

Song 1 – Here for you (Matt Redman)

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*Let our praise be Your welcome
Let our songs be a sign
We are here for You, we are here for You*

*Let Your breath come from heaven
Fill our hearts with Your life
We are here for You, we are here for You*

*To You our hearts are open
Nothing here is hidden
You are our one desire
You alone are holy
Only You are worthy
God, let Your fire fall down*

*Let our shout be Your anthem
Your renown fill the skies
We are here for You, we are here for You*

*Let Your Word move in power
Let what's dead come to life
We are here for You, we are here for You*

*We welcome You with praise
We welcome You with praise
Almighty God of love
Be welcomed in this place
(Repeat)*

*Let every heart adore
Let every soul awake
Almighty God of love
Be welcomed in this place*

Welcome and Introduction - Andrea Moises

Hello and welcome to our online church service. What a joy to have you joining us so we can praise and worship God together with all our hearts. It's been more than a year since the pandemic began worldwide and at least 2.6 million people have died, according to the BBC. Many are grieving the loss of loved ones and millions of people are still being affected in one way or another. Last week we stopped to remember and pay tribute for those who lost their lives and all those who are fighting this virus in the

front line and saving lives. We've been kept safe and we thank God for His protection. Our sincere prayer is that we will continue to draw closer and closer to the Lord in humility and seek Him with all our mind and strength. ***“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God –this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2***

Let’s pray...

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for holding us in your arms through all the ups and downs this past year. We are so grateful for the breath of life and for your ongoing protection upon us all. I pray that you would comfort those who are struggling, for different reasons, and I pray that you would touch their hearts as they hear your word and worship with us. We want to praise your name and worship you for who you are. Would you please come and lead us in this time of singing songs, meditating in your word and praying. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

Song 2 – It is Well (Horatio Spafford)

https://youtu.be/AHe_qmo3qX4 Click on the link or copy and paste to your browser in order to hear and follow the song on YouTube.

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul!

Song 3 – No Other Name (Hillsong Music)

<https://youtu.be/Wku9OphQ7JE> Click on the link or copy and paste to your browser in order to hear and follow the song on YouTube.

One name, Holds weight above them all
His fame, Outlasts the earth He formed
His praise, Resounds beyond the stars
And echoes in our hearts, the greatest One of all

His face, Shines brighter than the sun
His grace, As boundless as His love
He reigns, With healing in His wings
The King above all kings, the greatest One of all

Lift up our eyes see the King has come
Light of the world reaching out for us
There is no other Name
There is no other Name
Jesus Christ our God
Seated on high the undefeated One
Mountains bow down as we lift Him up
There is no other Name
There is no other Name
Jesus Christ our God

Find hope, When all the world seems lost
Behold, The triumph of the cross
His power has trampled death and grave
Our life found in His Name
The greatest Name of all

The earth will shake
And tremble before Him
Chains will break
As heaven and earth sing
Holy is the Name
Holy is the Name of Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Intercessory Prayer by Sandy Jesson

Dear Lord, we come to you in Prayer. We thank you for YOU, YOUR WORD, GRACE AND PEACE. We pray for the safe opening of our Church. The finances of our Church, struggling Churches and The Union. We pray for people to act responsibly as restrictions are lifted and for the undecided of the vaccine to rethink their decision. We ask for the vaccines to reach every place in the world. We THANK YOU for the smooth roll out of the vaccine in our country. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. We give you the homeless, especially young people who have no choice. Things are so bad for them at home that they choose the 'street.' We pray for the TRAFFICKED women, the evil of drugs and people who sell them. Lord, we also pray for the unnecessary wars, countries experiencing famine. We ask for common sense to prevail and for the innocent caught up in this. We pray for the vaccine to reach these places to. We give YOU the growth of our weekly meetings and the growth of our Church. Dear Lord, we

pray for Claudio, Andrea, Saulo and Rebecca. Please bless this family, keep them safe and their family and friends in Brazil. We pray for every member of our Church Family, their health and all the challenges they are facing. As we go into a new week, we ask YOU to walk with us everywhere we go and for us to submit and rely on YOU alone. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. Amen

