



# St Michael's Wandsworth Common

## A Service for Palm Sunday

*Welcome*

*An opening prayer*

Wonderful God,  
thank you that you meet us  
right here where we are standing  
in the middle of our community.

As we journey into Holy Week,  
may we recognise Christ Jesus  
the king, and be empowered to  
live like him, **Amen.**

*Bible Reading Matthew 21.7-11*

They brought the donkey and the colt to him and threw their garments over the colt, and he sat on it.

Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road ahead of him, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Jesus was in the center of the procession, and the people all around him were shouting,

“Praise God for the Son of David!

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

Praise God in highest heaven!”

The entire city of Jerusalem was in an uproar as he entered.

“Who is this?” they asked.

And the crowds replied, “It’s Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

*A prayer of confession*

**We are sorry, Lord Jesus, for the moments when our voices are loud but our hearts are lacking in love, when we chase worldly power, but miss the signs of heavenly hope when we choose popularity over integrity, when we would silence those who speak the truth and are silent when we could speak out.**

**Forgive us, and inspire our steps as we follow you to the Cross. Amen.**

*Blessing*

May God grant us the exuberance, energy and excitement of the Palm Sunday crowd, and the humility and holiness of Jesus; who journeyed into His capital city for the love of us all. **Amen.**

Good Friday Walk of Witness starts 10.30am at St Michael’s Wandsworth Common  
Easter Sunday Dawn Service by the pond at 6am and All age Celebration in the church building at 10am.

**Amazing grace!** how sweet  
the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am  
found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my  
heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace  
appear  
The hour I first believed!

**Lord, the light of Your love is  
shining,**  
In the midst of the darkness,  
shining,  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine  
upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You  
now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

### *CHORUS*

2 Lord, I come to Your  
awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your  
radiance,  
By the blood I may enter Your

3. The Lord hath promised  
good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion  
be  
As long as life endures.

4. When we've been there ten  
thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing  
God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

*Shine, Jesus shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's  
glory,  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace  
and mercy,  
Send forth Your word,  
Lord, and let there be light.*

brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume  
all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
*CHORUS*

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*CHORUS x 2*

**What a friend we have in**

**Jesus,**

all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and  
temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be  
discouraged;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful

who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every  
weakness;

take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy  
laden,

cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our  
refuge--

take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise,  
forsake you?

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and  
shield you;

you will find a solace there.