

St Paul's Zoom Worship - Sunday 5th April 2020

Hosanna to the King

All Hosanna to the Son of David
Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



We hold up our crosses or branches or whatever we've prepared to help us worship God this week.

Almighty God, we pray you bless these crosses and branches and make them holy. Today we joyfully acclaim Jesus our Messiah and King. As we follow in his steps on this Palm Sunday, may we sense the joy, yet prepare ourselves to share the tears. Make us strong to follow Jesus, so that, within ourselves, we may know the peace that passes all understanding and the love that knows no limits. In the name of Jesus, our Saviour. **Amen.**

Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

All: 'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' ¹¹ The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Jesus is coming	Shout Hosanna!
He's riding on a donkey	Shout Hosanna!
Open the gates	Shout Hosanna!
Don't be afraid	Shout Hosanna!
Wave the branches	Shout Hosanna!

Spread your coats
Peace in heaven
Glory in the highest

Shout Hosanna!
Shout Hosanna!
Shout Hosanna!

Reflection



Reading of the Passion: Matthew 26: 14 - Matthew 27: 66 (if you're praying on your own at home you might like to read it in the bible). If you're joining us on Zoom Charles and Val are going to read it for us and the link will be available afterwards on the website). Activities that can be used with children during this time are also on the website.

Hymn: My song is love unknown (words on the screen)

Prayer of Confession (we say sorry for the ways we have turned away from God)

We use the following response

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy
All: Christ, have mercy
All: Lord, have mercy

Absolution (Hear God's words of forgiveness)

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him wherever we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers (time for quiet prayer as Becky sings for us)

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace (We share the peace from where we are using sign language or drawing a heart on our hand)

Blessing

Lord Jesus, we tell your story, we follow in your footsteps.
Lead us into Holy Week in love and service. Amen