***This Week’s Worship: Palm Sunday***

***Opening***

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

We come together to say sorry

We come together to say Thank you

We come together to ask for God’s help

We come together to hear God’s story

We come together to celebrate God’s love.

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

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***Saying Sorry***

*Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.*

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.

For times this week when we have made others sad.

**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not helped others

**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,

**We are sorry**

For times this week when we have been selfish

**We are sorry**

*Put the stone in a bowl of water*

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.

**Amen**

***Saying thank you***

*To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!)*

*Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it. Continue to fill the jar during the week.*

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.

Thank you for…

Amen

Thank you for…

Amen

Thank you for…

Amen

*Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.*

***Story and response***

Listen to this week’s story or read a story from the Bible. This week is the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Matthew 21: 1-11)

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?

I wonder what surprised you about this story?

I wonder what this story makes you feel?

I wonder where you are in this story?

Do you wonder anything about this story?

***Prayers***

When he rode into Jerusalem, the crowds treated Jesus like a hero. Who are your heroes? Why are they your heroes? What would you do if you met one of them today? Some of our heroes are from books, TV or films. Who are the real life heroes?

Draw your real life hero or write words to show what they are like and what they do e.g. brave, strong, kind. Which words might describe Jesus?

Say thank you to God for your hero.

Choose one of the words you have written or talked about and ask God if you can be more like that in your life.

Thank you, God, for our heroes. Thank you for people who inspire us and help us.

**Help us to grow more like Jesus every day. Amen**

***Close***

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

May God bless us.

May we know that we are loved

May we know that we are cared for.

May we know God’s hope.

**God is with us**

**God is here**

**Amen.**

*Extinguish the candle.*