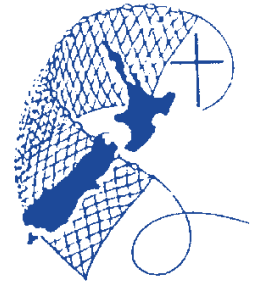




St Andrew's Glen Eden
Casting Nets - The Bulletin



24 March 2024
Palm Sunday

Sentence Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. *Psalm 118:1*

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.

God will use you
Today's sermon summary



Jesus tells two of his disciples to go ahead and to untie a young donkey. If anyone asks what they're doing, they're to say the Lord needs it. The Lord Jesus needs this donkey because it's what he uses to ride into Jerusalem as King.

I think this is good news for us. Because if you're anything like me, most of the time you probably feel more like a donkey than a big, impressive horse! But God had a purpose for that humble donkey. It was untethered - it was set free - for his service.

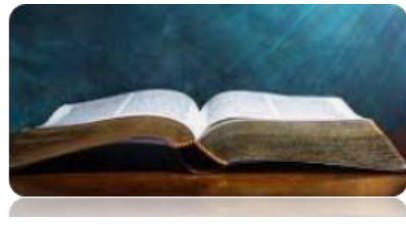
The same is true for you and me. God has a purpose for our lives. We are set free to serve him. The Lord needed that donkey, and he used it for his glory. The Lord needs us, and he'll use us for his glory, too!

Rev. George Penk

**NEXT
WEEK**

Join us next Sunday for a sermon called **I want to know what love is**. When we look at the first Easter, we see real love on display. Those events 2000 years ago show us what love is.

Readings for this Sunday



First reading - Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt. I will remove the battle chariots from Israel and the warhorses from Jerusalem. I will destroy all the weapons used in battle, and your king will bring peace to the nations. His realm will stretch from sea to sea and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth.

Because of the covenant I made with you, sealed with blood, I will free your prisoners from death in a waterless dungeon. Come back to the place of safety, all you prisoners who still have hope! I promise this very day that I will repay two blessings for each of your troubles.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1,22-29

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see. This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Please, Lord, please save us. Please, Lord, please give us success. Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, shining upon us. Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Second reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Though Christ Jesus was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Gospel - Mark 11:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark.

Praise and glory to God.

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. "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. If anyone asks, 'What are you doing?' just say, 'The Lord needs it and will return it soon.'"

The two disciples left and found the colt standing in the street, tied outside the front door. As they were untying it, some bystanders demanded, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They said what Jesus had told them to say, and they were permitted to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it, and he sat on it. Many in the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the fields. 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! Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our ancestor David! Praise God in highest heaven!"

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.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

Church Notices

The **Knitwits** group will meet
at 2.30pm on April 5 & 19



New members are always
welcome to join the fun!

Debbie 818 4449

A prayer for St Andrew's



Gracious God, thank you for
Easter. We pray that people
would be drawn to the Easter
services here at St Andrew's.
May this be a place where they
feel truly welcome, and where
they encounter your love. We
pray they would be blessed,
and you would be glorified. In
the name of Jesus, Amen.

EASTER SERVICES AT OUR CHURCH



Maundy Thursday
28 March 7.30pm

Good Friday
29 March 10am

Easter Sunday
31 March 10am

St Andrew's Social Seniors

We gather in the church hall every
Wednesday at 10am

- board games
- exercises
- refreshments

**YOU'RE
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