



Welcome to Blackburn Baptist Church, on March 24th 2024 at 10:45, meeting at Bethesda Chapel.

Whilst some are able to meet in person, others we know are still at home. We hope and pray that you will find this outline of our service helpful, as we seek to worship God as a Church family, wherever we are.

Our Palm Sunday service today is being led by Alec, and features the work of the Leprosy Mission, with Michael H. This means it is not able to be recorded. This therefore is not a full script.

Welcome.

Meet Michael, Leprosy Mission.

Opening hymn:

All glory, laud, and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel, great David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud, and honour....

The company of angels is praising you on high;
and we with all creation together make reply.

All glory, laud, and honour....

The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

All glory, laud, and honour....

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

All glory, laud, and honour....

As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
for you delight in goodness, O good and gracious King

All glory, laud, and honour...

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Bible reading Matthew 21: 1-11, Janet

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.'

This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

'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."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!'

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'
The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Notices

Song:

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?...

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?...

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Leprosy Mission Presentation (building a new Outpatient department)

Song:

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in the suffering this is our prayer:
bread for the children, justice, joy, peace
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsman, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

**God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray.
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain,
come, change our love from a spark to a flame.**

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

God of the poor...

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
plundered and poisoned; our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed,
make us content with the things that we need.

God of the poor....

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

God of the poor....

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Prayers, Alec

Closing Offering hymn:

Rejoice, the Lord is King! your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven,
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
God's trumpet call shall sound, rejoice!

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Closing prayer.