**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 2, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>   
2) our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

3) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/>

If the video feed is interrupted during the service, we will continue to record and then post the full video on Facebook and our web site as soon as possible.

For those who are in the sanctuary, please put your phone in airplane mode.

Today we are having communion. Those at home may want to gather the elements (“bread” and “wine” or whatever you have) before the service begins.

Gathering Music: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates;* *All Glory, Laud, and Honor;* *Filled with Excitement;*

*A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd; This Is the Day the Lord Has Made;*

*Psalm 118:14-24; Psalm 118:19-29*

Our Photo Story today is “Ministry of Christ Artwork.”

Welcome

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11 Pew Bible, p. 23, (N.T.

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All:** **Hosanna in the highest!**

Prayer and Proclamation of Entrance

Shadow Play for Palm Sunday by the Children of Southminster

Turn to the last 2 pages of the bulletin.

Hymn 197: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (all)

Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna, we cry, Lord, as you ride into the city,

**People: Heralded as messiah, prophet, and preacher,**

Leader: Carpenter becomes king.

**People: Hosanna, we cry, Lord, as we remember!**

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Hymn 196: *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (verses 1, 2)

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Lord God, you came to us in Jesus Christ, and we are grateful, but we have held back making you the cornerstone of our lives. Be first in our lives; be the foundation and rock of our lives. Knowing that anything we build without you will not last. We seek you not only to guide us but to be our firm foundation. In the name of Jesus Christ, who is both Lord and savior, we pray. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

The Good News of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:34)

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

**People: Only Christ and Christ died for us!**

Leader: Christ rose for us!

**People: Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Response: *Kyrie* pg. 2, blue worship supplement

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Christe, Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

(The words are Greek for *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.*)

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The Passing of the Peace

Word with Children

Children worshiping in the sanctuary, please come forward.

*Jesus Loves Me*

**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21:12-17  Pew Bible, p. 23, (N.T.)

Sermon: “Stories for the Journey: The Last Mile”

Saying What We Believe/Affirmation of Faith (unison)   
 *The Apostles’ Creed* [Ecumenical]

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn 198: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!* (all 4 verses)

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory Anthem:  *Sing to the Lord Hosanna!* Patrick Liebergen

\**Doxology* Hymnal #606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Service of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

[We extend an invitation to the Lord’s Supper to all who have been baptized. You do   
 not need to be a member of this congregation or a Presbyterian to share in this meal.   
 We remember that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a   
 privilege given to believers who come in faith, repentance, and love.]

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People**: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The minister gives thanks…*

The congregation responds by singing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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*The minister continues the Thanksgiving…*

**According to Christ’s commandment**

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory.**

*The minister continues with Intercessions for the Church and the World  
and Prayers of the People…*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People**: **hear our prayers.**

Our Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion

Communion Anthem:  *All Who Hunger*  Moore/Dunstan

*We will receive communion by intinction. Our usher will invite you to come forward  
 by pew, beginning from the back. With Christian love we serve gluten-free  
 communion bread and alcohol-free grape juice.*

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 518: *Your Only Son (Lamb of God)* (all 3 verses)

Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,  
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!**

Leader:  The cross, **All:  We shall take it.**  
  Leader:  The bread, **All:  We shall break it.**  
  Leader:  The pain, **All:  We shall bear it.**  
  Leader:  The joy, **All:  We shall share it.**  
  Leader:  The Gospel, **All:  We shall live it.**  Leader:  The love, **All:  We shall give it.**  
  Leader:  The light, **All:  We shall cherish it.**  Leader:  The darkness, **All:  God shall perish it.**  Leader:  For Jesus’ sake. **All:  Amen.**

Postlude

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Steve Henkels

Greeter: Sue Knisely

Fellowship: Lynn Ferino

Musicians: Tom Anderson, Southminster Choir

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Chris Kozich, Blair Nelson

The flowers today are given in celebration of Walter Briney’s birthday.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. Coffee and canned beverages will be served; masks and social distancing are at your discretion.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Note that we no longer offer Zoom fellowship.  
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.** in McHenry Parlor or online at <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>.  
  
