

Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

Jesus' Triumphant Entry

11 As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead.² "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here."³ If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'"

⁴ The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. ⁵ As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it.

⁸ Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Jesus was in the centre of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

"Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

¹⁰ Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David!

Praise God in highest heaven!"

¹¹ So Jesus came to Jerusalem and went into the Temple. After looking around carefully at everything, he left because it was late in the afternoon. Then he returned to Bethany with the twelve disciples.

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Mission Community Prayer

Loving God, receive our love, refresh our vision, renew our lives; so that together our Mission Community may witness to the truth of your gospel, build up our fellowship and deepen our commitment to grow in prayer. May our lives of discipleship draw others to follow Jesus Christ. Lead us into creative ways to serve the people of Devon with joy, to the glory of your name. Amen



Christian Love in Action

25th March 2018

Palm Sunday

Welcome to Worship

A Warm Welcome to Revd Ben Luck

11.00am Palm Sunday Holy Communion, St Peter's, Thornbury



Readings

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 11:1-11

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Amen

"Praise God!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD! "

Mark 11:9

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



The Mission Community: Revd Richard Freeman and the Bradworthy Benefice; Revd Preb Kathy Roberts and Thornbury Church

Highampton Electoral Roll: Dudley and Jackie Ody, Michelle Ody, Wendy Rose, Mary Richards, Joan Thomas

Those who are ill: Joan Thomas; Avis Radford; Margaret Grabham; Iona Barrance

All the family and friends mourning the loss of Sue Thomas

Black Torrington Primary School; lead teacher Lisa Paton, and all the children, staff and parents

Rest In Peace: Sue Thomas

Holy Week Services

Mon 26th 6.00pm **Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross,**
Holy Cross, Highampton

Tues 27th 2.30pm **Bradford School Easter Service** in the school
6.00pm **Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross,**
St Peter's, Thornbury

Wed 28th 9.30am **School Easter Service,**
St Mary's, Black Torrington
6.00pm **Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross,**
St Mary's, Black Torrington

Thurs 29th 7.00pm **Maundy Thursday Holy Communion,**
All Saints', Bradford

Fri 30th 10.00am **Good Friday Story Time,** Bradford Village Hall
12.00pm **Good Friday Service,** St Peter's, Thornbury
2.00pm **Good Friday Service,** Holy Cross, Highampton

Sat 31st 8.00pm **Service of Light for Easter Eve,**
St Mary's, Black Torrington

Easter Day

Sun 1st April 11.00 am **Holy Communion,** All Saint's, Bradford

Tues 27th 10.00am **Thornbury APCM** at the home of Sara Lawes



To Think About



Benefice Table Top Sale
Black Torrington Village Hall
Saturday 31st March at 10.00 am

Urgent request!

Cakes are desperately needed if our benefice cake stall is to be successful any type of cake(s) will be very gratefully received.

Introduction to the Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9 This is part of the third of four Servant Songs in Isaiah written during Israel's exile in Babylon. It clarifies the vocation of God's servant. The servant has been faithful and obedient even though that meant suffering persecution. Jesus appears to have identified closely with this passage, especially the rejection and suffering of the servant.

Philippians 2:5-11 This early Christian hymn incorporates the earliest Christian creed: "Jesus is Lord." Christ is seen as the key figure in a divine drama in which he yields up his existence with God and assumes human form. As an obedient servant he suffers the utmost shame of crucifixion in total contrast to the glory and honour of divinity before resuming his status as Lord of all.

Mark 11:1-11 Jesus' entry into Jerusalem began the final ascent to the cross. Entering the city in a victory parade, a conquering king would ride a stallion; but this one comes on a borrowed donkey, a symbol of peace. This indicates his humility as well as his true messiahship. The ending is anticlimactic. The business between Jesus and the welcoming throng was unfinished. Holy Week takes us to his condemnation and crucifixion on Good Friday. **John Shearman**

To Think About

Corrie ten Boom was once asked if it were difficult for her to remain humble. Her reply was simple. "When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday on the back of a donkey, and everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments onto the road, and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it ever entered the head of that donkey that any of that was for him?" She continued, "If I can be the donkey on which Jesus Christ rides in his glory, I give him all the praise and all the honour."

