. He completely destroyed them, as Moses the LORD's servant had commanded. <sup>13</sup> However, Israel did not burn any of the cities that stood on their mounds except Hazor, which Joshua burned. <sup>14</sup> The Israelites plundered all the spoils and cattle of these cities for themselves. But they struck down every person with the sword until they had annihilated them, leaving no one alive. <sup>15</sup> Just as the LORD had commanded his servant Moses, Moses commanded Joshua. That is what Joshua did, leaving nothing undone of all that the LORD had

commanded Moses.

<sup>16</sup> So Joshua took all this land—the hill country, all the Negev, all the land of Goshen, the foothills, the Arabah, and the hill country of Israel with its foothills—<sup>17</sup> from Mount Halak, which ascends to Seir, as far as Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon at the foot of Mount Hermon. He captured all their kings and struck them down, putting them to death. <sup>18</sup> Joshua waged war with all these kings for a long time. <sup>19</sup> No city made peace with the Israelites except the Hivites who inhabited Gibeon; all of them were taken in battle. <sup>20</sup> For it was the LORD's intention to harden their hearts, so that they would engage Israel in battle, be completely destroyed without mercy, and be annihilated, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>21</sup> At that time Joshua proceeded to exterminate the Anakim from the hill country—Hebron, Debir, Anab—all the hill country of Judah and of Israel. Joshua completely destroyed them with their cities. <sup>22</sup> No Anakim were left in the land of the Israelites, except for some remaining in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod.

<sup>23</sup> So Joshua took the entire land, in keeping with all that the LORD had told Moses. Joshua then gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to their tribal allotments. After this, the land had rest from war.

<sup>12:1</sup> The Israelites struck down the following kings of the land and took possession of their land beyond the Jordan to the east and from the Arnon River to Mount Hermon, including all the Arabah eastward:

<sup>2</sup> King Sihon of the Amorites lived in Heshbon. He ruled from Aroer on the rim of the Arnon River, along the middle of the valley, and half of Gilead up to the Jabbok River (the border of the Ammonites), <sup>3</sup> the Arabah east of the Sea of Chinnereth to the Sea of Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea), eastward through Beth-jeshimoth and southward below the slopes of Pisgah.

<sup>4</sup> King Og of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, lived in Ashtaroth and Edrei. <sup>5</sup> He ruled over Mount Hermon, Salecah, all Bashan up to the Geshurite and Maacathite border, and half of Gilead to the border of King Sihon of Heshbon. <sup>6</sup> Moses the LORD's servant and the Israelites struck them down. And Moses the LORD's servant gave their land as an inheritance to the Reubenites, Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh.

<sup>7</sup> Joshua and the Israelites struck down the following kings of the land beyond the Jordan to the west, from Baal-gad in the Valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, which ascends toward Seir (Joshua gave their land as an inheritance to the tribes of Israel according to their allotments: <sup>8</sup> the hill country, the Judean foothills, the Arabah, the slopes, the wilderness, and the Negev—the lands of the Hethites, Ammonites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites):

<sup>9</sup> the king of Jericho	one
the king of Ai, which is next to Bethel	one
<sup>10</sup> the king of Jerusalem	one
the king of Hebron	one
<sup>11</sup> the king of Jarmuth	one
the king of Lachish	one
<sup>12</sup> the king of Eglon	one
the king of Gezer	one
<sup>13</sup> the king of Debir	one
the king of Gedar	one
<sup>14</sup> the king of Hormah	one
the king of Arad	one
<sup>15</sup> the king of Libnah	one
the king of Adullam	one
<sup>16</sup> the king of Makkedah	one
the king of Bethel	one
<sup>17</sup> the king of Tappuah	one
the king of Hepher	one
<sup>18</sup> the king of Aphek	one
the king of Lasharon	one
<sup>19</sup> the king of Madon	one
the king of Hazor	one
<sup>20</sup> the king of Shimron-meron	one
the king of Achshaph	one
<sup>21</sup> the king of Taanach	one
the king of Megiddo	one
<sup>22</sup> the king of Kedesh	one
the king of Jokneani in Carmel	one
<sup>23</sup> the king of Dor in Naphath-dor	one

the king of Goiim in Gilgal	one
<sup>24</sup> the king of Tirzah	one
the total number of all kings:	thirty-one.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

Joshua 10:28-12:24 - Hosanna! Blessed is the Coming Kingdom! - Pastor Eric Schumacher

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

### **Sending**

*Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in spoken word.*

### **Blessing**

May the God who has qualified you  
and bound himself to you  
through Christ Jesus our Lord  
cause you to be careful to stand firm  
and strengthen you to hold fast and without wavering  
to that which cannot fail.