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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Palm Sunday** United Benefice of Sissinghurst with Frittenden.

**God's Kingdom Breaking Through:** Preacher - Pete Deaves

*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 patience 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 for ever.*



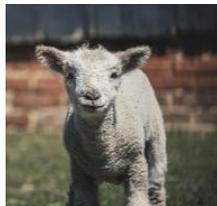
We reflect on this Palm Sunday hymn:

1. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
over captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
expects his own anointed Son.
4. Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.



[credit where credit's due]

A donkey, palms and a lamb:



We are reminded to always run to Jesus:

1. Jesus said that if I thirst I should come to him  
No one else can satisfy I should come to him
2. Jesus said if I am weak I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus,  
Jesus, strong and kind*

3. Jesus said that if I fear I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield I should come to him.

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We tell each other words from Psalm 31:

- <sup>9</sup> Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eyes grow weak with sorrow,  
my soul and body with grief.
- <sup>10</sup> **My life is consumed by anguish  
and my years by groaning;  
my strength fails because of my affliction,  
and my bones grow weak.**

- <sup>11</sup> Because of all my enemies,  
I am the utter contempt of my neighbours  
and an object of dread to my closest friends –  
those who see me on the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> **I am forgotten as though I were dead;  
I have become like broken pottery.**

- <sup>13</sup> For I hear many whispering,  
'Terror on every side!'  
They conspire against me  
and plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup> **But I trust in you, Lord;  
I say, 'You are my God.'**

- <sup>15</sup> My times are in your hands;  
deliver me  
from the hands of my enemies,  
from those who pursue me.

<sup>16</sup> **Let your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your unfailing love.**

- <sup>17</sup> Let me not be put to shame, Lord,  
for I have cried out to you;  
but let the wicked be put to shame  
and be silent in the realm of the dead.

<sup>18</sup> **Let their lying lips be silenced,  
for with pride and contempt  
they speak arrogantly against the righteous.**

- <sup>19</sup> How abundant are the good things  
that you have stored up for those who fear you,  
that you bestow in the sight of all,  
on those who take refuge in you.

<sup>20</sup> **In the shelter of your presence you hide them  
from all human intrigues;  
you keep them safe in your dwelling  
from accusing tongues.**

- <sup>21</sup> Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the  
wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege

<sup>22</sup> **In my alarm I said, I am cut off from your sight!  
Yet you heard my cry for mercy  
when I called to you for help.**

- <sup>23</sup> Love the Lord, all his faithful people!  
The Lord preserves those who are true to him,  
but the proud he pays back in full.

<sup>24</sup> **Be strong and take heart,  
all you who hope in the Lord. Amen.**

**LENT APPEAL:** As we reflect on God's goodness to us, please



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East & Maidstone Homeless Care.  
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websites: [homelesscare.org.uk](http://homelesscare.org.uk) or  
[embraceme.org](http://embraceme.org) *More info there.*



We turn to God in prayer including the Lord's prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen**

We listen to God's Word: Isaiah 50:4-11

<sup>4</sup>The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

<sup>5</sup>The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

<sup>6</sup>I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced.

Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

<sup>9</sup>It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?

They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant?

Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on their God.

<sup>11</sup>But now, all you who light fires and provide yourselves with flaming torches, go, walk in the light of your fires and of the torches you have set ablaze.

This is what you shall receive from my hand: You will lie down in torment.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**Though Jesus was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow, and every voice  
proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



We listen to God's Word: John 12:12-16

<sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"

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

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: <sup>15</sup>"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

<sup>16</sup>At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

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Who is calling the shots in your life right now?  
Where do you see God's Kingdom breaking through? *Praise Jesus the King!*  
Who does God want you to shine his light on?

We reflect on who we are and who God is:

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies, how tender! How firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
4. O measureless Might, ineffable Love  
while angels delight to worship thee above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall all sing thy praise.

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We hear God's blessing over us:

**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday!**

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**9:30am** Communion Service at St Mary's Church  
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**11am** Communion Service at Trinity Church  
Penny ([duriepj@aol.com](mailto:duriepj@aol.com) or 712612)

Upcoming services on the church websites and via the email updates. Contact Pete with prayer requests or with **anything** you'd like to talk about.  
*We look forward to seeing you soon!*