



Palm Sunday Yr B – 28th March 2021

Welcome:

Greeting:

On this Palm Sunday, as we witness Jesus entering Jerusalem,
May the Lord be with you

And also with you

Song: We are Marching in the Light of God
(with children marching with palms)

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching
We are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching
We are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God

We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
We are living, living

We are living Oh Oh
We are living in the love of God
We are living living
We are living Oh Oh
We are living in the love of God

We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving moving
We are moving Oh Oh
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving moving
We are moving Oh Oh
We are moving in the power of God

Moment of Stillness:

There is a rumbling in us that won't let go.
It stirs in us like the wind stirs leaves—inviting us to move, drawing us forth.
When we're quiet, we know that rumble is the Holy Spirit,
Dancing love awake in us.
We're here.
And we're still.
And we're quiet.

In this quiet moment let's be still and aware of the Spirit's presence within
and all around us.

Lent Candles:

In Lent we set love upon our hearts and feet and walk with Jesus towards the
cross. As a reminder that Jesus did not shy from entering the darkest and
most difficult places, we blow out a candle each week.

On this final Sunday in Lent, we blow out all 6 Lent candles [*Blow out candles*]

In our walking we know that we are not alone,
for Jesus has walked this road before us,

and God's Spirit rests upon us as we take this journey forward.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

We acknowledge the sovereign First Peoples of this country on which we gather today; the Gadigal and Wangal people. And we pay our respects to their Elders past and present, together with all descendants.

We commit ourselves to support Voice, Treaty, Truth – justice for First Nations Peoples.

Call to Worship:

Waving gently
Watching, whispering
The King comes riding
riding on a donkey
He is coming
He is coming

Waving wildly
Singing, shouting
Praise to the King
Hosanna, hosanna
He is here
He is here

Waving wistfully
Watching, wondering
What will happen
to the King in Jerusalem?
He is going
He is going

With them, with heart and voice, we shout:
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Opening Prayer:

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout,
daughter of Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you; righteous*

*and having salvation, gentle and riding on
a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*
(Zechariah 9:9)

Jesus, we celebrate you.

As the people spread their coats and palm branches
on the ground to welcome you into Jerusalem,
so, we welcome you into our lives this morning.

King of Glory, King of Peace, Servant King,
reign in our hearts and lives this day and all days,
that we might praise your holy name.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Amen

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, you set your face towards Jerusalem
and walked along-side those who suffer.

We are sorry when we have turned our faces away from those who suffer.
Be our vision that we too may walk the way of the cross
and extend a hand to those we meet.

**God of our hope,
Forgive us and heal us**

Jesus, you stopped to heal the sick,
cure the lame and give sight to the blind.

We are sorry when we have turned our faces away from those in need.
Be our vision that we too may give time to others
and respond to their needs.

**God of our hope,
Forgive us and heal us**

Jesus, you ate with tax collectors and sinners and heard their stories.

We are sorry when we have turned our faces away from other's stories.

Be our vision that we too may listen to those who are despised and rejected
and value their lives.

**God of our hope,
Forgive us and heal us**

Jesus, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.

We are sorry when we have turned our faces away from peace.

Be our vision that we too may desire peace where others desire war
and may work for justice where injustice reigns.

Forgive us and heal us

For you are our hope and our salvation.

Amen.

During Lent we will respond to our confession with the

Song: O Lord hear my prayer

Oh, Lord hear my prayer

Oh, Lord hear my prayer

When I call answer me

Oh, Lord hear my prayer

Oh, Lord hear my prayer

Come and listen to me

Words of Assurance:

Jesus brings love, hope and healing.

Hear then Christ's words to us.

"Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God!

Peace:

As we walk the road of love with Jesus, let
us share God's peace with our companions:

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with those around us.

Moment for the young at heart:

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of a teacher,^[b]

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

In this is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Chris

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread
forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.
Amen**

'Freddo' Moment: The congregation share good news

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

Creator God,
Take our Lenten offerings

and make them radical;
Grow their actions,
enable their impact.
As we prepare for tomorrow,
may your will be done.
On earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.

Song: I, the Lord of sea and sky

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky,
I Have Heard My People Cry.
All Who Dwell In Dark And Sin,
My Hand Will Save.
I Who Made The Stars Of Night,
I Will Make Their Darkness Bright.
Who Will Bear My Light To Them?
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

I, The Lord Of Snow And Rain,
I Have Borne My People's Pain.
I Have Wept For Love Of Them, They Turn Away.
I Will Break Their Hearts Of Stone,
Give Them Hearts For Love Alone.
I Will Speak My Word To Them
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

I, The Lord Of Wind And Flame
I Will Tend The Poor And Lame.
I Will Set A Feast For Them,
My Hand Will Save

Finest Bread I Will Provide,
Till Their Hearts Be Satisfied.
I Will Give My Life To Them,
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

Benediction & Blessing:

As you leave this space,
May your mouth speak of God's goodness.
May your arms hold those in need.
May your feet walk toward justice.
May your heart trust its worth.
May your soul dance in God's grace.

And may this be your rhythm— Again and again and again,
Until God's promised day.

Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Spirit of Love

3-fold-Amen

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