

## Palm Sunday SMPS 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

- ❖ **10.10 Pray.** Send out stream details?
- ❖ **10.20 Welcome & 10min warning.**
- ❖ **10.25 Briefing** (Charlie- after a moment of quiet!) **Reminder of health and safety issues:**
  - 1) Masks on (except exempt). Those involved in service.
  - 2) Stay put in your seats all the time. If tricky, take a wander w phone!
  - 3) No singing, but humming welcome!
  - 4) No mingling pls at end. Hardest bit!
  - 5) Fire exits and gather towards school playground (and exit at end).
  - 6) Toilets. LIVESTREAM WARNING.
- ❖ **10.30 Welcome**
  - Wonderful day. So good to be back together. “you’re on mute”!
  - SMPS first time (1<sup>st</sup> time in schl for > year, 1<sup>st</sup> time tog since Cmas)
  - Welcome to those **here** to SMPS
  - Welcome to those **onscreen** (hope join us later services).
    - All, do move to **Zoom** at the end for chat.
- ❖ **Bible Verse**
  - *“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey”. Zech 9:9 NIV.*
  - *Palm Sunday.* What a humble servant he is.
- ❖ **First Song** (Charlie intro) Awake O Zion
  - Zion means Jerusalem. Saying cheer up! Rescuer & King here!
  - Can’t sing (at home!) let’s stand as listen to Sarah, hum along.
- ❖ **Confession & Assurance** (Charlie)

**Leader:** “We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way”. Isaiah 53:6a NIV (more on this next week).

**Together:** For the things that I've done wrong, things that I remember long, hurting you and those I love, I am very sorry God. Help me Father now I pray, take all sin and guilt away, cleanse the secrets of my heart, fill my life in every part. [“Anon”]

**Assurance** “We all like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all”. Isaiah 53:6 NIV

- ❖ **Reading 1** (Kate Walker) Isaiah 52:13-53:3 (Please use NIVUK [here](#))

## TALK INTRO

(props: bbq, apron on, tongs, phone! motyer, slime jar £2, bucket).

- v13 & PRAYER
- **Just put my apron on and get BBQ out!**
- **v excited today...** (as putting on apron)
  - Not just cos school hols.
  - Not just cos 1 week to Easter eggs.
  - Not just cos see one another.
    - Cos reading this amazing part scrip.
- Song in 5 parts. (3 verses each)
  - (5 SMPS services, 1v, fuller sermons: digdpr).
- written by Isaiah. Prophet around 700BC.
- Speaks about someone called the servant. v12.
- Theme 5 services. put on screen.
- ▲ PHONE CALL! George!
  - Not a good time, **In a service!**
  - Give a wave!
  - livestream?! **tech OK?** how help.
  - **apron?**! Ah yes. Anyone know? BBQ.
  - serve everyone a meal
- whats a servant?
  - Servant someone who serves others.
    - Tech- Jonathan, Susan, Nathan.
    - Rod & Kate- readers
    - Alaster, Simon, JH – risk assessment. (clap!)
  - Servant someone who serves others.
    - They do something hard work to help others.
- OK no BBQ indoors. Tk Care. bye!
  - Do you know **who** this servant is?
  - Well OT- written 700 yrs before Jesus.
  - See if we can work it out.
  - Maybe our song will help.

First sing: Jesus is the King. Actions. Ben= actions.

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## Reading sounds tricky...2 things about God's servant from these verses.

### 1) GOD'S SERVANT SUFFERS

#### v13 wisely? what doing?

- Acting wisely, achieving something for God. Find out shortly.
- But through suffering. v14
  - 4 more quotes.
    - v3 v4 v7 v10
- Who do we think this picture points towards?
  - Jesus.
  - Yes, but surprising! 700BC yet speaks clearly
- Kids, can you think of ways in which Jesus suffered?
  - Some clues on the screen.
    - mocked & called nasty words
    - flogged with whip til back lacerated.
    - nails driven into his hands (v5 pierced)
    - lifted onto cross until died.
    - silent before his accusers
  - Amazing clarity of events of cross (700 BC)
  - Amazing clarity meaning of the cross
  - ▲ If I said, I predict 7 days, church in here. Not amazing.
    - ▲ If I said 700 yrs innocent man die.
    - pierced v5. dying w wicked v9, assoc w rich burial v9.
    - seeing light of life after death.
  - NT picks up this servant song at least 9 times.
  - Possibly hints at this passage 32 times. RPT: 1 GS SUFFERS
- **This changes our view of Jesus.**
  - He may look weak and unimportant. Suffering not popular.
  - But he's God's servant.
- **This changes our view of suffering**
  - (we are not Jesus, not saving world!)
  - But suffering not wasted. Joseph, David, Paul.
  - Covid time of grt suffering for many.
  - KIDS> Maybe hard for you kids: homesch.
  - ADULTS> Mental health, finance, lost loved ones.
  - Suffering doesn't mean he's abandoned u! He's at work.
    - leads us to...

### 2) GOD'S SERVANT SUCCEEDS

v14. Act wisely. Another way someone (Alec Motyer) put it:

**"Behold! My Servant will succeed. *He will be raised, and uplifted and exalted indeed.*"**

- What was he succeeding in?
- v9.
  - comfort Jerusalem. Been very wrong and God punished by putting them on the naught step (Bab exile), but now he's rescuing them from that punishment.
- v10 Not just Jerusalem.
  - he's rolling up his sleeve and saving the whole human race.
  - v10
- You and I have done wrong.
  - We are guilty before God.
  - But the servant is succeeding in saving.
  - And he's doing that through suffering.
- ▲ Slime jar. (hand sanitiser)

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  - Success in rescuing the coin, through suffering!
- You and I have done wrong.
  - We are guilty before God.
  - But the servant is succeeding in saving.
  - And he's doing that through suffering.
  - Success in rescuing us through suffering!
  - So v13 raised, lifter, exalted. Res. asc, Seated RH God. KING!
- First part of the song (v12-15).
  - later parts will show exactly how succeeds in saving through suffering. Tune in to listen to Matt on Friday.
- But a heads up now: RAP! We all like sheep. I say, you say!

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- What an amazing Saviour. He succeeds in saving the world through suffering. RECAP. Receive his rescue!
- On this Palm Sunday, let's serve others in following his humble example.
- PRAY

**READING (ROD)- Join w words in red (quietly!) as acclaim our servant King.**