



# Peel Valley Congregation

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**Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)**

## Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

**21** As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup> "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.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.

<sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.

<sup>8</sup> A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

<sup>9</sup> 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!"

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup> The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

## Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Max Whitten. Max was a very active member of the Hallsville congregation for most of his life. He put time and effort into supporting the monthly markets. Max will be missed by his large family and many friends.



## DAY LIGHT SAVING ENDS

April 5, 2020, 3 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour



## PALM SUNDAY

I have always seen Palm Sunday as a happy day – a day when many people from distant villages, and locals from Bethany, joined together to show Jesus how they felt about him.

They shouted, waved branches, and let their joy be known. Perhaps some of the boys ran alongside Jesus for a few minutes?

I imagine a sparkling spring morning, when walking towards Jerusalem in preparation for the upcoming festival was a pleasure.

Even though Jesus knew what lay ahead, I hope that he gave himself the opportunity to drink in the warmth and the love of the crowd.

This year we aren't able to join with others to express our warmth and love for Jesus. We are in isolation. But we are still able give voice to our love. It might echo around our room, rather than "lifting the roof" off our churches as some may remember from past years.

God can accept our thanks and praise, no matter what form it takes. ~ Meg

## Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## NO CHURCH SERVICES

Our congregation will be complying with the government directive not to hold any church services. Memory Lane will also be in recess.



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Shirley Whitten, and for her family Stuart, Scott, Phillip, Gavin, Carolyn, Diana and Luke. We also pray for Jan, Max's sister.
- We pray for good health for each member of our congregation.
- We give thanks for the recent rain. With Chaffey Dam still quite low, every drop is appreciated.
- We pray for residents in nursing homes and hostels which are in lock-down.
- We thank God for caring nurses, doctors and medical staff.

### Meg's Musings

I saw an online catalogue of Woolworths specials for this week. A few items of fruit and vegetables in season, and pages and pages of Easter eggs.

It seems that the supermarkets are concerned that, with so few visits to the supermarket, they will be left with masses of eggs and rabbits.

It's not that people have suddenly decided to eat more healthily; when people don't walk past those things and don't see them, they don't buy them!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if people chose to realign their thinking in the time of crisis, and thought less about spending, and more about caring.

Paul wrote, in Philippians 4:8

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Blessings from Meg



### SING WE THE KING

Sing we the King who is coming to reign,  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain;  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Chorus: Come let us sing: Praise to our King,  
Jesus our King, Jesus our King:  
This is our song, who to Jesus belong:  
Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.

All men shall dwell in His marvelous light,  
Races long severed His love shall unite,  
Justice and truth from His scepter shall spring,  
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King.

All shall be well in His kingdom of peace,  
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,  
Foe shall be friend when His triumph we sing,  
Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King.

Kingdom of Christ, for thy coming we pray,  
Hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day  
When this new song Thy creation shall sing,  
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Beulah is presently knitting bears. It would be great if some people could sew marble bags, skirts or shorts.

We also need fabric bags to include with each box. Last year people knitted or crocheted purses/bags. It would be helpful to have some for this year too. Please do not go shopping at the moment. There will be plenty of time later on to buy the things we need to complete the boxes. I'm sure that we can dream up some wonderful crafty ideas to while away our time of isolation. ~ Meg



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Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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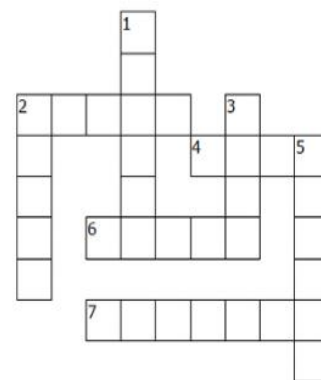
Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



### The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



#### ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

#### DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

1 April ~ Laurie Mangan  
22 April ~ Mavis Chaffey  
28 April ~ Jean Stratford



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