

Banchory Ternan East Church
5 April 2020
Palm Sunday
To know Christ and make him known



This picture is by the artist Gary Blunt. Find more at <http://www.portlandgallery.com/artists/34666/gary-bunt>

A thought to start from:

The highway led to the middle of absolutely nowhere or the middle of absolutely everywhere depending on how you look at it. Ben Sherwood-'The man who ate a 747.'

We proclaim Christ crucified. He is the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1: 23,24.

Let us worship God

There is an audio version of a prayer led by Charles on the webpage.

A Bible reading to follow

Luke 19:28-40 New International Version (NIV)



²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[a]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Rachel tells us an all age version of the story on our webpage.

Online activity time:

Building a model of Jerusalem riding into Jerusalem

Sarah continues her journey with her lambs on the website

A prayer for ourselves and others led by Charles is on our webpage

A member suggested you might like to finish by listening to Ride on ride on in majesty. The words are below and the tune can be found on the Church of Scotland’s resourcing mission website: <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/music-organ-accompaniments>

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
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5 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

A closing thought

Sitting before Jesus during anxious times

Luke 19: Faith working in the realities of life

Where are you God? You are in the heart and soul of Jesus and you are here with us as we travel through these anxious times.

God of palm Sunday, open our ears and eyes. Speak to our individual needs, our hopes, our cities, we pray

Amen (Donald Hilton)

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