

## True Vine Palm Sunday Detailed Order.

Family group (George Clan) bring Bible in: pause & read John 12:13 then prayer: Lord help us to be ready to greet you and embrace you as King and Saviour as we journey with John through this Holy Week. Amen.

Welcome

PP1 Today is Palm Sunday and you will have received a Palm Cross. If we turn the cross on it's side and hold the long part we have an X shape.

When do we use the X shape and what does it mean? At the end of a greeting as a sign of love. If we now hold the Cross by the long piece we see the traditional shape of the Cross reminding us of the sacrifice that Jesus made for each one of us on the cross. If you feel the texture of the cross you will feel the ridges of the palm leaf that has been cut into a strip and folded to make the cross. Lets wave them now as we greet the coming King, our Jesus. It's a sign of Love, of Sacrifice!

Sing: Make Way Make Way CMP457

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

### PP2 Talk 1: Overcoat Sunday

How many coats do you have? Lots I guess although you probably have a favourite for winter and for summer.

Well in Jesus' day most people had just the one cloak, their best and only cloak. So when Jesus was entering Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday the crowd who were worshipping and greeting Him not only laid down palm branches but also their cloaks for Him to ride over.

So their best and only cloak was laid down for the donkey and no doubt sundry other people to ride/walk over. No doubt it would have needed a wash after and maybe it would never recover?

We need to ask ourselves: Would we have done the same then, and would we do the same today. Or would we look out that overcoat that doesn't fit us anymore, or that we don't like, or that we can easily do without? On that first Palm Sunday it cost the disciples and followers of Jesus to lay down their best and only cloaks: Do we give of the best to our Jesus today or just what we can do without?

Sing: You Are The King Of Glory CMP790

Reading: John 15:1-8TM read by Joe Currie

### **PP3 Talk 2 Remaining Rooted in Jesus!**

Today as we Journey with John we come to words not about a Palm (John mentions that in Chapter 12) but about a Vine. As we explore about this True Vine we will return full circle to the act of love which is the Cross when Jesus says: This is my command: Love each other as I have loved you (15:12). This is about staying with Jesus through good times and not so good times.

#### **Remain in (with) me says Jesus (v4)**

If we are to remain in touch with Jesus we need to be rooted:

How? What roots hold you?

***Faith, God's Word, Love, Baptism, Fellowship, Obedience, God's Plan, Truth, Works, Being a friend of Jesus.***

All these things keep us in relationship with Jesus.

If a vine is rooted well it will grow and flourish. If we are rooted with God we will be fruitful.

#### PP4 Be Pruned by Father God (Denbies Vineyard URC).

**"He cuts of every branch that does not bear fruit and he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." (v2)**

The verse talks about the need to be pruned. Sometimes God needs to prune us in some way in order for us to be more fruitful. Father God is like a gardener who knows about the plants he is growing and how to get the best from them by pruning them at the right time and in the right way.

#### PP5 Gardener at Work: Do we trust Him?

Let the gardener work in your life.

Let God encourage your roots to grow deeper

Let God nurture you so that you grow in Him

Let God prune you so you will be more fruitful

Sing: Hosanna Hosanna CMP242

Reading: John 15:9-17TM read by Lauren Ring

#### PP6 Chosen to Bear Lasting Fruit

**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other (v16/17)**

**Chosen** Have you ever been in the playground when teams were being chosen and not been selected: not good ah!

Well Jesus has personally chosen/selected you to be in His team. To be His Friend/ His Follower / His Disciple: Follow Me!! It's Called Divine Friendship and it last forever.' You can be a FOG Friend of God (James 2:23) and of Jesus (I have called you friends v15).

**PP7 Fruitful** Does an apple tree produce oranges or a pear tree plums? So what do you think a Jesus tree might produce: more of Jesus. More Branches of the Vine. More people falling in love with Him, and as a result: Loving in His Name.

**PP8 and we do it by Being Rooted in Love** There is no other way so lets pray this prayer together.

Sing: We have a King who rides a Donkey RS210

Offering & Dedication

Prayers led by Ted & Jane Bellingham

Sing: All Things Bright & Beautiful CMP23 (sung in Memory of Pam Strudwick)

The Grace