

**Wesley Memorial Church
Oxford**

Praying to be as just, loving and generous as God's grace

Sunday March 16th, 2008

PALM SUNDAY

A prayer for today

God of our lives, we rejoice in the thrill of Palm Sunday. We see again the bright colours of that triumphant spring day; we hear the shouts of Hosanna and view the waving palm branches. We know how easily our joy and loyalty is broken. Make us true followers of Jesus, each day of this coming Holy Week, that as we walk the way of the Cross, we may commit ourselves all over again to the fashioning of the Kingdom in our communities and across the world, in the name of Jesus.

10.30 a.m. The Revd Dr Martin Wellings

Call to Worship:

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good:

All: his steadfast love endures for ever!

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness:

All: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me:

All: and have become my salvation.

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made:

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SONG SUPPLEMENT 26 Hosanna

Prayers

Offering and dedication

Choir

Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

All-age activity

The Lenten Liturgy

SONG Travelling the road to freedom

Children's blessing

Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9(a)

David Matthews

Philippians 2: 1-11

Clare Matthews

HYMN 159 Ride on, ride on in majesty

Sermon

HYMN 798 O loving Lord

Prayers

Lew Greaves

HYMN 264 Jesus – the name high over all

Blessing

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship with Communion. The Revd David Cooper
'The Passionate Struggle – Facing Ultimate Reality'

Hymns: 272. 12 SWAMS. 614. 180.

Scripture: Isaiah 52: 7-15 Luke 19: 28-41