

JOURNEYING WITH JESUS

Week 4 Praise

The 40 days before Easter (Lent) is traditionally a time for Christians to deepen their walk with God. These weekly Prayer Prompts – journeying with Jesus in St Luke’s Gospel - are an invitation for us to find some time with God for ourselves and pray for our Beyond the Lychgate project.

“When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!’” - Luke 19:37–38

What an exuberance of praise! What an overflow of the joy within! In doing the ordinary things we are called to pour out our offering of praise. We are challenged to crown Jesus King – as we shop, sit in traffic queues, in our work place, laying down our ‘cloaks’, the frustrations that come with these areas of life, and turning them back to praise. As an old book, ‘Prison to Praise’ would have it, as we praise we see the prison bars broken, the power of God released and the mountains moved.

The Lord is enthroned on our praises (Ps.22:3). With the help of the Holy Spirit let us praise him exuberantly as we go about our daily lives this week—even outrageously, and certainly intentionally, rolling out the red carpet for Jesus. Let us lift him up and He promises that as he is lifted up He will draw others to himself.

Thank you Lord that we can enter your courts with praise, that we to can shout for joy and worship you in gladness (Ps.100). Forgive me when I have been slow to give thanks and release me to praise you in new ways. Amen.

Beyond the Lychgate Project: reaching, resourcing & supporting the Cogges community:

Pray that as we begin work on the car park, we are able to maintain good relationships with the local community and can maintain a safe site and a realistic attitude to parking.

Church Open for Prayer:

- Mon 16 Mar: 6.30–8.30pm;
- Thu 19 Mar: 10.00am–12.00pm

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