  
You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” with Pastor Wendy Boden at 4:20 p.m. most weeks Tuesday through Friday.

Even though we have returned to in-person worship, we will also continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15) on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/live>

or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>

If you are watching from home on Facebook, please check in and say hello so we can see that you have joined us. This is one way to make worship less “remote” and strengthen community at Southminster.

*The live video will appear about 15 minutes before the scheduled start time.*

*If for any reason the feed falters, rest assured that a recording will be posted to Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible.*

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions, special services, and Sunday worship posted on our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/> or by going to our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us feel connected!**Photo Stories/PowerPoints help us prepare for worship, connect with one another, and make sure that our at-home people get both sound and sight. Watch here for future opportunities to share your photos.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**:  Our study of Zechariah’s prophecy continues into April. We will skip Easter Sunday but will meet the rest of April’s Sundays. Join me in person in the McHenry Parlor/library for edification, education, conversation, and some fun-ation. Use this link to join us online: <https://meet.google.com/fna-eojg-uye>.  
  
**Youth**:  You should have received a text from Blair about any plans we might have for today. Or… you can check with him by giving him a call – he always likes to talk to you!  
  
**Talent Show** is coming Sunday, April 16, tentatively from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Now is the time to get your act together. You can enter as an individual, group, or ministry. You can sing, dance, tell jokes, look pretty, or anything else that can be conceived of as entertaining. The goal is for us to have a fun evening together. Sign-ups for talent are on the CE/Youth office door. Add your name today!   
  
**From the Easter Celebration Task Force** Southminster’s Easter Celebration is this coming Sarurday! We will be welcoming our own families, as well as the community, to experience the Easter story, enjoy crafts (most to take home), and go on an Easter egg hunt. This is a popular event, and one for which Southminster is well-known and beloved.

To help Southminster create a loving, joyful experience, your help will be appreciated:

• **Invite guests**

· **Share our Facebook post** – both on your personal “wall”, and also share to your groups, such as your neighborhood Facebook group

· **Tell** your friends, family, visitors, and neighbors

• **Volunteer**

· **Contact** Chris Kozich to volunteer at the event

· **Show Up** to help on Saturday, April 8, whether or not you have signed up.   
**Approximate volunteer schedule**

\* 7:45 a.m. – table moving begins

\* 8:00 a.m. – table set-up begins

\* 8:30 a.m. – set out Easter eggs

\* 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 am Welcome guests

\* 11:45 a.m. – start clean-up

• **In the event of rain**

· We will meet on Good Friday at 3:00 p.m. (time tentative!) to assemble take-home bags of Easter eggs.

· An all-church e-blast email will be sent out to recruit volunteers if this happens.

**From the Worship Ministry**  
**Plan to join us for worship services during Holy Week**:  
Sunday, April 2 – **Palm/Passion Sunday** – worship service with communion at 9:30 a.m.  
Thursday, April 6 – **Maundy Thursday**– worship service with communion at 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, April 7 – **Good Friday** – worship service at 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 9 – **Easter/The Resurrection of the Lord**! Worship with us at 9:30 a.m.  
  
**Easter flowers**, if not claimed after services on Easter Sunday, will need to be picked up on Monday, April 10, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at church. If you are ***unable*** to retrieve your flowers, please make arrangements with a friend to get them for you. It is appreciated!

**From the Mission Ministry  
One Great Hour of Sharing – a Special Offering during Lent**Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with your neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed through an offering to One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes for the OGHS offering are on the table outside the Sanctuary, or you may write a check to Southminster with “OGHS” on the memo line and mail it, drop it off, or put it in the offering any time before Easter.

The conclusion of March Madness – and **March Mission Madness** – is almost here! We’ll know the women’s champion tonight and the men’s tomorrow! Even if your predictions were waaay off and you aren’t one of the top finishers, the winners in the end are the missions we support! If you haven’t yet contributed your $15 per bracket (or more, if you feel like it!), please write a check to Southminster and add your bracket name(s) on the memo line so our treasurer can reconcile the contributions.

