



Church at Home for Abridge 5th April 2020 Palm Sunday



For further reflection on today's story

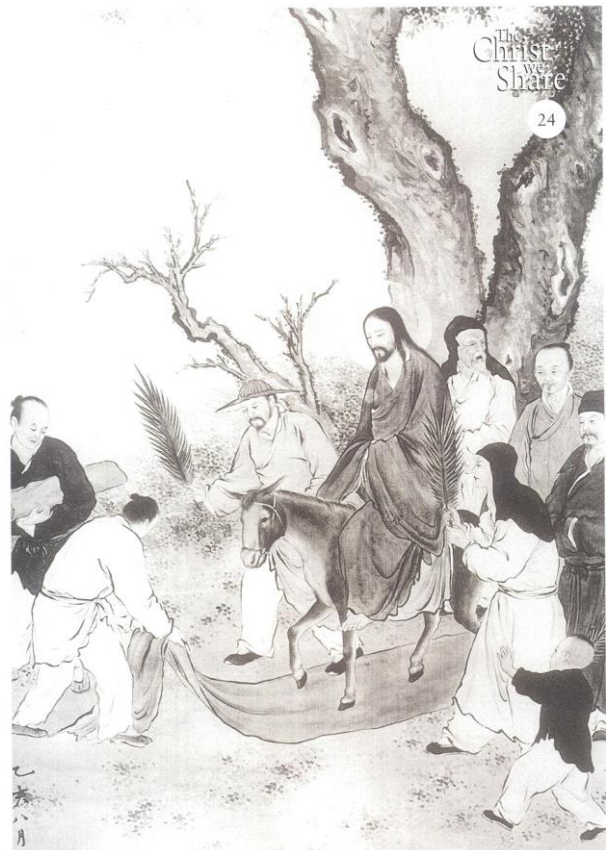
A meditative song of lament and prayer for this time

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IL5YyjPIH9s>

Palm Sunday

Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?
Oh crowds of easy feelings make a start;
They raise their hands, get caught up in the singing,
And think the battle won. Too soon they'll find
The challenge, the reversal he is bringing
Changes their tune. I know what lies behind
The surface flourish that so quickly fades;
Self-interest, and fearful guardedness,
The hardness of the heart, its barricades,
And at the core, the dreadful emptiness
Of a perverted temple. Jesus come
Break my resistance and make me your home.

Malcolm Guite



A prayer

Saviour Jesus,
Who, on entering Jerusalem,
Wept over the city of peace,
And longed to shelter us beneath your healing wings,
Please keep us in perfect peace,
As our minds are stayed on you.
Amen