



Palm Sunday Yr C 13th April 2025
Frank's Baptism

Greeter: Wendy

Lighting of the candles:

Meditation Song: A new commandment (TIS 699)
(please remain seated)

A new commandment I give unto you
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another;
by this will others know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
(repeat)

Welcome:

Greeting:

On this Palm Sunday,
as we witness Jesus arriving in Jerusalem
May Christ be with you
And also with you

Moment of Stillness:

There is a stirring 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 stirring 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 us
and all around us.

Lent Candles: Our children

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 – keep Christ candle alight]

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 of Country: Our children
(written by 1E – Dobroyd Point Public School)***

Thank you to the Gadigal and Wangal people
of the Eora Nation for letting us use your land.
We promise to look after it; the people and the animals too.
Hello land
Hello sky
Hello me
Hello friends

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: To God be the glory (TIS 147)

1To God be the glory, great things He has done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life in atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He has done.

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
and every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He has done.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He has done.

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 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 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:

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
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.

Moment for the young at heart: Emma

Baptism Song: Into the Deep (Roxanne McLeod)

1. From different streams of life we come,
drawn to the Source of living hope;
ready to trust in the depths of God's love;
abandoning fear, God's calling us near.

Chorus

And so we will go into the deep,
where we will find our place with those who believe;
the shallows behind, together we'll be
immersed in God's grace, carried by love, into the deep.

2. We will find peace in the mystery of faith.
Living our lives in joyful praise,
ready to dive in the depths of God's grace,
surrendering all, we follow God's call.

Chorus

And so we will go into the deep,
where we will find our place with those who believe;
the shallows behind, together we'll be
immersed in God's grace, carried by love, into the deep.

3. Here in the deep we are never alone,
as we declare one faith, one hope,
learning from those who have gone here before;
welcomed to be in God's family.

Chorus

And so we will go into the deep,
where we will find our place with those who believe;
the shallows behind, together we'll be
immersed in God's grace, carried by love, into the deep.

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Baptism of Frank:

Bible Reading: Milton

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.' " ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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:

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.

We hear from our children:

Song: Hosanna

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Lord we lift up Your name,
With our hearts full of praise,
Be exalted oh Lord my God,
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings,

Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings.
Lord we lift up Your name,
With our hearts full of praise,
Be exalted oh Lord my God,
Glory to the King of Kings.

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: Chris W

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