



Palm Sunday Yr B – 24th March 2024

Greeter: *Mehry*

Meditation Song: *Jesus, remember me* (TIS 730)
(please remain seated)

Jesus remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me.
when you come into your kingdom.
(repeat)

Welcome:

Greeting:

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

And also with you

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:

This is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here. We pay our respects to the Gadigal and Wangal people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather today.

We are grateful for the grace they have shown in extending the hand of reconciliation to us in the call to pursue justice together for a better future for all. **May we walk together for justice and peace.**

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
The King rides on towards 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:

Holy God,
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the hosannas.
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the noise of city streets.
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over our racing thoughts.
Sometimes it is hard to hear you in this noisy world.
So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem,
stop traffic here.
Pause the rush.
Open the gates.
Dwell among us,
until your Word is all we can hear.
Help us to listen.
Help us to lay down our cloaks.

Amen

Hymn: All glory praise and honour (TIS 333)

Refrain:

*All glory, praise and honour,
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1 You are the king of Israel,
great David's royal son;
now in the Lord's name coming,

the king and blessed one.

Refrain

2 The company of angels
are praising you on high,
and we with all creation
exultant make reply:

Refrain

3 To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

4 Their praises you accepted:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good take pleasure,
our good and gracious king.

Prayer of Confession:

In our prayer of confession, we trust that no matter what we do or don't do, this story ends with love. So, in this knowledge, let us pray:

Jesus, you set your face towards Jerusalem
and walked alongside 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 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 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 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 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 walk the way of the cross
and be your peace in the world.

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

Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name.
Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!"
With hope in our hearts, we pray to you,
Amen

Words of assurance:

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
Nothing can separate us from God's love.
We are loved. We are forgiven.
Hosanna! Amen.

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 one another

Hymn: When I survey (TIS 342)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Moment for the young at heart: Graham

Bible Readings: Chris W

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible reading:

The middle part of the book of the prophet Isaiah contains four poems that we now call the songs of the suffering servant. Here the prophet meditates on his sufferings and the price of fidelity to God.

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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?

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.

Hear the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection: Rev Joy

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Alison

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**

Community News:

Conversation with: Tanya

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

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

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

2. 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,
We are living Oh
We are living in the love of God
We are living
We are living Oh
We are living in the love of God

3. 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
We are moving Oh
We are moving in the power of God
We are moving
We are moving Oh
We are moving in the power of God

Benediction & Blessing:

May God, whose arms
were spread on the cross embrace you.
And may the journey of this Holy Week lead you
into the fullness of Christ's love.

And the blessing of God Almighty;
Creator, Christ and Spirit
Be upon you and remain with you always.

3-fold-Amen

Pastoral Prayers: Christo & Brian

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