**From the Christian Ed. Ministry**

**Connect with Our Kids!**

Southminster is looking for volunteers to be available on Sunday mornings in the event we need nursery + Sunday School services! Hopefully, we’ll have some new chicks hatching this spring, which means we need YOU! Yes, you – the adults of the church – to step up and nurture our future generations. If you are willing to be on an “on call” list of volunteers, please contact Blair Baldwin at the email address above. This is not a weekly commitment but rather an attempt to gain a list of folks who can potentially help out if we need additional adults.

**Women, you are invited to breakfast!**  
Our next informal women’s breakfast will be held at Danby’s Station at 8:30 a.m. this Wednesday, April 5. All women are invited to join us! Call, text, or email Gretchen Fleming—(630) 517-0926; [gretchen\_fleming@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchen_fleming@yahoo.com)—if you have any questions. All women are invited to join us!   
  
  
**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):  
**Order today, April 2!** The cards should be delivered is 2 days, so it can work to add to Easter baskets or cards. Gift cards can also be used to purchase food for your Easter dinner. Contact Bobbi Frey by 9:00 p.m. today by email ([bobbifrey@aol.com](mailto:bobbifrey@aol.com)) or text her with your order. Include the amount of the desired card(s), number ordered, and total amount of your order. You will be notified when the cards are in and a delivery time set.   
Next order date: May 7.  
 **Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
The number of clients at the PRC keeps rising, which means the need continues to be great. If you are looking for ideas to donate, rice, dry pasta, and peanut butter are always in needs, as are personal care items like toothpaste, bar soap, and diapers size 5-7. All donations are appreciated! Collection bins continue to be inside the main entryway of the church.

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6   
Even though we aren’t all together for worship, we are still collecting prayer requests! Please email or leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149 if you won’t be present to fill out a prayer request slip.

**Joys and Concerns**   
**The flowers today** celebrate Walt Briney’s birthday. **We give thanks to God for:** - The approval for ordination of Elias Cabarcas, husband of Traci Smith and nephew of our own Kathy and Steve Sanders. His ordination will be June 4, 4:00 p.m., at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, where Traci is the pastor.  
**We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - Former President Jimmy Carter and his family, as he is under in-home hospice care   
  - We pray for an end to gun violence in our nation and in particular for Covenant Presbyterian Church and The Covenant School community in Nashville, where 3 children (one of whom was the daughter of the Covenant Presbyterian Church’s pastor) and 3 adults were killed last Monday. Monday’s attack was the deadliest U.S. school shooting in nearly a year and the 19th shooting at a school or university so far in 2023 that left at least one person wounded, a CNN count shows. Some 562 such shootings have occurred since 2008. So far in 2023, there have been more mass shootings than there are days in the year. Click on [data from the Gun Violence Archive](https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting) to see the current statistics.   
 - We pray for the communities in Mississippi that were devastated by tornadoes.  - We continue to pray for peace in the world Ukraine, the Holy Land, Pakistan, Iran, and everywhere that people face war, civil unrest, and the fight for civil rights  
**Blessed are those who mourn::** - The families, friends, and coworkers of those who were killed at The Covenant School on Monday: children Evelyn Dieckhaus, William Kinney, and Hallie Scruggs, and adults Mike Hill, Katherine Koonce, Cynthia Peak, and the family of Audrey Hale  
 - the family and friend of Doug Wozek, brother of Victor King’s coworker Jeff Wozek; Doug died last Monday.  
  - The family and many friends of Dan Bohi, and especially Deb, Jessica and Megan and their spouses, and the four grandchildren.   
 **We lift up those who are affected by cancer, as well as their support systems:**  
  - Nikki Petersen Mendoza, adult daughter of Pete Petersen, home from the Mayo Clinic   
  - Continuing prayers for Linda Wolf Jeziorski as she rests at home  
 - Shelayne, friend of Angela Smith, whose cancer has returned; she will need chemo again.   
 - Maykell’s mother, Felicita Salomon Martinez, who has thyroid cancer. Maykell is our translator in Cuba.  
  - We continue to pray for: Steve, Peggy, Cameron A., Rod B., Sam C., Tammy G., Tracy J., Tracy N., Jan M., Margaret R, Charlene S., Helen S, Jim S., Jon S., Connie V., Beverly W., and others we name in our hearts.  
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by Covid.  
We pray for all who are recovering or dealing with mental or physical health or other challenges:**  
 - Lynn Smith, Traci Smith’s mother and Steve Sanders’s sister, hospitalized with sepsis   
 - Ian Van Beveren, recovering from a recent hospitalization  
  - Floyd Rogers, health concerns  
  - Jim, undergoing tests  
  - Our members who are in long term care: **Ed Koska** at Tabor Hills, **Gail Johnston**, in hospice care at Du Page Convalescent Center (If you send a card, please send to Andrea Schmidt, whose address is in the directory.), and **Grace Van Beveren** at Oak Brook Care      
**We pray for the Jeremiah 29 discernment task force as they seek God’s will for Southminster in the 21st century.** May we reach out beyond our doors to invite people to share in our spiritual journey with Jesus Christ.  
**The upcoming school board and other local elections**, and the search for a new superintendent in District 89

