

PALM SUNDAY



Song

We have come together in the name of Christ

Stop and imagine looking round the church and smiling at the people you know and an extra smile for those you don't

To offer our praise and thanksgiving

Lift up hands high as an act of praise

To hear and receive God's holy word

Arrange the upward facing palms of your hands in front of your body, shaped as a 'V' formation like the open pages of a book

To pray for the needs of the world

Put hands together, palm to palm and fingers pointing upwards, as for prayer

And to seek the forgiveness of our sins

Hold out your hands in front of the body – palms up – ready to receive

That by the power of the Holy Spirit

Link thumbs and gently 'flap' the fingers as wings, imitating a dove – a symbol of the Holy Spirit

We may give ourselves to the service of God

Put both hands across your heart and then move them outward in a gesture of self-giving

We hold our piece of green to acknowledge Palm Sunday

Wave your piece of green



Priest Love one another, for love is of God,
And whosoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**Together: We are the people who heal each other,
who grow strong together,
who name the truth,
who know what it means
to be a community despite our isolation.
We take these first steps together
as Jesus sit on a donkey,
in vulnerability ,
in love,
in obedience.
We are truly sorry when we stray from the way of Christ.**
(Adapted from Dorothy McRae McMahan)

Priest Know that you are forgiven and be at peace

Naming our weeping

Priest Where is the pain in our lives right now?

*In your bubble or to yourself name what you are scared of,
what makes you cross, what makes you hurt.*

You are not alone

**We walk together in our sadness when Jesus walks his journey
and the world is completely upside down.**

Standing in hope

Priest; Think of those people who have given us strength and courage,
people we admire.

*In your bubble or to yourself name them and think of why they are role
models for us or inspirations to us.*

Priest These people walk with us

**Together We are not alone on this journey, God is with us, beside us,
behind us, enfolding us.**

Psalm 46: We will not fear! (Written by: Rev. Silvia Purdie)

1: God is our safe space, our hiding place

2: a very present help in times of trouble.

All: ***God is our safety, we will not fear!***

1: The mountains shake, the oceans roar,

2: the nations rage, the world changes.

All: ***God is our safety, we will not fear!***

1: Flowing like a river through the city,

2: in the middle of his people, God is there.

All: ***God is with us, his power wraps us round.***

1: Come! See our God at work:

2: God breaks our weapons and destroys our defenses.

All: ***God is our peace, we will not fight.***

1: All wars are coming to an end.

2: God's voice thunders through a world in chaos:

All: ***Be still! Know that I am God!***

1: Through all the earth, God be praised!

2: Through all the world, God is with us!

All: ***God is our safety, we will not fear!***



Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Reflection

Intercessions

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.

Amen

Blessing Go In peace,

As we walk into Holy Week we tread the path of Christ

May each stone on the way be firm under your feet.

May God remain your rock

And may the wind of the Spirit enfold you in God's care.

Dismissal

Go now to love and serve our God

Amen. We go in the name of Christ

WISH LIST

Sanity, beauty, kindness, care
All so simple if you dare
Sweet forgiveness, patience, peace,
Chickens, blackbirds, ducks and geese.
Trees and flowers, grass and seeds,
Hands and feet and coloured beads.
Cups of tea and distant bells
Clouds and mountains, cooking smells,
A garden path, a wooden chair.
Sanity, beauty, kindness, care.

