

# The Reign of Wisdom



# GATHERING & PROCESSION

*We stand as able.*

*Assembly turns to face the entrance.*

*Presider:* Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Beloved.

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*Presider:* Our hearts know only this song of praise for You,  
Wondrous One,  
for the acts of love by which You call us home  
through Christ.  
On this day Jesus enters the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph,  
and is proclaimed as King of kings  
by all who are utterly foolish of heart.  
These branches hail the victorious power of Love.  
May we who bear them  
ever receive Jesus as Christ,  
and follow the Beloved's way as the path of Life.

*All:* **Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

### COLLECT

*Presider:* The Beloved is with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks.

*Assembly:* **Our hearts rejoice to offer our thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* Let us pray:

*All:* **Hosanna in the highest!**

*Presider:* No longer are we weighed down  
by our small notions of right and wrong;

*Assembly:* **Wisdom has built her home of our heart.**

*Presider:* No longer are we buffeted about  
by passing thoughts and fleeting emotions;

*Assembly:* **Wisdom stands solid as a mountain, our very soul.**

*Presider:* No longer are we consumed  
by vain pursuit of false gods to confirm self-worth;  
*Assembly:* **Wisdom is the wondrous Guest we have longed for all our lives.**  
*All:* **Blessed is the One who reigns in the name of God.**  
**Hosanna in the highest! Amen.**

*We sit.*

## Telling the Story

### WISDOM OF SOLOMON 10.15-17

*Reader:* A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

It is Wisdom who delivered a holy people, a  
blameless stock, from a nation of oppressors;  
She entered the soul of one of YHWH's faithful,  
who, with signs and wonders,  
was able to stand against an imposing ruler.  
She rewarded the labors of a holy people  
and guided them on a wondrous quest,  
becoming their shade by day  
and their starlight at night.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 47

### 1 CORINTHIANS 3.18-23

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's letter to the community at Corinth.

Don't delude yourselves. Any who think themselves wise in a worldly way had better become fools. In that way you will really be wise, for the wisdom of this world is absurdity with God – as scripture says, "God knows how empty are the thoughts of the wise," and again, "God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise." So there is nothing to boast about in anything human, whether it be Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – all these are yours, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand as able.*

Hymn

## MARK 11.1-11

*Deacon:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Assembly:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethpage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two of the disciples with this instruction: “Go to the village straight ahead of you, and as soon as you enter it you will find tethered there a colt on which no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it back. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing that?’ say, ‘The Rabbi needs it, but will send it back very soon.’” So they went off, and finding a colt tethered out on the street near a gate, they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, “What do you mean by untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them take it. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks across its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And everyone around Jesus, in front or in back of him, cried out,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who comes  
in the name of Our God!

Blessed is the coming reign of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest!”

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the Temple precincts. He inspected everything there, but since it was already late in the afternoon, he went out to Bethany accompanied by the Twelve.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of silence follows the Gospel, begun and ended with the ringing of the bowl.  
Allow your attention to drop in and down and rest upon the Divine breath breathing you.*

*We sit.*

TEACHING

*We stand as able.*

HEART OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

For this community, that it may be filled with Wisdom, without end, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

For all who stand in awe of God and trust with the heart of Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as Christ and the Beloved are one, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

For those whose hearts are blinded by fear, ignorance, and greed, that they may receive the light of Christ, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

For the peace of the world (especially \_\_\_\_\_), that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

For those in positions of public trust (especially \_\_\_\_\_), that borne by Wisdom they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer (especially \_\_\_\_\_); for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

For those here gathered, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your merciful presence in who we are and how we live, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

For all who have died (especially \_\_\_\_\_) – these blessed and holy ones – as their pilgrimage in You unfolds in new and unforeseen ways, we pray,

**May Holy Wisdom be our guide.**

*Silence*

*Presider:* For yours is the majesty, Holy Source of life, hope and love, now and for ever.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

## HOSPITALITY

Welcoming of Visitors and Guests

Announcements

Recognition of Birthdays & Anniversaries

# Fed with Thanksgiving

Presentation Anthem

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*Presider:* Holy Wisdom is with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts

*Assembly:* **We lift them to the heavens.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks.

*Assembly:* **We gratefully lay open our hearts and minds and bodies in gratitude and praise.**

*Presider:* All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you create all things.  
You lay the foundations of the world  
and enclose the sea when it bursts out from the womb;  
You bring forth all creatures of the earth and give breath to humankind.  
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all  
creation as we shout with joy:

## SANCTUS

*Presider:* Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
your Word speaks, even as silence;  
You call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
You deliver them from bondage  
and lead them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, You give Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,

to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.  
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
You free us from sin,  
bring us into your life,  
reconcile us to You,  
and restore us to the glory You intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he dies for us  
Jesus takes bread,  
and when he has given thanks to You, he breaks it,  
gives it to his friends and says:  
Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
After supper Jesus takes the cup of wine,  
says the blessing, gives it to his friends and says:  
Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
And so, remembering your love  
in cross, tomb, resurrection and ascension,  
knowing Christ alive in all creation,  
transfigured through your Spirit,  
we present to You these gifts  
your sacred earth has formed and blessed human hands have made,  
and we acclaim You.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.  
Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with blessed Paul of Tarsus and Marguerite Porete and all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship You our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

**All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

*Presider:* In the Spirit of Christ we now sing,

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Presider:* We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.

**Assembly: We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

*Presider:* The Gifts of God.  
All are invited to God's table.

## THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn

# SENDING FORTH

*We stand as able.*

*Presider:* Let us pray

**All: Eternal Source of love,  
You graciously accept us as living members  
of Jesus Christ, the Life-giver,  
and You feed us with spiritual food  
from your generous and open table.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ. Amen.**

*Presider:* The Wisdom of God,  
the Love of God,  
and the Grace of God  
strengthen us to be Christ's hands and heart in this world.

**Assembly: Amen.**

Hymn:        **ROBED IN CHRIST’S LOVE**

*Refrain:*

Robed in Christ’s Love,  
God’s body may we be.  
The world is One as Christ,  
eternally.

*Verses:*

Rise from your sleep,  
let sloth slip to the grave,  
stand tall clothed in Love,  
renewed in dignity.

Rise from your sleep,  
deceit’s dark veil falls free,  
stride forth clothed in Hope,  
heart’s strength is charity.

Rise from your sleep,  
fear flees from Paradise,  
as hearts rest in Faith,  
Christ’s life becomes the way.

Words: Kevin G. Thew Forrester (b. 1957)

Music: *Crucifer*; 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H Nicholson (1875-1947); desc. Richard Proulx  
(b. 1937)

*Presider:*    Go in peace to love and serve.

*Assembly:*   **Thanks be to God.**

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