



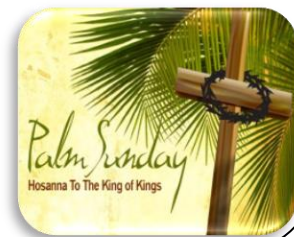
St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

2nd April 2023 **Palm Sunday**

Year A with The Rev'd John Heberton



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is a shared morning tea between services.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

Please remember to turn off your phone during the Church Service.

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Psalm: 118:1-2, 19-29

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First Reading: Isa 50:4-9a

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Second Reading: Phil 2: 5-11

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Gospel: Matt 21: 1-11

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Sentence: At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:10-11*

Prayer for the Day

Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem
the people waved palms
with shouts of acclamation.

Grant that when the shouting dies
we may still walk beside you even to a cross.

For your loves sake we pray. **Amen.**

All are welcome to receive communion.

Prayers and anointing for healing are available during communion in the chapel, at the back of the church.

Theme

This week like every Palm Sunday we are invited to journey with Jesus down the Kidron Valley and into the ambivalent Passover crowds of Jerusalem, on through the maze of streets and events until we reach Golgotha and the cross. We are invited to notice how we respond as we enter this week and how this story helps us see our world differently and to live compassionately.

It begins with a small crowd from the country waving branches (no palms in Matthew) on the Monday (Matthew is just playing with us now) before Passover. They are welcoming their “king” who rode a donkey into the city. They cry Hosanna!! Each Sunday, we join them crying Hosanna as we gather around the eucharistic table. What is it we cry? Hosanna is both our plea for God to save, and a shout of praise and exaltation. As we join that procession what is it we long to be saved from? For what do we give thanks and praise? This king is unlike most other kings. He does not enter Jerusalem like Pilate or Herod Antipas, on a war horse surrounded by cavalry and infantry, coming to oversee this troublesome festival, with crowds brought out to proclaim their entry. Jesus rides a donkey (and a colt - quite the trick) both a pack animal and a royal animal ridden in times of peace; re-enacting Zechariah’s words and what other great kings like Solomon had done. This is a peace parade, timed for Passover, the ancient festival celebrating God’s act of bringing Israel out of slavery from a foreign empire. Outside the city the crowd respond singing the Passover psalms which proclaim God’s liberation of these enslaved people. This king, Jesus, has come to redefine royal power – found not in violent grandeur but on a cross, bringing God’s healing and compassion to all. How hard it is to join this way of peace today.

Jesus comes in humility. But as his small group enter the city with its crush they are met with confusion and scorn. How do we respond to Jesus’ way of peace this Holy Week and Easter?

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Pyes Pa, Oropi, the Lakes and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha, Hodgson House.

We pray for those who are dying, sick, in hospital or in any other kind of need, parishioners in rest homes and those who receive home communion and any others you hold in your hearts.

Our Church: We pray for the Vicar General Jenny Chalmers; Diocesan Ministry Educator Deborah Broome; Archdeacons John Hebenton, Linda King, Bronwyn Marchant, David van Oeveren, John Matthews.

Wider Church: We pray for the Diocese of Polynesia – Samoa; for the people of Samoa, and the staff and clergy.

Notices



Palm Sunday Taizé Service – TONIGHT! Sunday 2nd April, 7pm at St George's. The traditional Stations of the Cross in the style of worship from the Taizé.



Lenten Studies: Meet after the 10am service.



The Chancel Choir of St Peter's will be singing **Choral Evensong**, Sunday, 2 April, 4pm at St Peter's, 15 Victoria Road, Mt Maunganui. Tonight!



Whole Dried Leaves! Needed for Good Friday Service. If you have any blowing around your garden please bring them in.



The Friday Parish Prayer Circle If you would like prayer for yourself or another, please contact the Rev'd Joyce Crawford (579 4363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please let them know if prayer is no longer needed.

This week at St Georges:

Sunday TONIGHT - **Taize Service:** at 7pm.

Monday 3 April 5.30pm **Reflective Communion Service**

Tuesday 4 April 9.30am Mid-Week Communion Service
5.30pm **Reflective Communion Service**

Wednesday 5 April 5.30pm **Reflective Communion Service**

Thursday 6 April 5.30pm **shared meal** Come and share a simple meal in the Lounge. Please bring a plate of simple foods – hardboiled eggs, flat breads, tomatoes, fruits, cheese etc.
7pm - Stripping of the church and a **Tenebrae Service**

Good Friday 7 April 9am **Reflective Service**
10.15am **Combined Churches Walk of Witness** beginning at Holy Trinity and finishing at St. Mary's Catholic Church with a service and Hot Cross buns.

Good Friday 7 April 12noon-3pm Experiential Stations of the Cross.

You are welcome to come and take your time engaging with 12 of the Stations of the cross. Each station will include a reading, an action, and an invitation to prayer and silence. Come at any time and stay as long as you like.

Easter Sunday 9 April 8.30am & 10am Easter Eucharist with reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Service Next Week 9th April - Easter Day

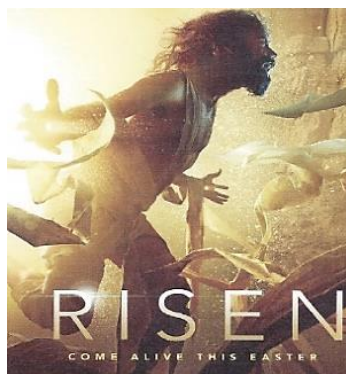
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Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10



Dates to Note in your Diary

Remembering the Battle Service: Saturday 29th April 4pm

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