**A Service at Killaney for Palm Sunday**

**The Greeting - Hello and Welcome**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all **and also with you**

**Hymn 134 - Make way, Make way!**

Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives

*Make way, make way
for the King of kings;
make way, make way,
and let His kingdom in.*

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh;
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he’ll beautify

4 We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him
their thrones must fall!

O Lord, open our lips
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**
Let us worship the Lord.
**All praise to his name.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Penitence - saying sorry**

Father, forgive us:
**save us and help us**

**Forgiveness - a reminder of God’s gift**

**Preparing - to hear God’s word**

Your word is a lantern to my feet
**and a light upon our path.**
O Lord, your word is everlasting:
**it stands firm for ever in the heavens.**

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
**So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

**Psalm 118:1–2,19–29 - we stand**

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; **his love endures forever.**
2 Let Israel say: **“His love endures forever.”**

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;
**I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.**

20 This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.
**21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
**23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

24 The LORD has done it this very day; **let us rejoice today and be glad**.
**25 LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!**

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
**From the house of the LORD we bless you.**

27 The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. **With branches in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.**

28 You are my God, and I will praise you; **you are my God, and I will exalt you.**
**29 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Matthew 21:1–11 - Please be seated**

A reading from Matthew chapter 21 beginning at verse 1

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 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. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 “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.’ ” 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 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!” 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” 11 The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 223 - Hosanna!**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.x2
Lord, we lift up your name,
with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God,
hosanna in the highest

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings. x 2
Lord, we lift up your name,
with hearts full of praise.
Be exalted, O Lord my God,
glory to the King of kings.

**Sunday Club begins**

**The Word -** Do we know the back story, having seen the play, yet still mistake who Jesus, the main character, really is?

**Offering Hymn 231 - My song is love unknown**

1 My song is love unknown,
my Saviour’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die.

2 He came from his blessed throne,
salvation to bestow;
but we made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way,
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King.
Then ‘Crucify!’
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

4 In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav’n was his home;
but mine the tomb
wherein he lay.

5 Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

**Declaring Faith - affirming our belief**

**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 again 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.**

**Praying Together - Intercessions**

Let us bring before God our prayers of intercession and commitment:

Blessed are you, eternal God,
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:
**make us all one, that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you:
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ’s name:
**give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world:
**guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
**help us to share each other’s joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
**grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:
**in your presence may they find their strength.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory:
**bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Hear our prayer, Lord God
**and make us one in heart and mind to serve you for ever. Amen.**

**Sunday Collect - Lent 6, Palm Sunday**

**The Lord’s Prayer - we pray with Jesus**

**Announcements**

Wednesday at 10:00 am Communion at Killaney

Sunday 9th April 12:00 Easter Celebration

**The Blessing - and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn 238 - Ride on, Ride on in majesty**

Ride on, ride on in majesty,
hark, all the tribes ‘Hosanna’ cry!
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty:
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o’er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty:
The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty:
thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty:
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

We go into the world
**to walk in God’s light,**
**to rejoice in God’s love**
**and to reflect God’s glory.**