



Anthem: Hosanna, Hosanna!

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(ASCAP)

Things of the Old Testament which have new meaning in the New Testament show the continuity of God's plan from old covenants with the people of Israel to the new covenant for all people through Jesus Christ.

For example, a lamb sacrificed and offered to God by Old Testament Hebrews to atone for their sins has a new meaning in the New Testament. Here Jesus is given the name Lamb of God as he is the final and ultimate sacrifice for man's sin, and there is no need for repeated lamb sacrifices.

It is the same with the words "*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*" which is found in the Old and New Testaments.

**Psalm 118:26** – In the Old Testament, the greeting of this verse was given annually, possibly at the Feast of the Tabernacles.<sup>1</sup> This greeting will be used again in the New Testament.

**John 12:13** - The joyful greeting of this New Testament verse was shouted out by the crowd who waved palm branches as Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey.

**Matthew 23:39** – The New Testament scripture quotes Jesus as saying Christians will call out this greeting at the ultimate coming of Christ.<sup>1</sup>

Hosanna in excelsis deo! Praise to God in the highest!

Jesus is the Messiah who comes in the name of God, who brings us God's word, and who is the Son of God.

**Prayer:** Lord, as I imagine myself being in the crowd who saw you riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, I feel the excitement of watching you and feel your eyes upon me as I shout "Hosanna!"

Give us the excitement of the crowd on that day as we sing the praises we owe you as we know what you are about to do on our behalf in the coming days of Holy Week. Hosanna! Amen.

Anthem Text

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Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!  
Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis deo.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Blessed is He who brings us the word of the Lord.

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Blessed is He, the Son of our heavenly King.

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<sup>1</sup> Disciple's Study Bible: footnote for Psalm 118:26.