## Image of the Invisible (wk2) – The Redeemer

**To begin**: For those who were at church on Sunday, ask people to share what they took away from Ps Andrew's talk. How did they feel about the 'sounds of creation'?

## **READ Luke 19:28-44**

Q1: Imagine yourself there on that Palm Sunday. Describe the scene. How must it have seemed – to the disciples, to the crowd, to the Pharisees?

Q2: Look again at the words the disciples said in their praise (verse 38). Where did those words come from? Where else did we hear of such words being spoken? (Luke 2:13-14).

Q3: Why do you think that Jesus had not encouraged such exuberant praise before during his ministry?

In verse 40, Jesus replies to the Pharisees criticism with a comment about the stones would cry out. The Bible teaches that all creation wants to worship Jesus.

## **READ Psalm 148**

Q4: Can you identify from these verses, the different categories or groups that are praising God? What does that say about the greatness of God?

Q5: Compare Psalm 8:1-4 and Romans 8:19-23. What do these verses tell us about the creation today? How will creation be liberated?

Q6: From Romans 1:18-25, what happens to people who turn their back on God and think that they know best?

Q7: What is the ultimate outcome of the battle at the end of time? Rev 19:1-7

Thinking about ourselves, shouldn't we be the people most willing to give praise and honour to God?

Q8: What restraints do we put on our worship – either personally or together? Given all that God has done for us, are we too restrained in our worship?

Discuss what you can be doing to prepare yourselves for the coming Easter celebration.