



St Ives Uniting Church

24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

Call to worship

¹⁹Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord

through which the righteous may enter.

²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

²²The stone the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

²³the Lord has done this,

and it is marvellous in our eyes.

²⁴The Lord has done it this very day;

let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever. (from Psalm 118)

Welcome

Hymn: 216 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Prayers of adoration and confession

Assurance of forgiveness

Hear Christ's word of grace "Your sins are forgiven"

Thanks be to God

Notices

Hymn: 223 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Before the readings: Palm Sunday

Bible Readings:

Zechariah 9:9-13

Caroline Turner

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

¹³ I will bend Judah as I bend my bow

and fill it with Ephraim.

I will rouse your sons, Zion,

against your sons, Greece,

and make you like a warrior's sword.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Mark 11:1-11

Annette Burne

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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Welcoming Jesus

Hymn: 526 Lord Jesus Christ

Offering and prayer

Prayers of the people & the Lord's Prayer

Hazel Ruskin

Hymn: 279 The King of glory comes

Benediction

Sung blessing: Now unto him, who is able to keep

Postlude

Pianist

Deb Marshall

