

# Christ Rides through The Gate for Us

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Jn 12:12-19; Ps 118.19-29; Phil 2.5-11; Lk 19.28-40

## Introduction

Why Palm Sunday?

## I. Psalm 118.1-29

### A. The Procession into the Temple

Psalm 118 appears to be a psalm written for the dedication of the new temple (c. 516 B.C.) after the period of \_\_\_\_\_ in Babylon.

“Verses 1-19 is sung by the festive procession brought up by the priests and Levites, which is ascending to the Temple with the \_\_\_\_\_ for sacrifice.” (Keil and Delitzsch, *Psalms*, 721)

Psalm 118:1–18 (ESV)

Lectern Side

Pulpit Side

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**for his steadfast love endures forever!**

2 Let Israel say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

3 Let the house of Aaron say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

4 Let those who fear the LORD say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**



## **C. Receiving the Sacrificial Procession**

“The second part (vv.20-27) is sung by the body of Levites who \_\_\_\_\_ the festive procession.”

Psalm 118:20–27 (ESV)

- 20 This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**
- 21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- 25 Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!**
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- 27 The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon  
us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!**

## **D. The Procession Answers**

Psalm 118:28 (ESV)

- 28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to  
you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

## **E. The Whole Assembly Sings**

Psalm 118:29 (ESV)

<sup>29</sup> **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

## **II. Enter the King of Kings, The Lamb of God**

Psalm 118 was likely the \_\_\_\_\_ that the disciples before Jesus headed out to the Garden of Gethsemane, and to His trial and death.

What did these words helped the people remember?

Why is it significant that Jesus was welcomed to Jerusalem with words from Psalm 118?

Philippians 2:6–11

## **Conclusion**

CCT: Christ, the Righteous One, entered the gate of the cross for us.