



**Inverurie** West Parish Church

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## **Order of Service: Sunday 24 March 2024**

Welcome to worship with Inverurie West Parish Church. Whether you are joining us online or in-person; as a newcomer, occasional visitor, or regular, we are delighted to have you with us. This morning is Palm Sunday and we also have the delight of ordaining and welcoming a new elder. Our colour this morning is purple as we remember Jesus entry into Jerusalem and think about palms and passion and having the courage to do what we can to follow Christ.

### **Welcome and notices**

### **Call To Worship**

### **MAKE WAY MAKE WAY (CH4 279)**

### **Opening Prayer (Including the Lord's prayer)**

Our heavenly father  
May your holy name be honoured  
May your kingdom come  
May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today what we really need  
Forgive us the wrong we do  
as we forgive those who wrong us

Lead us away from temptation  
Keep us safe from evil

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours forever  
Amen

## **Intro to the word**

### **WE HAVE A KING WHO RIDES A DONKEY (JP 264)**

#### **ORDINATION AND ADMISSION OF ELDER**

### **BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD (CH4 189)**

#### **Reading 1: Mark 11: 1-11 read by Eleanor Mitchell**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

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“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

#### **Reading 2: Mark 14: 3-9**

While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.

4 Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? 5 It could have been sold for more than a year’s wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly. 6 “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me. 8 She did what she could. She poured perfume on my body beforehand to prepare for my burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

## **Reflection**

## **Prayer**

## **BLESSED ASSURANCE (CH4 561)**

## **Grace**

## **Blessing**

## **News**

**Easter art** - We continue today with our collaborative Lent/Easter art project. During hospitality time after the service, feel free to join in with the braiding if you wish to do so.

**Calling all decorators!** We’re looking for volunteers after the service today to help decorate the church. If you can help, we’ll be starting after hospitality time.

**Hall clear out** - Thanks to everyone who helped with the hall clear out day yesterday

**Elders’ envelopes** are available for uplift today

**Expertise sought** - As part of our ongoing discussions on the future of the hall our hall group will be examining the title deeds to try to work

out such details as precise boundaries. If you, or anyone you know has knowledge or expertise in this area and would be willing to join us, please speak to Rhona.

**Fundraising and Stewardship** - Registering with the EasyFundraising website is an easy way to use your online shopping to raise a little money for the church. The site is partnered with over 4000 retailers including big names like Amazon, Tesco and Argos. You can begin by following this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/inverurie-west-parish-church>

**Foodbank** - This month's wish list includes: UHT Milk (semi-skimmed or full cream), 1 litre long life fruit juice, Tinned Meat, Breakfast Cereal (not huge boxes, please), Teabags (again not huge boxes, 40s/80s are better), Shampoo, Deodorants.

**Holy Week services/events** are as listed below. The West Church is hosting the IDCT evening services this year, which run from Monday to Friday. Our guest speaker this year is Rev Iain Telfer.

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| Monday 25th     | 730 pm | led by New Community and Fountain of Love churches  |
| Tuesday 26th    | 730pm  | led by RC Church of the Immaculate Conception and St Andrew's   |
| Wednesday 27th  | 730pm  | led by Bennachie and Culsalmond, Daviot & Rayne   |
| Maundy Thursday | 730pm  | led by the West Church (including communion)  |
| Good Friday     | 800 am | walk of witness starting at RC Church of the Immaculate Conception and followed by breakfast at St Andrew's |
| Easter Sunday   | 730 pm | led by St Mary's  |
|                 | 800am  | early service up the Bass (ground level option at St Andrew's)  |
|                 | 10am   | Easter breakfast at the West  |
|                 |        | Joint Easter worship at the West  |

**Practical help** - if you, or anyone you know need shopping, errands etc done, we have lots of volunteers keen to help. For assistance ring Joyce Petrie on 01467 620932 or email [help@inveruriewestchurch.org](mailto:help@inveruriewestchurch.org)

For prayer requests, joys and concerns, or content which you would like shared on Sunday, please email Rhona on [r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org](mailto:r.cathcart@inveruriewestchurch.org) by Saturday night, or you can text her on her mobile.

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