

Palm Sunday, 29th March 2015

Lectionary Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Philippians 2:5-11;
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Prayers of the People

Humble donkey riding Lord, you came that we might have life, and have it abundantly

Thank you, Precious Jesus.

Come today and give life to this community, to our two congregations, to all who seek to follow you through the streets and lanes of Brunswick.

Hosanna, give us life.

You poured living water into lives that were parched and thirsty

Thank you, Precious Jesus.

Come today and quench the thirst of all who long for meaning and purpose, whose spirits are wasting amidst the barren offerings of our world.

Hosanna, quench our thirst.

You fed souls that were hungry with the bread of life

Thank you, Precious Jesus.

Come today and nourish the world with peace, bringing hope to all victims of violence, all places of war, all communities devastated by disaster.

Hosanna, bring us peace.

You brought healing through a touch that knew no prejudice or barrier

Thank you, Precious Jesus.

Come today and touch lives wracked by pain, heal the suffering ones, and help us to reach across the barriers that divide one from another.

Hosanna, heal our brokenness.

You wept tears of compassion for the lost

Thank you, Precious Jesus.

Come today and comfort those who grieve the loss of loved ones. Uphold them with the strength of our care and empower us all to trust in the love that conquers death.

Hosanna, love us eternally.

You brought salvation through the cross,

Thank you, Precious Jesus.

Come today and help your church to faithfully follow you into the trials we must face. Strengthen us with unity, and renew your Spirit within us so that we may love one another as you have loved us, embodying the grace and forgiveness of your kingdom.

Hosanna, call us and lead us.

We pray together in the words Jesus taught his people to say:

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen**