



# HOLY WEEK 2020



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## **Palm Sunday 2020**

**Friends in Christ,**

**“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!” Matthew 21:9**

Palm Sunday is the day we gather in worship and wave our palms and march around singing Hosanna. It is a joyous celebration to remember when Jesus arrived in Jerusalem to the shouts of the people looking for the new life that Jesus promised. Their shouts of Hosanna are fitting for us today. “Hosanna”, which means “save us” is what we might be saying to ourselves in these difficult days. Maybe we want to be saved from illness, saved from isolation, saved from financial hardship, saved from overwork, saved from boredom.

In these unusual times, it is natural for us to seek something or someone to guide us through the unknown, to save us from an uncertain future. The good news is that in Jesus, we are given a future of love, hope, and peace which God promised can save us from all the fear we are feeling today. Hosanna!

As we continue on our journey of social distancing and self-isolation, know that you are not alone. We are all in this together!

Let us pray this week for the equipment needed for healthcare workers, for vulnerable adults in long term care homes isolated from family and friends, for continued respect for social distancing, for those facing the first of the month with a reduced income, for those with prior medical conditions who need to wait for treatment, for children worried about the future. Lord, hear our prayers.

As we enter Holy Week, the season when we usually gather for worship a number of times, I have recorded worship videos for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. In the coming week, you will find them posted on the following websites.

**[www.knoxalliston.ca](http://www.knoxalliston.ca) or [www.livingfaithbaxter.com](http://www.livingfaithbaxter.com)**

I invite you to watch them at 11am on each of those Holy days, if you are able, and know that we are all worshipping together!

**Blessings to you and your family during these difficult times.**

**In Easter hope,**

**Rev. Tobey**