



**St Edmund's Taverham with
St Peter's Ringland**
Worship for
Sunday 28th
March

Today is the day of the great parade. Jesus rides on a donkey, a declaration of peace and humility which stands in stark contrast to the ways of the Roman Empire. 'Hosanna,' shouts the crowd. 'God save us!' they cry, as they wave their palm branches and spread their cloaks on the ground.

Today we remember and we reflect. We join our hosannas with theirs as we declare the humble king to be our King of kings. 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Our gathering song ("A carnival of praise" written by Graham Kendrick)

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

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna! Save Us, O God. Hosanna!

God's steadfast love endures forever.

~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on **Rev-o-lution**. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;

we will travel through betrayal and death,

cradling hope deep in our hearts

Jesus, lead us through this week, and we will follow,

for you are the life we long for,

you are the Word who sustains us.

We wave palm branches in anticipation,

we lay our love before you, to cushion your walk

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, you come:

modelling humility and obedience for all of us.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Blessed is the One who brings us

the kingdom of God.

~ written by Thom Shuman, <http://www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Song (Author unknown)

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Give me joy in my heart, I pray

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising

Keep me praising 'til the end of day

Sing hosanna Sing hosanna

Sing hosanna to the King of Kings

Sing hosanna Sing hosanna

Sing hosanna to the King of Kings

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Give me peace in my heart, I pray
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
Keep me resting 'til the end of day

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
Keep me serving 'til the end of day

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
Keep me burning 'til the end of day

Our scripture reading this week is written in the gospel of **Mark, chapter 11:1-11**
(New Living translation)

Jesus 'Triumphant Entry

11 As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead.

2 "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. **3** If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'"

4 The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. **5** As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" **6** They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. **7** Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it.

8 Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. **9** Jesus was in the centre of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting, "Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David!

Praise God in highest heaven!"

11 So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

You may like to spend some time picturing this scene in your imagination. Perhaps you can see yourself standing in the crowd waving a palm branch. As you hear the crowd shout Hosanna, what are your thoughts and feelings as you see the scene unfold? How might you respond?

You may like to read the thought in this week's St Ed's newsheet or on the St Peter's webpage.

Song (You are my all in all – written by Dennis Jernigan)

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord to give up, I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

*Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name*

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again, I bless Your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Let us pray

A Palm Sunday Confession

Sustainer of the weary,
we know how we sang for joy when Christ came into our lives,
and how we have not followed him when he leads us on this journey.
We have hidden our faces from the pain and suffering of our world.
We have turned a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, the hungry, the oppressed.
We trust in the slick promotions of the world,
and not in your words that can transform our lives.
Forgive us, Steadfast God, and shine your face upon us.
Help us to have the same mind as Christ,
so we would know your promises;
help us to have the same heart as Christ,
so we might serve your children;
help us to have the same Spirit as Christ,
so we might go wherever you lead us.

Written by Thom Shuman and posted on his Lectionary Liturgies blog,
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/>.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of Lord!
Gracious God, as we stand at the gates of the city,
give us grace to recognise the king we proclaim,
and courage to be a part of your kingdom -
even when it goes against our ways and the ways of the world,
even when it leads us where we do not want to go.

Empower us to free ourselves from the tempting alternatives
of power and wealth and status,
and embolden us to live lives of thanksgiving and praise.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven!

~ originally posted on the *Monthly Prayers* page (now **Weekly Worship**) of the Christian Aid website. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/churches/weekly-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.

Our Father, who art in heaven

God of the cross, tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,
You are not the saviour we expect.
Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to have.
Your wisdom makes no sense to us.

We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,
but not so sure we want to follow you through this Holy Week:
into the temple courts
into the upper room
into the Garden of Gethsemane
to the high priest's house,
to the assembly of elders,
to Pilate,
to Herod,
to the place of The Skull,
to the foot of the cross.

We need you to go with us on this journey.
Grant us clear vision,
Courageous hearts,
Persistent steps.

Even though we know what this week will bring, we sing:
Hosanna, hosanna.
Save us, we beseech you! Amen.

~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith**. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

Song (We will magnify written by Philip Lawson Johnston)

O Lord our God how majestic is Your Name

The earth is filled with Your glory
O Lord our God You are robed in majesty
You've set Your glory above the heavens

*We will magnify, we will magnify
The Lord enthroned in Zion
We will magnify, we will magnify
The Lord enthroned in Zion*

O Lord our God, You have established a throne
You reign in righteousness and splendour
O Lord our God the skies are ringing with Your praise
Soon those on earth will come to worship

O Lord our God the world was made at Your command
In You all things now hold together
Now to Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
Be praise and glory and power for ever

Our prayer of blessing

May God who saves and calls, fill our hearts with resounding Hosannas as we trust in God's salvation.

May we know the presence of Christ this Palm Sunday and throughout Holy Week as we journey to the cross.

And may the blessing of the Source of life, love and hope,
the Word of life, compassion and wisdom
and Breath of life, grace and truth
surround, sustain and surprise you,
this day and all your days. Amen.

Song (The lord bless you - written by John Rutter)

The Lord bless you and keep you

Make His face shine upon you be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Ah-ah-ah-ah-men
Ah-men
Ah-ah-men

For anyone who's prayed a thousand prayers
And still can't find the answer anywhere
Fighting off the lie that no one cares

May God give you eyes to see He's still greater
Courage to rise and believe He's able
May God be your peace in the fire you're walking through
This is our prayer now
This is our prayer for you

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Saviour loves me so
He will hold me fast

Ah-ah-ah-ah-men
Ah-men
Ah-ah-men