**Caring for you!**Our **Congregational Care Committee** is ready to assist in time of need. If you need assistance from the Congregational Care Ministry or Helping Hands) from April 1-9, call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376), from April 10-30, call Deacon Barb Kocinski (630-710-4703). You may call Pastor Wendy Boden on her cell or home phone (if she has shared the numbers with you) or leave a message for her at the church office: 630-469-9149. Email Wendy at [wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:wendy@southminsterpc.org). (Please note that she can only read email when she is in the office.) You may also call your deacon if you need help from the church.  
  
  
**Office Schedule: The church office is closed on Mondays and Wednesdays.**Barb’s regular schedule is to be in the office Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from approximately 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. while her son attends his day program on those days. Mondays and Wednesdays she works from home.  
  
  
Grace and peace to you! Remember that we love God and neighbor. Our address is 680 South Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 if you would like to set up an online account with your bank or mail in your pledge. Online giving through Vanco is also now an option –for details contact Ron Birchall.

**Dates to remember this week:**    **Sunday, April 2 – *Palm/Passion Sunday***  
**Order Jubilee Bucks gift cards** by emailing bobbifrey!aol.com before 9:00 p.m.  
 **Worship with communion** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.   
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the meeting.   
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office   
 **Adult Ed.** at 11:15 a.m. either by Google Meet or by joining Blair in   
 the McHenry Parlor/Library  
 **Youth:** It’s the end of spring break. Parents and kids, have you replied to a text from Blair about whether you’d like to have an activity today?  
**Monday, April 3 – Pastor’s Sabbath. The church office is closed.**  
**Tuesday-Friday – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** on Facebook live at 4:20 p.m.   
**Tuesday, April 4**  
 A.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, April 5  
 eNotes go out  
Thursday, April 6 – *Maundy Thursday*  
 Maundy Thursday service** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary **Choir rehearsal** follows the service **Friday, April 7 – *Good Friday***  
 A.A. meets at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
 **Good Friday service** at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary **Saturday, April 9 – Easter Celebration, Story, and Egg Hunt  
 Set-up begins** with table moving at 7:45 a.m. **Guests arrive** between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.  
 **Clean-up** begins at 11:45 a.m. **Next Sunday, April 9 – *Easter Sunday/The Resurrection of The Lord  
“The Lord is risen!” “He is risen indeed!”*** **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.   
 **In-person Fellowship** in the Narthex following the service with special goodies  
 provided by our deacons   
 **Staff Meeting** at 10:45 a.m. in the Pastor’s Office   
 **No Adult Ed. or Youth activity**

**Bearing Fruit – April 2, 2023  
Remember the Story**  
Do you know this word, *Anamnesis*? Anamnesis is a Greek word that means reminiscence or memorial sacrifice. When we worship together, we do more than simply remember God’s faithful acts of salvation; we enact them during worship. The memory of God’s savings acts forms our self-understanding and our identity as a community of faith. When we worship, we not only remember, but we are present.   
  
