

Palm Sunday - 2nd April 2023 Kingussie Parish Church.

Good morning and welcome to our Palm Sunday Service

Church notices -

Kingussie Parish Church :-

Tomorrow the 3rd April 2023 is Monday lunch from 12.30

All welcome to attend.

Wednesday 5th April 2023 Babies and Toddlers not meeting on holiday.

Every Thursday Warm space will operate from 10:00 until 16:00

Hot drinks and snacks available throughout the day, with soup and bread at lunchtime. Craft activities including knitting, sewing, glass painting and friendly chat.

Everyone is welcome to pop in.

Foodshare table is also available.

Laggan and Newtonmore

Laggan Church Maundy Thursday Service 6th April 2023 at 7pm

Newtonmore Church Good Friday Service 7th April 2023 at 7pm

All welcome to attend the services.

Prayer meetings dates for the next quarter (the 3rd Friday each month) are as follows:

21st April at Newtonmore, 11am-12noon

19th May at Kingussie, 11am-12noon

16th June at Laggan, 11am-12noon

Opening Prayer Let us Pray

Palm Sunday prayer

And now we give thanks for the majesty of Christ who rode into Jerusalem as a King; but entered not into glory before he suffered pain, nor went up to joy before he was crucified; and made the way of the cross the way of life and peace.

Therefore, with your people of all places and times, and with the whole company of heaven, we proclaim your greatness.

Amen

1st Hymn 367 Hosanna, loud Hosanna

Palm Sunday prayer of Praise

Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you today as the Word made flesh, before all, beyond all, within all- the one in whom all things have their being, sharing our humanity, experiencing the Joys and sorrow of flesh and blood, living and dying among us so that we might share in the joy of your kingdom. Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

We greet you as the Messiah, the Son of David, King of Israel, Servant of all, Saviour of all, anointed for burial, crowned with thorns and lifted high on a cross – your kingdom not of this world. Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you today with joyful worship and reverent praise .

Hear our prayer and accept our homage, for we offer it in your name and glory as we join together in the words of the Lord's Prayer:-

Our Father who, art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever.

Amen

Mrs Eppy Mackay brings our 1st Reading
Matthew Ch 21 v 1 - 11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her.

Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

"Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,

gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

2nd Hymn 365 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Mrs Eppy Mackay brings our 2nd Reading

Psalm 118 v 1 -2, 19 - 29

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

Let Israel say:

"His love endures forever."

Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord

through which the righteous may enter.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
The Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
The Lord has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.
The Lord is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is near the Passover and the last events in the life of Jesus begin in great drama. Everywhere is crowded. It is estimated that over 2 million people could make their way to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. Already there is a plot to take Jesus and put him to death. Jesus must be careful because it is dangerous for him to enter Jerusalem. Let us look at the courage, the claim and the call of Jesus.

We see the courage of Jesus. He was aware of the hostility and the danger. He knew he was likely to be put to death. But he did not go into hiding. He made a public declaration by his entry into Jerusalem. Jesus challenged the authorities – and does to this day. In many ways the riding into Jerusalem

was an act of defiance. Yet he was not foolish. When he sent for the donkey, a colt, a password is used:

‘The Lord needs them.’ Matthew alone talks of two creatures, a donkey and colt. He wanted to show how Jesus literally fulfilled what the prophet said: ‘Tell the daughter of Zion. Look your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey.’

Even in this passage, the double mention of donkey and colt does not imply two creatures, but one. It must be remembered that the donkey was considered a noble beast and was sometimes the choice of a king when he rode into a city in peace.

To witness to this, the people welcomed him like a king by spreading their cloaks on the road and branches from the trees. Jehu, when he was proclaimed king, was welcomed in this manner by his friends and so was Simon Maccabaeus when he entered Jerusalem after a notable victory.

So in his entry into Jerusalem we see the claim of Jesus. This is the entrance of a King and of the Messiah. Jesus is the Christ, the One who comes in the power and presence of God. It is likely that he was to be the Cleanser of the Temple as Judas Maccabaeus had done 200 years before.

Then people waved branches in the same way and this is the next act of Jesus. The cry of the people ‘Hosanna’ means ‘save us now’ and is a cry for help. It is a call for deliverance to their Saviour and their King.

The call of Jesus is not one for earthly kingship; it is for the hearts of people. Will we accept him as the Christ, our Lord and Saviour? Will we let him rule in our hearts? His rule is one of peace and love, and yet many still turn away. Will you acknowledge his claim and hear his call to you?
AMEN

CHOIR ANTHEM

**The choir will bring their anthem for today, to us now
“It is a thing most wonderful”.**

3rd Hymn 356 Meekness and Majesty

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, you came not as a king mighty in battle, but as the Prince of peace, the promised deliverer, sent to heal and restore our broken world. So now we pray for peace and unity between nations.

We thank you for signs of hope in the world today – for the desire to make this planet a safer place, for initiatives that have been taken to reduce nuclear and conventional arms, for the breaking down of seemingly insurmountable barriers, and for a willingness to engage in genuine dialogue. Prosper all such efforts, and grant that a spirit of trust and cooperation may develop among all.

We pray for all who are caught up in the awfulness of war- those maimed and injured, those who have lost loved ones, those for whom life will never be the same again. Break down the barriers which keep people apart – the prejudice and intolerance, greed and envy.

May your Spirit of love overcome all that causes people to take up arms against one another. Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, come again to our world and bring the unity that you alone can bring .

Amen

4th Hymn 404 I danced in the morning when the world was begun
Please remain standing at the end of this Hymn for the

Benediction

The God who called us here is sending us out, to turn words into deeds, worship into Service, and vision into reality.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with you.

Amen

Hymn 786

May the God of Peace go with us