**Morning Worship for 28th March 2021**

***As we begin this act of worship let us remember all those not able to be with us who are joining us in their own homes, we remember that there are many friends who are doing the same and are joining with us in worship. Although we will not be having hymns in church for those of you at home If you have you-tube then please find an appropriate version of the suggested hymns and join in the singing on-line. As you go through this time of worship try to remember this reality; you are in the presence of God who holds us all in His care and keeping.***

**The Greeting:**

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father**

**And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

**Collect of the day:**

Almighty and everlasting God,

Who in your tender love towards the

Human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

To take upon him our flesh

And to suffer death upon the cross.

Grant that we may follow the example

Of his patience and humility,

And also be made partakers of his resurrection;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Our Declaration of faith**

**The preaching of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,**

**but to those who are being saved, it is the power of God.**

**To those who are called, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

**For the folly of God is wiser than human wisdom,**

**And the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.**

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your holy cross,**

**You have redeemed the world.**

**Hymn:** All glory laud and honour.

In church the hymn or music will be played for us to listen to reflectively.

**Readings**: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, Philippians 2: 5-11.

**Hymn**: Ride on ride on in majesty.

In church the hymn or music will be played for us to listen to reflectively.

**Gospel Reading**: Mark 11: 1-11.

**Reflection:** This will be delivered by the Leader in church.

(For those at home a reflection will be sent through separately by Clive.)

**Hymn:** Make way, make way.

In church the hymn or music will be played for us to listen to reflectively.

**Prayers for others:** This morning let us pause for prayer for so many people and for so many situations.

Today as we pray with thanksgiving for the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem, we pray for that Holy City and for all Christian pilgrims who gather together to begin their celebration and remembrance of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray for all Christian people; that through the suffering of disunity, there may grow a rich union in Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, and for those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace.

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement. For those, who weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them.

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, for those struggling through this current pandemic, for those who have died that they may find mercy in the day of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

And 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 the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

**Hymn:** You are the King of glory.

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**A Song of the Wilderness:**

**The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

The wilderness and the dry land shall rejoice, the desert shall blossom and burst into song. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weary hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to the anxious, ‘be strong, fear not, your God is coming with judgement to save you;’ Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; Then shall the lame leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the ransomed of the Lord shall return with singing, with everlasting joy upon their heads. Joy and gladness shall be theirs, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**Blessing:**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,

and keep us in eternal life.

May Christ, the Son of God, gladden our hearts

with the good news of his kingdom.

May God, our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

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

**Amen.**