

Hooray!

This call to worship or opening prayer was an attempt to capture some of the energy and excitement not of a military parade but of Palm Sunday where Jesus rode on a humble donkey.

Hooray!
Hosanna!
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!

Blessed is the one who comes to us
not in power and military might
not in pomp and aristocratic ceremony
not in uncompromising victorious certainty
not with the conscription papers that leave no room for doubt.

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Blessed is the one who comes to us
in the telling of stories of daily domestic life
in the eating with those society deems unrespectable
in the flouting of conventions and religious restrictions
in the inviting to join an uncertain and risky journey.

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