



St Peters Virtual Service for Palm Sunday

5 April 2020

WELCOME:

Welcome to worship today, some of us will be sharing on line with zoom, some of us will be following this on our own. God will be with us all. Where possible I will read the ordinary text and you can read the bold. If you are worshipping in your bubble with a connection, please get one person to read the bold, if you are on your own, you get to read it all!

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us worship God

People: **Let us lift up his name.**

SONG:

Let's listen to our sing along to Hillsong united, Hosanna. This one has lyrics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQWI26M-a0Y>

PRAYER: Please read with me a prayer based on Psalm 40

Leader: Loving God, we wait on you during this time of lockdown

People: We know that you will turn and hear us.

Leader: You have lifted us out of the slimy pit before

People: Out of the mud and the mire.

You have set our feet on the solid rock

You will give us a firm place to stand

You have put a song in our mouths

You will give us a hymn of praise

Many see and fear you our God

Many will put their trust in you

Blessed are those who trust in you

Help us to trust in you today

We will not look to the arrogant

We will not be led astray to false hope

Many, O Lord our God, are the wonders you have done

and many are the things you have planned for us

None can compare with you, Were I to tell of your deeds

they would be too many to declare

You do not desire sacrifice and offering

nor burnt offerings nor sin offerings

What you desire is an open spirit and a contrite heart

It is these we bring to you. Amen.

KIDS TALK:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-39h0xYqdE&list=PLYn06r4leL_RguA_6LO-11rkjE

READING: MARK 11. 1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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.

DRAMA: Play here the virtual Palm Sunday Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocAK50etCj8>

MESSAGE: Play here the Palm Sunday Message which will be live but available here afterwards

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPB4LHZTO01k9uDmqW3N3_w/featured

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

At the end of each petition please say, "**Lord hear our prayer.**"

Father we lift up those who are in our church, we think of Barbara Chapman and her family after the death of Maurice this week, we pray for your comfort and peace to be with them.

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for the Elders and Managers as they lead us through this time, the Prayer Shepherds and care shepherds, the small group leaders and everyone who is offering support and care.

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for our childcare this week as the trustees have reached the difficult decision to close the childcare; bless the children and parents as they farewell their centre, bless the teachers as they prepare for the lock down to be lifted, bless Ruth and Greta, Jon and Andrew, Lyn and Eoin and Jen as they manage the closure of a precious ministry.

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord we pray for our doctors and nurses, dietitians and physios, managers and administrators, cleaners and super market workers, police and soldiers as they serve us through this crisis.

Lord hear our prayer.

Father bless our teachers and ECE workers, lecturers and tutors as they try to continue to educate our students through these difficult days.

Lord hear our prayer.

God save the Queen, God protect our King; God Bless our prime minister, the government, the opposition and all our mayors and political leaders at this time of crisis, Bless Ashley and the public health leaders, may we get good information and may we make wise choices.

Lord hear our prayer.

And lord may this virus be stopped in its tracks, In China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, in south Korean and north Korea, In Iran and Syria, in Italy and Spain and the UK, in the USA and in India. God we seek your help and ask your strength for the fighters and your mercy on the dying

Lord hear our prayer.

We finish with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SONG:

We finish with a beautiful rendition of It is Well with My Soul. Again sing along if you like.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYrL9ea1XUg>

BENEDICTION: Let us say together.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.