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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*)

- One of the reasons I like this story is because it reminds us that we - you and me! - can also give gifts to Jesus. 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 happen...

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

...when we accept Jesus’ invitations to help out.

...when we accept Jesus’ invitations to help out.

Thank you and Amen