



Look - our king is coming

Morning Worship online during 3rd lockdown

6th Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11

Philip Robertson

PALM SUNDAY

Zechariah 9:9-12

The Lord says: Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.

I will remove the battle chariots from Israel and the warhorses from Jerusalem. I will destroy all the weapons used in battle, and your king will bring peace to the nations. His realm will stretch from sea to sea and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth. Because of the covenant I made with you, sealed with blood, I will free your prisoners from death in a waterless dungeon. Come back to the place of safety, all you prisoners who still have hope! I promise this very day that I will repay two blessings for each of your troubles.

Let us pray:

God of all time, as we prepare to worship you on Palm Sunday and during this Holy Week - and coming out of our third lock down - help us call to mind the final days in Jesus' life so that we can see their significance for our present lives, and for the future you are preparing for all creation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

1ST SONG – MAKE WAY MAKE WAY!

Graham Kendrick

Make way, make way,
(Make way, make way.)

For the King of kings,
(For the King of kings.)
(x2)

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.

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

We call You now to worship Him
As Lord of all.
To have no gods before Him,
Their thrones must fall.

WE MAY LIFT HIM UP IN OUR HEARTS

Thomas Watson

(from Tim Chester's book 'An Ocean of Grace')

The whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for the miracle they had seen: 'blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!' ... Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!' 'I tell you.' he replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.' *Luke 19:37-40*

Today is Palm Sunday, when we remember how, as Jesus entered Jerusalem, he was acclaimed by the crowds. It was a prophetic moment – a sign of his true identity and status. But it was not humanity's final verdict on Jesus. A few days later the religious leaders judged Jesus to be a blasphemer; the political authorities condemned him as a rebel; and public opinion cried out for the crucifixion. But Good Friday was not the end of the court case. In the court of heaven, the verdict of humanity was overturned. Jesus was not a blasphemer – he is the Son of God. Nor was he a rebel – he is the rightful king of creation. In today's reading, adapted from Thomas Watson, we give assent to the verdict of heaven as we praise the exalted Jesus. Then we turn from praising Christ to addressing our own hearts, that we might find comfort in Christ's exaltation.

We worship you, Lord Jesus, exalted
above the heavens:

On earth you were hated and scorned
by men;
now you are adored by angels.
On earth your name was reproached;
now God has given you
"the name that is above every
name." *Philippians 2:9*
On earth you came in the form of a
servant;
now the kings of the earth cast their
crowns before you.
On earth you were a man of sorrows;
now you are anointed with the oil of
gladness.
On earth was your crucifixion;
now your coronation.
On earth your Father frowned on you
in desertion;
now he has set you at his right hand.
Oh, what an exchange!
You have been exalted at God's right
hand;
the key of government is laid on your
shoulders;
you govern all the affairs of the world
for your own glory.
And though so highly advanced,
with all power in heaven and earth
in your hands,
yet will you take care of your elect
people,
turning the most astonishing
providences
to the good of your church.
Like a clock whose wheels move across
one another,
but all make the clock strike,
so you make the most cross-
providences
move towards the salvation of your
church.

We worship you, Lord Jesus, seated at
God's right hand,
for the work of our redemption is
finished.
If you had not fully cancelled sin and
satisfied God's law,
you would still be lying in the grave.
But your glory is a clear sign
that you have done and suffered all
that was required
for accomplishment of our redemption.
And through so highly exalted in glory,
yet you do not forget your people on
earth.
You are our high priest, with all the
names and wants
of your people written upon your
breastplate. Amen.

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This is comfort for the poorest
Christian.
Are you tempted?
Though Christ be in glory, he knows
how to comfort you.
"For we do not have a high priest
who is unable to feel sympathy for
our weaknesses." *Hebrews 4:15*
Do you mourn your sin?
Christ, though in a glorified state,
hears your sighs and bottles your
tears.
Do you scarcely have a house in which
to lay your head?
You can look up to heaven, and say,
"There is my house; there is my
country.
I have already taken possession of
heaven in Christ.
I shall sit there with him in glory; I
have his word for it:
'To the one who is victorious, I will
give the right to sit with me on my
throne.'" *Revelation 3:21*

Just as here Christ puts his grace upon
the saints,
so shortly he will put his glory upon
them.
Christ's exaltation is our exaltation.
"I have given them the glory that
you gave me, that they may be
one as we are one" *John 17:22*
We cannot lift up Christ higher in
heaven,
but we may lift up him in our hearts.
So let us believe him, adore him and
love him,
and exalt him in our lives,
for all the doxologies and prayers in
the world
do not exalt Christ as much as a holy
life.

