

## Service for Palm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

*[All glory, laud and honour playing as people join]*

*[As usual, I invite you to join in with the words in bold. There might be a slight time lag across zoom, but that doesn't matter.]*

### Welcome

#### Opening words

*[based on words from Psalm 118. we need to take the first words metaphorically!]*

Open the gates  
Fling wide the doors!  
Give thanks for the Lord, for he is good.  
**His steadfast love endures forever.**

With God among us,  
With friends around us,  
we have no enemies.  
Give thanks for the Lord, for he is good.  
**His steadfast love endures forever.**

**Hallelujah!**

**Song to listen to - Hallelujah, hosannah** *[Soweto gospel choir]*

#### Opening prayers and the Lord's Prayer

#### Bible readings

Zechariah 9: 9 – 10  
Mark 11: 1 – 11

#### Reflection: Donkey theology



## Hymn – Ride on, ride on in majesty *[Join in if you wish]*

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
thine humble beast pursues his road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The winged squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

### Prayers

#### Closing words

We tell your story, We follow in your footsteps  
**Lead us into Holy Week**

We walk towards the city, We wait in the garden  
**Lead us onto holy ground**

We journey in faith, We hope for resurrection  
**Lead us to life. AMEN**

### Blessing

#### Closing Song – Amen