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Sixth Sunday in Lent

Lectionary Year C

**Scripture:** [Luke 19:28-40](#) [ **Summary:** *Palm Sunday* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies are needed.

**ASK** (a.k.a. [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- Do you think of yourself as a helpful person?
- What are some ways that you are helpful to your mom or dad or brothers or sisters or teachers or friends or pets?
- And why do you help out in those ways? (because I have to; because I want to; because its nice)

**TELL** (a.k.a. [The Freeway](#))

- I ask about being helpful because in today's scripture story, we see that there are people who are helpful to Jesus.
  - The disciples help get a donkey for Jesus
  - The person who owns the donkey lets Jesus borrow it
  - The people in the crowd lay down their coats and cloaks before Jesus as a sign of respect
  - And then, the people start to cheer and praise God for Jesus
- What we see happen, then, when all of these people help Jesus is that a parade, a party, a celebration(!) takes place.

**SHARE the Good News** (a.k.a. [The Destination](#))

- I know it might seem strange to think that Jesus needs our help, but that's what today's story helps us to remember.

- But – and this is important – even though Jesus needs our help, we are not *forced* to help him.
- Instead, we are *invited* to help Jesus, which means we get to choose if we want to help Jesus.
- Then, if we DO choose to help Jesus, today's story reminds us that good things – even parties and parades – can happen!
- And this is the good news for today -- when we choose to help Jesus and we join him in what he is doing, then really good things can take place!
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

## **CLOSING Prayer**

**Dear God,**

Dear God,

**We thank you for Jesus...**

We thank you for Jesus...

**...who invites us to help him.**

...who invites us to help him.

**We also thank you...**

We also thank you...

**...for the good things that can happen...**

...for the good things that can happen...

**...when we accept those invitations to help.**

...when we accept those invitations to help.

**Thank you and amen**