

Church Intercessions – Palm Sunday 05-04-2020

Matthew 21.1-11 (Palm Gospel)

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 26.14 – 27.66

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring peace, but the civil authorities did not welcome you.

Jesus we pray for your world:

for all who are suffering and all who are helping others amidst the coronavirus pandemic;
for world leaders and all in positions of authority and responsibility to be enabled to make the decisions necessary to bring the pandemic under control;
for peace that brings an end to violence, oppression and war;
for peace that enables all people to live with dignity and justice;

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring freedom of the Spirit, but the chief priests plotted your death.

Jesus we pray for your church:

for a church freed from false dogma and legalism, discord and division;
for a pilgrim church, ready to travel where you lead;
for all leaders of your church, for our Bishop Murray, our St Cuthbert's community,
and for all who minister in your name.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring love, but you were betrayed and deserted by your friends.

Jesus we pray for this community:

for our families, our friends and for those with whom we work and learn
for all who we are unable to see in person because of the coronavirus pandemic;
for the hungry, the homeless, and those without hope for the future;
for all who live in fear or despair and all who know the pain of betrayal;

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you came to bring healing to the sick and release to the captive, but you were beaten, imprisoned and killed.

Jesus we pray for all in need:

for all who are sick with coronavirus, and for all who care for them;
for those who mourn the loss of loved ones;
for those who are frightened and lonely at this time;
for all who are troubled in body, mind or spirit.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Crowds cheered when you came to Jerusalem; you travelled toward the Cross, but Jerusalem was also the place of the Empty tomb.

We give you thanks for faithful people throughout the ages who have followed you on this journey.

Jesus, let us suffer and die with you, that we may rise to fullness of life with you.

Jesus, Son of David, let us follow in your way;

let us walk with you to Jerusalem.

Adapted from "Let us pray – Janet Nelson"