



Wesley Wellington
75 Taranaki Street
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Sunday 10th April 2022

Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia
Welcome to this House of Prayer



We are a multi-racial Christian community:
Methodist in affiliation – Ecumenical in intention
Diverse in theology – Inclusive in outreach.

Kia ora koutou katoa — Talofa Lava
Malo e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!

Order of Service
10am Congregation
Wesley Methodist Church 75 Taranaki Street
10th April 2022

Leader:
Rev Nicola Teague Grundy
Organ: **Colin Scarf**

Welcome and Safety briefing

Gathering

Call to Worship

Jesus is on the way ... from Jericho to Bethany,
and on to Jerusalem.

The journey is nearing its final destination: a cross, deserted.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love.

Along the way, Christ brings healing to the sick,
comfort to the grieving.

He has upset our comfortable routines,
disturbed our desire for an easy faith.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love.

A king unlike any other we have seen or longed for –

Christ leads the way, riding a poor man's donkey,

Stumbling along with the instruments

of his own execution on his back,

forsaken by his friends.

Truly, all the paths of the Lord are steadfast love.

A parade

Hymn Make way, make way, for Christ the King MP 457

Make way, make way, for Christ the King

in splendour arrives;

fling wide the gates and welcome him

into your lives.

*Make way (Make way), make way (make way),
for the King of kings (for the King of kings);
make way (make way), make way (make way),
and let his Kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick

Opening Prayer

Lord God,
we greet you on this Palm Sunday morning
with our songs and shouts of praise.
We greet you as king of all.
We give thanks for your openness and inclusivity.
We celebrate the way you reach out to the broken, the downcast, the lonely
and the excluded.
Let us come to worship you today,
with an openness to humility and compassion.
Let us turn our backs on pride and power.
Let us follow in your footsteps.
Let us seek to be more like you.
Amen.

Introduction to the Reading

Reading: Luke 19: 28-40 The Message

After saying these things, Jesus headed straight up to Jerusalem. When he got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: "Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says anything, asks, 'What are you doing?' say, 'His Master needs him.'"

The two left and found it just as he said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said, "What are you doing untying the colt?"

They said, "His Master needs him."

They brought the colt to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people gave him a grand welcome,

throwing their coats on the street.

Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed:

*Blessed is he who comes,
the king in God's name!
All's well in heaven!
Glory in the high places!*

Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, "Teacher, get your disciples under control!"

But he said, "If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise."

Hymn: All glory laud and honour

H&P160

All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

To thee before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

*St Theodulph of Orleans
Translated by John Mason Neale*

Litany and Reflection

Introduction

Litany - Respond with '*he kept on walking*'

Reflection

Litany - following say 'keep walking, keep walking' I invite you to respond with 'in the Spirit of Christ keep walking'.

Reflection

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Loving God, we give thanks for the joy of simple people
and devout pilgrims as they walked with Jesus into Jerusalem.
We give thanks that at least for one hour in his mortal life,
Jesus was given a little of the praise he deserved.
We are thankful for those who cheered him, even if they did
not understand the heartache
that he was already beginning to suffer.
We are grateful for each of those waving tree branches and
For every excited and joyful shout of "Hosanna!".
We thank you for the awesome love of Christ,
which resolutely took him from Palm Sunday into
the growing dangers of Holy Week.
Loving God, we cannot plum the depths
that lay ahead of Jesus,
But we do know it was for us,
and that we are eternally thankful.
Amen.

Hymn: Lift high the cross AA 87

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his glorious name!*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out ...

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life ...

Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream ...

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God ...

Worlds to be born and children yet to be
come, take up this song into eternity ...

Shirley Murray

Community Time

Notices

Sharing Joys and Sorrows

Offering

*(Please leave your offering in the bag provided at the back of the church after the service.
We also acknowledge offerings made by automatic payment and online banking.)*

Blessing of Offering

We come to meet you Jesus
in this ritual of giving.
You gave your life for us,
walking the road to Jerusalem.
Freely we have received, freely we give.
We lay our resources of money and time at your feet:
our hosannas to the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Prayers of Intercession

Please give us the grace, loving God,
to pray with our hearts as well as our lips,
and to serve with our deeds as well as our prayers.

In places where the church celebrates with joy today,
where it laughs with children and praises with elderly saints,
till hosannas overflow from every loving heart;
may your kingdom come,
And your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

In places where the church gathers in sorrow or fear today, weeping with
Christ Jesus for the cross that must be carried in the face of
misunderstanding and abuse;
may your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In places where ordinary people are disillusioned with that greed and injustice that wants the poor and the weak blamed for the deprivations that afflict them;
your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In places where people are at their wits end, angry or frightened, ready to hit out violently at those around them, or falling into despair and planning to take their own lives;
your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

In places where there are small hopes begging to be kept alive, programmes of compassion needing to be supported, and the beginnings of faith requiring recognition and encouragement;
your kingdom come.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

God of Christ Jesus and our God, enable each of us to enter into fellowship with the Spirit of Christ, that our personal happiness and suffering may not be wasted, but dedicated to your infinite purposes which are often baffling but always loving. In Your name we pray.

Amen!

Lord's Prayer

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga i te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a mātou aianeī
he taro mā mātou mo tēnei ra.
Murua o mātou hara
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whaka-waia;
Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga,
te kaha,
me te kororia,
Ake, ake, ake.
Āmine.

Hymn Now as we go AA 99

Now as we go, kind Spirit keep us
in all we see, Christ be our focus,
in all we do, his story shape us,
that we may grow to God's good purpose.

Now as we go, sister and brother,
give us good care one of the other,
more hope to share, more strength to gather,
more life to know in faith together.

Shirley Murray

Parting Words

Keep walking gratefully into this holy week;
tread softly for many things are already bruised;
go reverently for holiness is found in unlikely places;
walk lovingly for the love of the Crucified One
is the key to all things on earth and in heaven.

The Grace (*Said together*)

**Kia tau ki a tātou katoa,
te atawhai o to tātou Ariki o Ihu Karaiti,
me te aroha o te Atua,
me te whiwhinga tahithanga
ki te Wairua Tapu.
Ake ake ake.
Amine.**

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