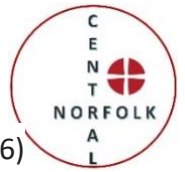


**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024:** Sixth Sunday in Lent

*For use by the Central Norfolk Circuit at 10.30 am or other suitable time.*



**StF 262 H&P 160 'All glory, laud and honour'** translated by John Mason Neale (1818 – 66)

### Opening Prayer

Think of the past week and say both 'thank you' and 'sorry' to our loving God.

**Psalm set for today:** Psalm 118 v 1 – 2, 19 – 29

### To think about

Is this just an appropriate reading for Palm Sunday OR is it a song or proclamation that Jesus would have known well and that influenced his actions on the Sunday before his death?

**Gospel reading set for today:** Mark 11 v 1 – 11

**StF 263 MP 242 'Hosanna, hosanna'** by Carl Tuttle (b 1953)

### Message from a Circuit Friend

When we go on a long journey we may have to use a different form of transport before we finally arrive at our intended destination, either on foot or perhaps a short car journey. During Lent, we have followed Jesus on his journey all the way to Jerusalem. As he makes his final approach near the Mount of Olives, he is almost there, and he chooses to make a surprising entrance into the city itself. For the last leg, he rides on a humble donkey accompanied by the joyful praises of the people who pave his way with cloaks and palms, greeting him as if he had arrived in style, as a king. Which of course he had, a servant king. But the journey was not quite over yet, and the next few days would lead him through a tortuous series of events. Many people would be involved in the drama of the last week in Jerusalem; Judas the betrayer, the Jewish authorities, the Roman Governor, Barabbas, Herod, Peter, the disciple who denied that he even knew Jesus, the criminals on the cross either side of Jesus, and many others. Jesus' life and death touched a vast array of characters, each one responding in their own way. Jesus' life and death reached out, and still reaches out without pride or rebellion, but in humble, compassionate love, to each individual, whoever we are. He draws us into his story, and changes us. He gives us new life, and is with us on our own journey of life, as we each respond to his act of sacrifice, by following in his footsteps.

**Elsie Warby (Local Preacher and member of Watton Methodist Church)**

**StF 662 'Have you heard God's voice?'** by Jacqueline G Jones (unknown)

### Collect for the sixth Sunday in Lent

Eternal God, in the tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

We pray for our world... for the church... for our communities... for our families & friends...

You may like to remember in prayer the fact that yesterday marked the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the first lockdown in 2020. Pray for those still suffering as a result of the covid pandemic.

**Offer to God your offertory for the week, and say the Lord's Prayer...**

**StF 265 H&P 159 'Ride on, ride on, in majesty'** by Henry Hart Milman (1791 – 1868)

**May the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us, and all those we love, this day and always, Amen.**

**Circuit News:** Services, walks of witness, celebrations of Holy Communion will be taking place around the Circuit over Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Weekend. If you would like details of what is happening in your area, contact your local church steward. If you would like to receive Home Communion over the Easter period, please contact your minister or ask our Administrator, Marianne (07736 467831) whom to contact.