Message

The Triumphant Entry of Jesus in Jerusalem

Introduction

Today is Palm Sunday in the Christian calendar and this event is described in all the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Triumphant Entrance of Jesus in the Holy City of Jerusalem marks the beginning of what we call the Holy Week, which is the last week of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Jesus was going to be betrayed, arrested, tortured, judged, condemned and sentenced to death on the cross. Jesus laid down His life for us by His own will and it was in agreement with the will of the Father. In **John 10:14-18** we read: ***"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."*** And in the Jewish calendar this event occurred during the festival of Passover. Thousands of Jews from the four corners of the earth were gathered in Jerusalem to offer their sacrifices in the temple and eat the Passover meal together, in remembrance and thanksgiving for God's deliverance. God had sent the 10th plague and all first born in Egypt had died, but those who had the blood of the Lamb painted on their doorposts were saved as the angel of death would pass over them going to the next house. Jesus is our Passover Lamb! ***"The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"*** **John 1:29** Jesus spoke and predicted His death and resurrection to His disciples, although they didn't understand at first. Only after Jesus ascended into heaven with a new and resurrected body, and the power of the Holy Spirit descended to them on the day of Pentecost was when their eyes were completely open and they realized all that Jesus had done in order to save them from the power of Satan and the oppression of sin. They were expecting a King to start a revolutionary military campaign and overthrow the oppressive regime of the Roman Empire establishing justice and vengeance. However Jesus entered triumphantly in Jerusalem as the Prince of Peace of the Kingdom of Heaven, like a lamb to be slaughtered. There on the cross, He shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus died but rose victoriously on the third day ascending into heaven and He will come back again triumphantly on the clouds in all His splendor, power and might. Then every eye will see, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Let us read together the description we find of this event in **John's** gospel chapter **12:12-19** and meditate on three truth that I have drawn from this passage. ***12 The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Blessed is the king of Israel!'*****14 Jesus found a**

young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written: 15 'Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt.' 16 At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. 17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. 18 Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, 'See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!'

I – Jesus, the Prince of Peace

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27 Perhaps even Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist may have had some questions and probably was also expecting Jesus to lead a military campaign to deliver them from the oppression of the Roman Empire we read in **John 11:2-6** **“When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’ Jesus replied, ‘Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”** When the crowd heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem they took branches of Palm Trees and went ahead to greet him shouting for joy. They welcomed Him as king into their Holy City. This was the first time Jesus was recognized as their Messiah and king. **“A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ Matthew 21:8-9** In the midst of that multitude there were probably those five thousand men and women who sat on the mountain to hear his teaching and witnessed Jesus multiplying the bread and fish. They were touched and transformed by His words. There, in the multitude, there were also those who came to believe after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Those who had witnessed the miracles and wonders that Jesus had performed. In the middle of the multitude there were also the men and women who had been delivered from evil spirits whom had now found new freedom and liberty in Him. The blind who had received their sight, whom in other instances depended on others to lead and guide them, now are leading the crowd to welcome Jesus, their king. The lame who could now walk, run and jump for joy, the lepers who were healed by His hands, the deaf who could now hear and not only hear, but could now sing in a loud voice. **“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Blessed is the king of Israel!” John 12:13b** They were people like you and I, who had real needs and had a personal encounter with Jesus. They had tasted His goodness and His favour and they worshiped Him with all their hearts and strength. What about you? Have you had an encounter with Jesus? Have you heard His teachings? Have you welcomed Jesus into your heart? Do you recognize Him as your Lord, Saviour and King. Have you experienced the joy and peace He offers you? This peace is available for you! I don't know what kind of situation and problem you might be facing right now. Don't let your heart be troubled and don't be afraid. Jesus the King is here right beside you to help you go through this situation. The peace, the Shalom that King Jesus offers us is not a life without suffering, sickness, problems

and wars. But it'd is a peace in the midst of our troubles, our distress and suffering. It's a peace that surpasses all understanding, giving us the strength to carry on.

