

In you is such longing for your creation, and for humanity, and we thank you for that presence of you, in Spirit, in people, renewing, calling, and saving.

In that knowledge, and in our simple faith, we bring our prayers for your creation and for the people of this world.

•O Christ we open ourselves in prayer for:
Your creation ...

Silence

For others we have heard about throughout our world ...

Silence

For other people we know and are close to ...

Silence

For our church and our wider community ...

Silence

For ourselves ...

Silence

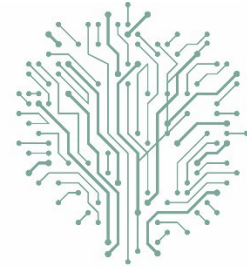
Amen.

Closing Responses & Blessing

Hosannah in the highest heaven.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let us leave and walk the way of Christ throughout our week ahead. Bless us Lord and the people we meet along the way. Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

Luke 19: 28-40
Palm Sunday

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Let the rocks, hills and plains sing for joy.
Let the fields and paddocks with cattle and grain
sing for joy.
Let the beaches, forests and trees with branches
sing for joy.

Let us come together to worship God. Let us pray.

Lord let us rise above ourselves, the dusty tracks
of life and all that lies before us to be a thankful
people in your presence. To recognise that with
you is life and the things that make for peace. To
shout out with acts of love and hope in the
presence of others. And to respond with humility
and thankfulness of heart and soul.

We praise you Lord, for the ways you come
amongst us – born in a stable, eating with
strangers, riding the donkey, carrying your cross.

Hosannah in the highest heaven. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Sing of the Lord's Goodness](https://stmarymagdalene.bandcamp.com/track/sing-of-the-lords-goodness)
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Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

You are invited to turn to those around you and offer them a word of greeting and peace.

The Word around the Bush

Luke 19: 28-40

Jesus Enters Jerusalem as a King

28 After Jesus said this, he went on toward Jerusalem. 29 As Jesus came near Bethphage and Bethany, towns near the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent out two of his followers. 30 He said, "Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here to me. 31 If anyone asks you why you are untying it, say that the Master needs it."

32 The two followers went into town and found the colt just as Jesus had told them. 33 As they were untying it, its owners came out and asked the followers, "Why are you untying our colt?"

34 The followers answered, "The Master needs it." 35 So they brought it to Jesus, threw their coats on the colt's back, and put Jesus on it. 36 As Jesus rode toward Jerusalem, others spread their coats on the road before him.

37 As he was coming close to Jerusalem, on the way down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of followers began joyfully shouting praise to God for all the miracles they had seen. 38 They said,

"God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Psalm 118:26
There is peace in heaven and glory to God!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell your followers not to say these things."

40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if my followers didn't say these things, then the stones would cry out."

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- What do you make of the King on the donkey as also the man on the cross?
- I wonder what you have heard and thought from the Word today?
- What will you take away with you today after thinking about this passage as part of Lent?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

- You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.
- Or you may like "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

Eternal God,
where there is hope, you are there.
Where there is compassion and the desire for wholeness, you are there.
Where there is the struggle for peace, you are there.
Where the hungry are fed, and the poor empowered, you are there.
Where there is delight in the trees of the land, or the depths of the seas, you are there.
Wherever love is announced, you are there.