

Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love;
bridge-builder, eye-opener,
waker of the oppressed,
unseen and unexpected,
untameable energy of life -
we praise and adore you.
Hear our prayer for other people we know and are
close to ...

Silence

Holy Trinity, forever one,
whose nature is community;
source of all sharing,
in whom we love, and meet, and know our
neighbour:
life in all its fullness, making all things new:
we praise and adore you.
Hear our prayer for our church, our wider
community and for ourselves ...

Silence

Hear all these our prayers, O God who sends us
out Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Closing Responses & Blessing

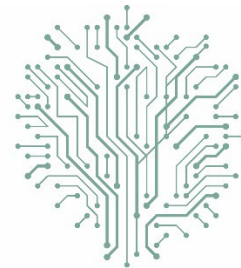
Hosannah in the highest heaven.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**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.



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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.

Glory 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>



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

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' 34 They said, 'The Lord needs it.' 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

'Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!'

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' 40 He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

The Message

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

Questions for conversation

- What do you think about the word "triumph" in regards to Jesus and his entering into Jerusalem?
- 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 and as we draw ourselves towards Easter?

A time of Silence

Spend some time in silence sitting still; a time of "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

Living Love,
beginning and end,
giver of food and drink,
clothing and warmth,
love and hope:
life in all its goodness -
we praise and adore you.
Hear our prayer for your creation ...

Silence

Jesus, wisdom and word;
lover of outcasts,
friend of the poor;
one of us yet one with God;
rider of the donkey,
crucified and risen:
life in the midst of death -
we praise and adore you.
Hear our prayer for others we have heard about throughout our world ...

Silence