II - Hosanna! Save us please!

“Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Psalm 118:25

The crowds were also shouting loud: Hosanna! Hosanna! The original translation of the word Hosanna is “Save!” It is viewed as a plea for help. And this is another truth we can learn from the triumphant entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem. He is not only the King who brought peace, He is also the saviour! He has the power to save! Last week marked the one year anniversary since the first lockdown of this pandemic here in the UK and unfortunately it's still causing much suffering and pain around the world. Brazil, my homeland is facing the worst time of the pandemic and it has lost over 300.000 lives.

We all need to continue to plead for mercy and salvation. And for those of us who have been protected and preserved so far, we must continue giving Him thanks and praises. Lord, save us! Lord grant us success! We plea for those who have been affected. Lord grant us success in the vaccination programmes around the world. Pray for your salvation and deliverance from this deadly virus. He is our righteousness, our deliverer and our refuge and we have been saved by His blood that was shed on the cross for us!

“If you say, ‘The Lord is my refuge,’ and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.” Psalm 91:9-10

III – Do Not Be Afraid!

‘Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.’ John 12:15 People were quoting a messianic prophecy written by Zachariah hundreds of years before. When they saw Jesus coming riding in the foal of a donkey. They rejoiced because their king had come to them. The Lord Jesus, our King is not only the Prince of Peace, He is our Saviour and He commanded us not to fear! ***Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zachariah 9:9 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10*** This is an imperative command that we can find many times in the Bible. Fear is something that can really paralyze us and push us down and bring all sorts of health and mental issues. When we look back and remember all the things we have been going through because of the pandemic, it's really necessary for us to continue pressing on in faith putting our trust in Christ alone. Submitting to Him all our anxieties, worries and cares as the scriptures says ***“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” I Peter 5:7***

Conclusion

Let us enter the holy week this year with peace in our hearts that comes from knowing Jesus and having a relationship with Him, allowing Him to come and dwell within us as king leading and guiding us in any affair and circumstances of our lives. Let us continue to shout Hosanna until we see the nations transformed, redeemed and saved! Let us enter the holy week with our hearts full of peace, faith and hope in Jesus. ***“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10***

Let's pray...

Lord Jesus you entered triumphantly and victoriously in Jerusalem! You have died, but you rose again. Lord as we focus our minds on your last week of your ministry here on earth, help us to learn and apply your truth into our lives, so that we can truly chose to believe you are the prince of peace, you calm the storms, and you are able to save us as you care for us, so we don't have to be afraid. Come Lord and save us from ourselves, from our lack of trust and hope, from our anxious thoughts and from circumstances around us, which sometimes want to put us down. We welcome you into our lives and thank you for being our Lord and Saviour. In your name I pray. Amen.

Song 4 – Hosanna (Hillsong United)

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I see the King of Glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest (x2)

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

Final Words and Announcements

We are going to meet again in our church building on Good Friday, 2nd of April for an early evening service, starting at 6:30pm. For Easter Sunday we are going to meet at the normal time, at 10:45. Please if you haven't booked a seat yet, please send me a text or email as we have the restriction on social distancing and our capacity is only 30 people inside the building. There are zoom meetings happening for the adults and for the youth every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Sandy and Andrea are also meeting with the children at 7pm. Gifts and tithes can be sent directly to the church's bank account and the details are as follow: A D L Memorial Buckminster – Account #: 13749406 Sort Code: 09-01-51

Let me finish our service with this priestly blessing we find in Number 6:24-25

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.”

See you all on Good Friday at 6:30pm and on Sunday Easter at 10:45