

## **Interactive Easter 2014 – Plenary Gathering**

Narration: Margie, Vocals: Jo & Emma, Piano: Peter, Tech: Adam  
Data projector, screen, laptop, DI, audio cable, 2 mics, stands

### **SLIDE 1 – BLACK**

### **SLIDE 2 – PALM LEAVES**

[People enter the church as movie plays Invite people to sit at the front.]

### **SLIDE 3 – LAST SUPPER IMAGE**

NARRATOR: Welcome to Interactive Easter. Today we remember and relive the story of Holy Week – the story of Jesus' and his friends that leads from Palm Sunday to Good Friday to Easter Sunday. It is a story of love and friendship, but also a story of betrayal and suffering. It is a journey that will stir our hearts, make us upset and sad, and yet in the end invite us to experience joy and new life.

This story of God's great love for the world through his Son Jesus is in some ways difficult for us to understand, so we are best to experience it and let its truth and power sink into our hearts. The Bible tells us that we can only love because God first loves us, and that God sent his son into the world not to be its judge but to be its Saviour. The events of Easter invite us to know that we are loved by God, that we are forgiven all the mess in our lives, and that hope, joy, and peace are gifts from God to renew our lives and our world.

So let us begin our journey of remembering with the events that we celebrate today on Palm Sunday. I invite you to wave your palm branches and cheer when you see the people on the screen doing this.

### **SLIDE 4 - PALM SUNDAY MOVIE (with audio)**

## **SLIDE 5 – JESUS**

NARRATOR:

Son of Mary

Carpenter of Nazareth

Healer of the sick

Bringer of good news

Saviour of the poor.

Disturber of the mighty.

Contradictor of the smooth.

Destroyer of false religion.

You move towards Jerusalem

You call us sister, mother, brother, friend

and ask us to come with you.

Have mercy on us.

Show us your great love for us and all your world.

[Adapted from “Stages on the Way”, Wild Goose Publications”]

## **SLIDES 6-12**

Song: “Love Has Come Again”

[Each slide lasts for two lines of the song.]

## **SLIDE 13 - Cross**

NARRATOR: So let us go and share in the Easter story. There are a range of activities for you to take part in. You can spend as long as you like at each activity. There’s no need to rush. We ask parents and other caregivers to please maintain supervision of children, and we particularly invite adults to share in the activities alongside the children. At the end you will exit onto the tennis courts where we have a BBQ and drinks.

You have received a basket on your arrival. The idea is for each family or household to collect items from the various activities along with some cards that remind us of the Easter story. We invite you to place the basket on your meal table this week at home, and mealtimes to take out a symbol and a card to remember part of the Easter story together as a family.

Where Jesus walks on this journey

We will follow

Where he stumbles

We will pause

Where he cries out

We will listen

Where we suffers

We will hurt

When he dies

We will bow our heads in sorrow

When he rises from the tomb

We will meet him with awe and wonder

For he is our way to life.

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I invite you to go and share in the activities.