

Welcome! Haere mai!

## St John's Anglican Church, Ōtūmoetai



**Sunday, 24 March 2024**

*Palm Sunday*

### Greetings:

*Palm Sunday* ... where does that idea come from? Mark says “Many people spread their *cloaks* on the road” and adds that “some spread *leafy branches* that they had cut in the field.” Matthew and Luke don’t mention branches or leaves of any sort. Only John’s gospel contains the detail we bring to mind this day. Whether it was actually just cloaks or some sort of leafy branches/palms as well ... none of us here today miss the imperative.

This was the culmination of Jesus’ ministry among us; recognition of His Divine calling. In less than a week He will be dead to the only *life* His disciples have ever known as a consequence of the lies and betrayal of those He came to save BUT *waiting* for His eternal curtain-call ... and, as a consequence of that call, *we are saved* ... for everything to which we are called, forever!

This season reminds me that we are not saved *per se* ... we are saved *for something*. *What that is* remains elusive ... but there is nothing more certain ... we are each called ... it’s what we do *next* that matters.

Over the next few days, we have several opportunities to remember our first encounter ... what was it that first drew us into Him ... and

why did we respond the way we did? We also have several opportunities to refresh our commitment to that call.

Let me assure you, the task has not gone away; not everyone has been saved yet, and Creation is still in a mess ... so there's still plenty to do. What's next on our list? We don't have to do it all at once ... but the longer we wait, the further we still have to go.

Grace and peace, *Tony*

### **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY: 24 March 2024**

#### **Sentence**

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:10-11*

#### **Collect**

**Lord Jesus, acclaimed as King, crucified as criminal, teach us to accept our sufferings and triumphs for Your glory alone. Hear this prayer for Your love's sake. Amen.**

**OT Reading** *Isaiah 50: 4-9a*

**NT Reading** *Philippians 2: 5-11*

**Gospel** *Mark 14:1-15:47*

#### **Prayers of the People**

Today we pray for church communities in Pakistan and for the people of the Reporoa Cooperating Parish and their minister.

We pray for those in need, especially those who ask for our prayers: Craig, Reece, James, Viv.

### **Taizé at St Georges**

All are invited to join St Georges, Gate Pa for a Taizé service at 7pm on Sunday 24 March (Palm Sunday).

#### **This Week Beginning: 25 March**

<b>Monday</b>	7.00 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b>	7.00 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00 am	Mid-week Eucharist
	11.00 am	Lenten Study
	2.00 pm	SAYGo
	7.00 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday service
<b>Friday</b>	10.00 am	Stations of the Cross
	12.00 pm	Prayer Vigil
<b>Saturday</b>	7.00 pm	Service of Light
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00 am	Silent Meditation
<b>Weds – Sat</b>	8.00 am	Morning Prayer
<b>Op Shop</b>	10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Thursday	
	10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday	
<b>Playgroup</b>	9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	
<b>Toy Library</b>	9.30 - 11.30 am Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	

#### **Services for Sunday 31 March –**

8.30 am Holy Eucharist  
10.00 am Holy Eucharist

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