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***Liturgical Date: Year B, Palm Sunday, 28th March 2021***

**Presenter**                      **Rev Dr Mark Hillis**

**Focus Reading**                **Mark 11:1-11**

**Message**                      5 minutes 12 seconds    **“Processing into the Heart”**

### **Discussion Starters**

- 1.** What parts of the Gospel for today stood out for you?
- 2.** What kind of welcome into your life does Jesus deserve today?
- 3.** If your church community engaged in a public procession for Palm Sunday, what message would you want to convey?
- 4.** In what ways does the local community see evidence of your faith in Jesus?

### **Other Lectionary readings for the day**

**Psalm 118:1-2,19-29** The psalmist, too, has known abuse and torture at the hands of enemies. Yet in the midst of such suffering this faithful one boldly declares, “I trust you Lord!” (31:14)

**Isaiah 50:4-9a** The speaker in this third servant song affirms the sure presence of God in the midst of cruel and unjust treatment. Despite being insulted, spit upon, and physically struck, this faithful believer declares that God “who declared me innocent is near” (50:8).

**Philippians 2:5-11** This ancient hymn gives witness both to the faithfulness of Christ, and to the faithfulness of God. Jesus is the suffering servant whom God vindicates.

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**All Age Message**            Rev Dr Mark Hillis    **“Welcoming Jesus?”**

**Approx. Length**            3 minutes 07 seconds

**Precis of AAM** How do you welcome someone – into your home, town, church?  
Palm Sunday we have the chance to welcome Jesus as our close personal friend. When we love someone dearly, we tend to copy the way they do things. If you really want to welcome Jesus where you live, in your church and community the best way is to copy him!

**Resources**                      **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, page 335-336

### **Rev Dr Mark Hillis**

Is a retired UCA Minister living in Katoomba NSW, and worshipping with Leura Uniting Church Congregation. Mark encourages others in ministry through various voluntary roles and as a pastoral supervisor for a few ministers in placement. He loves to go bushwalking, particularly with his wife Merril. Together, they enjoy hosting and visiting family, friends and exploring new places.