

## **Notices**

- Tuesday: Oxford Leg Walkers; 7:30pm Tenebrae
  - Wednesday: 7:30pm, Lent Group, HH
- Maundy Thursday: 2:30pm, Communion, Hanover
- Good Friday: 10am Walk; 2pm Meditative, Hethel
  - Easter Sunday: 8am BCP; 10am All Age
- 16 Apr MARDLE DEADLINE (for May/June edition)
  - Help with Ukraine... Bev's sister – GoFundMe

## **Palm Sunday Gathering Prayer**

Wonderful God, thank you that you meet us  
right here where we are sitting –  
in the ordinary stuff and activities of this day.

As we journey through Holy Week,  
may we recognise you in Christ Jesus,  
be empowered to live like him –  
to live into the preciousness of the life  
that you sustain in us.

**Amen.**

## **Praise is rising**

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

When we see You  
We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears  
Are washed away, washed away

Hosanna, Hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna, Hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new

You make all things new

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We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears  
Are washed away, washed away

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### **The Great Parade: Dramatic Retelling**



### **Palm Sunday Tension**

Palm Sunday presents us with a loud, chaotic, tense and mysterious encounter between Jesus, the crowds, the disciples and the Pharisees.

Some were cheering, others grumbling. But why? The crowds were expecting Jesus to be the Messiah, the bringer of peace, but they thought this meant Jesus was going to overthrow the Roman rule, and upturn corrupt religion. They believed this entry into Jerusalem was going to begin a

revolution.

The Pharisees grumbled because they didn't like what Jesus said.

They didn't agree with his teaching. They could see what the crowds wanted Jesus to do and they didn't want a revolution.

They feared the power of Rome and they enjoyed their prestige, having and doing church the way that they liked.

I wonder –

1) What expectations do we have of Jesus? What do we expect him to do for us, and how, and when..and why?

2) And what about when we have differences of opinions with others about who Jesus is? How do those differences of opinions pan out in our families, our friendships, our churches? What is difficult for you? What is good about that? Lets just have a moment of quiet to sit with those questions.

### **Call to worship**

We look for an all-powerful king,  
but Jesus confidently comes among us as an ordinary commoner.

How extraordinary!

Are we still looking for God in the wrong places?

### **Saying Sorry**

We are sorry, Lord Jesus,  
for the moments when our hosannas are loud but lacking in love,  
when we chase the lure of worldly power,  
but miss the signs of heavenly glory  
when we choose popularity  
over integrity,  
when we would silence those  
who speak the truth  
and are silent when we could speak out.  
Forgive us, and inspire our steps  
as we follow you to the Cross...  
and beyond.

**Amen.**

### **Receiving Forgiveness**

God of all that is,  
your power is both mighty  
and vulnerable,  
and you both judge and forgive.  
Your son is both King and servant,  
and he both teaches and serves.

Receiving Forgiveness  
You hear our words  
and you understand our silence  
and you both accept and inspire.  
Loving God, thank you for this day,  
for this journey, and for your Son who draws us closer to you.  
**Amen.**

**Make me a channel of your peace**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred  
let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury,  
your pardon, Lord  
And where there's doubt,  
true faith in you.

Oh, Master grant that  
I may never seek  
So much to be consoled  
as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love  
with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there's despair in life,  
let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness,  
only light  
And where there's sadness,  
ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that  
I may never seek  
So much to be consoled  
as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love  
with all my soul.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## What's in a name?



Jesus

Christ



What's in a name? Does anyone know what their name means? Who chose your name? Why did they choose it?

Jesus has a special name too. Jesus is His human name, which means God with us. That name is still used today. Lots of people are called Jesus. But people aren't called Christ. But Christ isn't Jesus' surname. It's a title given him which has a cosmic significance. And it's something that Jesus acknowledges in the middle of all of this tension.

When the Pharisees ask him to silence the crowd he says 'if mouths stay closed, the stones will cry out' What does he mean? He is saying that creation worships him. Even if and when we don't. That the very atoms of the fabric of creation recognise who he is and will praise him. Wow. The stones worship Jesus too. Not just us.

So, let's have a think. What do you think the stones would say? What do they know about him? What would they want us to know about him? If that's a bit too out there for you, what do you think about him? What do you say about him? What can you praise Jesus for?

Let's make some bunting .. and let the stones cry out.

## **The Stones Cry Out: Bunting**



### **The Profession of Faith:**

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

### **Hosanna, hosanna**

Hosanna, hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Lord we lift up Your name  
With 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 hearts full of praise  
Be exalted oh Lord my God  
Hosanna in the highest  
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**Blessed is the king who comes**

Blessed is the King who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
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in the name of the Lord

Peace in Heaven  
and glory in the highest!  
When mouths stay closed  
the stones will cry out!

Majestic is the King who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
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Peace in Heaven  
and glory in the highest!  
When mouths stay closed  
the stones will cry out!

Triumphant is the King who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
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Peace in Heaven  
and glory in the highest!  
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the stones will cry out!

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### **The Stones Cry Out: Offering Our Prayers**



#### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,  
the power and glory are yours  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

#### **Make way, make way**

Make way, make way

For Christ the King

In splendour arrives

Fling wide the gates and welcome Him

Into your lives



Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
For the King of kings  
(For the King of kings)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
And let His kingdom in

He comes the broken hearts to heal  
The prisoners to free  
The deaf shall hear,  
the lame shall dance  
The blind shall see

Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
For the King of kings  
(For the King of kings)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
And let His kingdom in

And those who mourn  
with heavy hearts  
Who weep and sigh  
With laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify

Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
For the King of kings  
(For the King of kings)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
And let His kingdom in

We call you now to worship Him  
As Lord of all  
To have no gods before Him  
Their thrones must fall!

Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
For the King of kings  
(For the King of kings)

Make way! (Make way!)  
Make way! (Make way!)  
And let His kingdom in

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### **Closing Blessing**

Lord Jesus, you journeyed to Jerusalem many times,  
as a child and as a man, touching many lives along the way  
as you taught and healed and challenged.

Thank you for inviting us to journey with you today,  
for showing us the depth of your courage and the power of your love.  
Thank you, Lord, for being our King and Saviour – and our friend.

You are worthy of all our praise.

And so the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us,  
now and always.

**Amen.**