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Liturgical Date: Year C, Palm Sunday, 13th April 2025

Presenter: Rev Simon Lee

Focus Reading: Luke 19:28-40

Message 7 minutes 0 seconds

"JOURNEY TO THE CROSS - Beyond Misunderstanding"

Discussion Starters

1. Have you ever been misunderstood? What was it?
2. What is your biggest fear of being misunderstood?
3. How do you think Jesus was misunderstood as he entered the city gate at Jerusalem?
4. Thinking through how the Pharisee's misunderstood the purpose of Jesus. Have you ever misunderstood in the same way? Share how you misunderstood if you are comfortable.

Readings for this day

Isaiah 50:4-9a The speaker in this third servant song affirms the sure presence of God amid cruel and unjust treatment. Despite being insulted, spit upon, and physically struck, this faithful believer declares that God will soon declare he is innocent.

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 The psalmist jubilantly celebrates the salvation of God, and God's deliverance from death to life.

Philippians 2:5-11 The 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: Glenda Downie

"God with Us"

Length 3 minutes 25 seconds

Precis of AAM

God can help us through the good and the bad that sometimes happens in our lives. It is a bit like making a cake – each ingredient by itself is not always good on its own (except maybe the sugar!) but when everything is added in the right amounts and the cake is cooked and cooled – there is a beautiful cake to enjoy. Life is not always good all the time but all we endure with God's help; makes us better people and we know God is always with us.

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 - pages 334 -335.

Rev Simon Lee

I am one of the ministers at Pittwater Uniting Church in UCA NSW/ACT Synod. Recently, travelled around Australia, exploring this amazing vast land we call home.