

St Paul's Egham Hythe

## Outdoor Worship for Palm Sunday



*Welcome to this outdoor Palm Sunday celebration in the church grounds. Collect a palm cross from the basket. Please maintain social distancing throughout.*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction*

### **Shout Hosanna**

Jesus is coming

**SHOUT HOSANNA**

He's riding on a donkey

**SHOUT HOSANNA**

Open the gates

**SHOUT HOSANNA**

Open the ancient doors

**SHOUT HOSANNA**

Don't be afraid

**SHOUT HOSANNA**

Wave the branches

## **SHOUT HOSANNA**

Spread out your coats

## **SHOUT HOSANNA**

Peace in heaven

## **SHOUT HOSANNA**

Glory in the highest heaven

## **SHOUT HOSANNA**

*We hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said:*

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Reading Mark 11: 1-11**

### **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying

the colt?" <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

## **Prayer**

Loving God, at this time, we remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you, conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases can so easily slip from our lazy lips and our hardened hearts. What do we really know of your mountainous truth, your rock-hard integrity, the depth of your suffering for love of us all?

Forgive us for the shallowness of our faith, and the timidity of our following: forgive us for the ready excuses we make for going our own way and claiming it as yours. Turn us around again we pray by your Holy Spirit, active within us and among us. Show us how to be open again to your faithfulness and to your freedom, that we may live new lives and be again bearers of the seeds of the Kingdom of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## **Lead us into Holy week**

We tell your story, we follow your footsteps

### **LEAD US INTO HOLY WEEK**

We walk towards the city, we wait in the garden

### **LEAD US ONTO HOLY GROUND**

We journey towards death, we hope for resurrection

### **LEAD US INTO HOLY JOY**

## **Blessing**

May the Father, who so loved the world that he gave his only Son, bring you by faith to his eternal life. **Amen.**

May Christ, who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will, keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The congregation disperses or moves into church for private prayer  
maintaining social distancing and covid protocols.*

*Thank you for coming.*