



St Lawrence Church, Seal Chart with St Margaret's Church, Underriver

Palm Sunday 2020

### **Opening Words:**

Hosanna to the Son of David.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Today we remember Jesus entering his own city to complete his work as saviour: to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, as we are united with him in his suffering, we may also share in his risen life.

### **Palm Cross Blessing:**

Hold any cross you have or make the sign of the cross on one of the palms of your hand:

**God of all people and all places,  
the cross is a symbol for us  
of your boundless love and compassion.**

**Bless these crosses we pray,  
the hands that hold them,  
the homes that have them,**

**May they be reminders  
of your great love for us in Christ.**

**Help us to take up our own cross daily and follow you;  
In the name of Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.**

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.**

### **Bible Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 Jesus' Triumphal Entry**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, '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.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,

and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

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

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

### **Gretel's reflection on the passage.**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

Almighty God, we praise you as our King and Saviour. We thank-you for all the good things in our life...

Loving God, you see the pain of your nations. We entrust into your hands the world that you created and love so much, flood it with your healing we pray.

We pray for:

Healthcare workers, for their protection, that they may receive all the equipment that they need..

Wisdom for all leaders in the difficult decisions they have to make.

The vulnerable, that food, supplies and support reach them..

Those involved in supply and distribution of medicines, medical equipment, food and essentials..

Those whose livelihoods, businesses and finances have been severely impacted...

Keyworkers and schools supporting them..

#### **Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer**

Healing God, we pray for:

All who are sick, all who are anxious, depressed and fearful..

The isolated and lonely..

Those who are nearing the end of their life..

All who are grieving..

Our own needs and frailties..

#### **Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer**

Eternal God, we thank-you that you overcome death and reassure us of eternal life.

We pray for the recently departed..

For those whom we have loved..

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Draw near to us. Save us and help us.**

**Comfort, restore and guide us. Amen**

**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  
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**

A smile: A teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute." 😊

In our wilderness may we all come to know God more. Amen

### **Closing Words:**

Whilst we praise Jesus today, tomorrow, as we enter Holy week, we begin a sombre walk with him to the cross. We acknowledge that the very crowds who shouted 'hosanna' today, are soon to cry out 'crucify him' on Good Friday. May we never reject him, may our hearts always be open to Jesus the Holy One who went to the cross out of love for you and for me.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless us and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord look on us with kindness and give us peace. **Amen**

### **The Collect for Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God

Who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

To take upon him our flesh

And to suffer death upon the cross

Grant that we may follow the example of his presence and humility,

And also be made partakers of his resurrection

Through Jesus Christ your son our Lord

Who is alive and reigns with you

In the unity of the Holy Spirit

One God, now and forever **Amen**