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A powerful sign

 **Luke 19.28-40**

Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The crowd cheers but some of the Pharisees raise objections. Jesus claims that if the crowd were silenced the stones would cheer instead.

Now read **Luke 19.28-40** see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

While Jesus enters Jerusalem to great honour and acclaim, he is not greeted with universal approval. As the week unfolds, the disapproval will grow when the crowd begins to realise that he is not the type of Messiah that they had anticipated.



What can you see in this painting? If you were part of the scene, where would you be?

Hands-on Lent



It is Palm Sunday. The streets are covered with the leaves that people have thrown down in front of Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. Tea is made from leaves. Put some tea bags into the Hands-on Lent bowl to remind you of this event. And of the 'dry' and desperate experience of Holy Week and Good Friday. You will also have what you need to make a celebration brew next Sunday, Easter Day. Hope you have fun sharing out the bowl next week!

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LISTEN

Play a sound effect of people cheering,
e.g. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLNLmt6KF8>

Imagine what it must have been like to be present as Jesus entered Jerusalem and consider how you praise God.



WALK

Go for a walk and when you see a large pebble, stone or rock, pause, look around and praise God for something that you can see, remembering the words of Jesus: 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'



Holy Week Picture Prayer

Each day, add an image – either drawn or downloaded and printed – onto a large sheet of paper, as your prayer for the day:

Sunday – donkey
Monday – bread
Tuesday – chalice of wine
Wednesday – hill
Thursday – crown of thorns
Friday – cross
Saturday – tomb
Sunday – joy

Use your picture to reflect on the Holy Week story.



Create a paper plate donkey.

Colour your paper plate grey. Cut out paper ears, eyes and teeth. Make a wide oval mouth from paper – draw two black dots for nostrils and add a smile. Stick these to the plate. For the mane, cut a few pieces of grey wool to stick between the ears. Draw black eyebrows. Think about why Jesus chose to ride into Jerusalem on a donkey as you do this.



Give

Cloaks were expensive items of clothing in the time of Jesus. Yet the people laid them down on the road in his honour. Have a look at your clothes to see what you are willing and able to give up, donate what you can to a charity shop.



The most important week of the year for Christians.

Maundy Thursday for the Eucharist of the Last Supper at Lincoln Green at 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday for The Liturgy of Good Friday at Lincoln Green at 7.30 p.m.

Easter Day for our Festival Eucharist at Ronkswood Community Centre at 10.00 a.m.



There is a shadow where there is no darkness. There is a shadow where darkness flees in terror. There is a shadow that is not a place of greater darkness, but a place brighter than ten thousand suns.

This shadow is the shadow of the Cross.

Just a thought...

The unveiling of abuses by those in power reflects Mary's Magnificat which declares 'He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly' (Luke 1.51). The stories listed are of defenceless victims of gratuitous brutality. Their names, and the X for the girl strip-searched, ring out to us just as the name of Jesus is proclaimed to all the world even from the cross.

Briefly, we see on Palm Sunday, that the man who will shortly be put to death on the cross is indeed acclaimed as the promised Messiah. But the treatment he receives once arrested ('Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him', Luke 23.11) is mirrored by the treatment of people abused today. The stories cry out to heaven for truth to be told and for justice to be done. The verdict of the centurion at the cross (Luke 23.47), is echoed by many who expose wrongdoing today.

Daily Readings for week commencing 11 th April, 2022			
Monday	Lamentations 1: 1-12a	Luke 22: 1-23	
Tuesday	Lamentations 3: 1-18	Luke 22: 39-53	
Wednesday	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	Luke 22: 54-end	
Thursday	Leviticus 16: 2-24	Luke 23: 1-25	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
Friday	Genesis 22: 1-18	John 18 & 19	<i>Good Friday</i>
Saturday	Hosea 6: 1-6	John 2: 18-22	<i>Holy Saturday</i>

Pray for those in need...Please pray for the people of Ukraine...for those in need of God's healing touch...Heather, Dorothy, Pat, Sue, Joyce, Maureen, Pamela, Shane, Bryn, Katie-Lou, Margaret...
Please pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, remembering the souls of ...Dennis, Pauline, and Kath.