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Lent – 6th Sunday – Lectionary Year C

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

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies 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*)

- 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
- Not only does Jesus need our help, but that we have to choose to help Jesus.

- Choosing to help Jesus is not something that happens by accident.
- Then, when we DO choose to help Jesus, 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 close with 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...

**...and we thank you...**

...and we thank you...

**...for the good things that happen for all of us...**

...for the good things that happen for all of us...

**...when we accept Jesus' invitation.**

...when we accept Jesus' invitation.

**Amen**