This is particularly true when we share communion each month. Today and Maundy Thursday will be good opportunities to focus on the sacrifice and atoning work of Christ. If you are worshiping at home, please take a moment before the service to gather representations of bread and fruit of the vine so you can share communion with us.   
  
This Lent we have walked the road to Jerusalem with Jesus Christ. We have remembered our baptismal vows with the pouring of water and sung, “We are people on a journey.” Today we ask you to remember the story of Christ’s Passion, which begins with the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. You will participate by preparing your heart as we join in the proclamation and the prayer for Palm Sunday, and in the Call to Worship, the Prayer of Confession, the Prayers of the People, as well as the offering and congregational singing.   
  
Our service is multigenerational. Our children have labored during Lent not only to study the story of Christ’s triumphal entry but to consider how to bring it to our larger congregation. One of the ways children learn is through enacting what they are studying. They have prepared a shadow box presentation for us of the triumphal entry which will be at the beginning of our service prior to the Call to Worship. You are part of the story as the crowd. Please follow along with the script in the back of the packet. Try to watch the play as well.   
  
You are invited to join in Christ’s passion with our Tenebrae service and communion on Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m. as well as our Good Friday service, the Seven Last Words of Christ, on Friday at 7:30.  
  
Many of you will be helping to greet the community and share the good news of Jesus Christ on Easter Saturday. You can also help by extending the invitation to relatives and neighbors to bring their children to the Easter Celebration for story, crafts, and the egg hunt any time between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 8.   
  
Please make plans to attend both or either of our special services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday or find us online. Come and remember, and don’t forget that Easter Sunday is coming! Death does not have the final word. We serve a risen savior.

**Shadow Play for Palm Sunday 2023**

*Note that* ***“Congregation”*** *means both the worshipers and cast speak.*

Narrator: Good morning! It’s Palm Sunday, Jerry aren’t you excited?

Jerry: That’s the Sunday we paint our palms purple? Or ask some lady   
to read them and tell our fortune?

Grace: No, no! Palm Sunday represents the triumphal entry of Jesus   
into Jerusalem!

Jerry: That’s what I said. Um, that’s what I meant.

Grace: Okay, now picture this. Jesus’ popularity was going VIRAL.   
I mean, he just raised Lazarus from the dead a few days earlier!

Grace: Umm… Not exactly.

Narrator: Now, in order to continue to the work he was called to do,   
Jesus needed a donkey.

Jerry: OH YEAH! Jesus rode in on a DONKEY while the crowds   
put their cloaks and palm branches all around and shouted:

All cast: Hurrah! Huzzah! Welcome to the King of Peace!   
Welcome to the son of David! Praise to God in Heaven!

Elspeth: Why a donkey? Why not a horse?

Jesus: I am the King of Peace. I came into Jerusalem riding   
a symbol of peace rather than a war horse like a conquering King.

Pharisee: Who is this man you are cheering for?

**Congregation: Hosanna, praises to the Son of David! He is our long-awaited savior! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Avery: Why the fuss?

**Congregation: He is Jesus from the town of Nazareth in Galilee. Hosanna! Hosanna!**

Elspeth: What is happening?

**Congregation: He is our King and our Messiah!   
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!**

Pharisee:  Teacher, tell these people to stop making these wild claims   
and acting this way!

Jesus:  Listen—if they were silent, the very rocks would start to shout!

**Congregation: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!**

Jesus:  How I wish you knew today what would bring peace!   
But you can’t see.

**Congregation: Hosanna! Hosanna! Welcome to the King of Peace!   
Welcome to the son of David! Praise to God in Heaven!**