2ND SONG – IS HE WORTHY? *Chris Tomlin*

Do you feel the world is broken?
(We do.)
Do you feel the shadows deepen?
(We do.)
But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting
through? (We do.)
Do you wish that you could see it all
made new? (We do.)
Is all creation groaning? (It is.)
Is a new creation coming? (It is.)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light
within our midst? (It is.)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of
this? (It is.)
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and
open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the
grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who
died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honour and glory.
Is He worthy of this?
He is.

Does the Father truly love us?
(He does.)
Does the Spirit move among us?
(He does.)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold
forever those He loves? (He does.)
Does our God intend to dwell again
with us? (He does.)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and
open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the
grave,
He is David's root and the Lamb who
died to ransom the slave.

From every people and tribe,
Every nation and tongue.
He has made us a kingdom and priests
to God
To reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honour and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
He is! He is!

CONFESSION *S Plymale - Discipleship Ministries*
Imagine Jesus entering our presence
just as he entered Jerusalem some
2,000 years ago. See the palm
branches, the donkey, the shouts of
"hosanna." Knowing who he is and
who we are, we pray:

**O God, you know us well. We are
quick to speak of faith, but slow to**

**live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as
Jesus approaches, as did the people
of Jerusalem many years ago; but we
do not want him to come too close -
not close enough to really see...**

Silent Confession

**O God, you know us well. We are
quick to claim faith in Jesus as our
Lord and Saviour; but, like the throng
who greeted his entry into Jerusalem,
we are fickle, slow to live fully and
everywhere as faithful disciples. We
know where we fail...**

Silent Confession

**O God, you know us well. We are
quick to want the blessings of
faithfulness; but, like the Twelve who
spent the last week with him, we are
slow to accept the pain and suffering
of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive
our weakness and fear...**

Silent Confession

The Lord is God. The Lord brings light
to those in darkness, forgiveness to
those who truly confess, and pardon to
all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice
that the steadfast love of the Lord
endures forever and ever. In the name
of Jesus the Christ, receive his
forgiveness, offered freely through his
love that never dies and never fails.

Amen.

3RD SONG – AMAZING GRACE *John Newton*
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to
fear,
And grace my fear relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers toils and snares
I have already come;
'Twas grace that led me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

BIBLE PASSAGE *Mark 11:1-11*
Read by Pamela Welsby

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread

their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

¹⁰ 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

LOOK – OUR KING IS COMING *John Welsby*

4TH SONG – RIDE ON RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

Advent Birmingham (inspired by the hymn 'Ride on, ride on in majesty' by Henry Hart Milman)

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

Hear all the tribes hosanna cry!

O Saviour meek, pursue your road

With palms and scattered garments
stroked.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die.

O Christ, your triumphs now begin

O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on to die; Ride on to die;

*Then take, O Christ, your power and
reign.*

Ride on, ride on in majesty!

The hosts of angels in the sky

Look down with sad and wondering
eyes

To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest strife is nigh
The father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed son.

Ride on to die...

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take O Christ, your power and
reign.

THE FAITH WE HOLD – THE APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION *Nicky Robertson*

COLLECT *Common Worship*
True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and
love you,

that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER *Common Worship*

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.

5TH SONG – KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY

Jarrod Cooper

King of kings, Majesty
God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest friend,
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end.
All within me falls at your throne.

Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don’t deserve
I live to serve your majesty.

Earth and heaven worship you.
God eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed
souls,
brought this sinner near to your
throne.

All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don’t deserve
I live to serve your majesty.
(x2)

BLESSING

Christ draw us to himself,
to find in him a sure ground of faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be upon us and remain with
us always.

Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve
the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Join us IN THE BUILDING for
10.30am Morning Worship on
Easter Sunday (4th April).

Covid protection measures will be as
they were when we were meeting
before this third lockdown. Key
things to remember are:

- Face masks to be worn (except for people participating in leading the service, and for people with a valid medical note excusing them from wearing a mask).
- Keep a 2m 'social distance' from people not in your 'bubble.'

- Do not mix socially with people who are not in your 'bubble.'
- Sanitise hands on arrival and departure.
- Follow the one-way circulation marked out by yellow arrows.
- Sit in a pew marked 'sit here'.
- If you arrive in a family 'bubble':
 - Sit together (including children)
 - Sit in a pew located between side aisles and side wall.
- During hymns and songs we will not sing out loud (unless performing). We may only listen (and sing in our hearts 😊)

Please remain at home if you display any symptoms of covid infection, or you've been advised by a medical practitioner to remain self-isolating.

A recording of the Easter Sunday service, and future services, will be posted on line later in the day. Service orders/ prayer sheets will continue to be sent out.

The 6.00pm Zoom Sunday evening service will continue.

It is planned for J Team to resume meeting in the church hall during Morning Worship from 18th April.

Pray for care for one another as we return to the church building.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR INSIDE CHURCH

Bring daffodils, and other flowers you like (or money towards flowers), to the Vicarage on Good Friday. There will be buckets of water outside the front door.



Prayer topics & News for the week

If you would like the vicar to pray with you on the phone, call him on 01902 827214; or alternatively you can place a prayer request on our 'Prayer Chain' by phoning Brian on 01902 788017. He will have several people pray, in confidence, for your request.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

For the World

"The important thing about Holy Week is that it is holy. In it, time and life are set apart for the exclusive use of God, and become charged with God's love and grace. To set them apart (time and life) we have to ask the vital questions, "Where is God in the mess of life all around us?" and "What does God want for us and want of us in it all?". Those questions are particularly strong as we face the chaos, pain and uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. They were also the questions facing Jesus and his followers in the week of the cross and the empty tomb." (Revd Ken Howcroft, Methodist.org.uk)

For St Jude's Church

- In Mark 11:1-11 Jesus finally arrives at Jerusalem, presenting himself as a king coming in peace. In response a crowd sing praises to God inspired by Old Testament events and songs of Passover praise (2 Samuel 7:11-14; 2 Kings 9:13; Psalm 118:25-26). Jesus comes in peace, entering on a donkey rather than a war horse. At the end of the week his coronation will take place, but it will different to expectations, for his crown will be made of thorns and his throne will be a cross. In what ways does the meekness and majesty of Jesus help you trust him and follow him with confidence? Turn your thoughts to prayer and praise.
- Give thanks for the lives of Church Family members with birthdays in March and April. We remember, in particular: Mavis Littleford, Janet Williams, Amir Shar, James Sturgeon, Daphne Ditch, and Pete Holiday. *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.* (Numbers 6:24-26)
- Pray for our MP, Stuart Anderson. Thank the Lord for his Christian faith and that he would let his faith shape his attitudes and wisdom as he represents the needs of all his constituency.
- Pray for those you know suffering in body or soul, and for families grieving the loss of loved ones. *May I be patient! It is so difficult to realize what one believes, and to make these trial as they are intended, real blessings. Amen.* (John Newman)

For our Mission Partners – PCF Romania Projects

- **Arad** - Praise God that the exterior work is finished and the drains all working so we can get back to cooking better food and people can wash again. Pray for the situation with the coronavirus - back into code red again, pray we won't be quarantined and can still support those in need. Pray for the people in the shanty town as it will be demolished soon, thank God for spring weather and pray people will find alternative housing.
- **Galati** - Praise for 4 new children coming to the Centre; for a great new social worker; and that God has kept us and the children healthy. Ask God to find new chef for us for April. Our day centre is in an area known for the illegal ways in which money can be earned. The young people we work with live among these people, for whom drug use and prostitution are common. Pray for wisdom for us to know how to guide them and for God to protect them.

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