



10 APRIL 2022



Welcome to worship

Welcome to church this morning, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us.

Lectionary Readings

This week April 10, 2022:

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 19:28-40

Good Friday April 15, 2022:

Isaiah 52:13- 53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
John 18:1 -19:42

Easter Sunday April 17, 2022:

Isaiah 65:17-25 or Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Easter Services

Good Friday—15th April at 9am
Easter Sunday 17th April at 9am.

Jesus, what do you think you are doing?

Philippians 2:4-11, Luke 19: 28-40

Early in his ministry Jesus tried to avoid publicity. Now, however, everything changes. His carefully stage-managed entry to Jerusalem brings attention to him in a very public way.

I suggest that the point of the whole exercise was to engender a response. Jesus publicly takes a position, standing for peace. Standing against both the political and religious leaders of the day. He says, “Peace is what I bring. What are you going to do about it? In being deliberately provocative, he demands a response. He forced the authorities to act. They really couldn’t ignore him or sideline his influence any longer. Would they accept the peace he offers? Well we all know the story from here on in. No, “peace” was not their way. That was not the way they had come to power, nor how they remained in power.

I suggest that this story requires a response from you and me, today. We have heard, over and over again, Jesus’ message of love and forgiveness. We have read about his life and preaching.

Yes, Jesus came on the first Palm Sunday to claim his kingship over your life and mine. He came to claim your life, your love, your discipleship.

What is your response? Will you stand by and enjoy the parade, or will you follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Master? Unless Jesus is King of your life. Unless you are prepared to dethrone yourself and enthrone Him, then he might as well have stayed home in Nazareth. For you, he walked the roads of the Holy Land. For you, he came to lay down his life. It is both a happy and a sad moment. Happy because he claims his rightful place as Crowned Prince of Peace, and sad because it would cost Him his life.

What is your response?

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