

Melville United Church
Sunday, April 13, 2014 - Palm Sunday

* *Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: Improvisation

Sharing the Light

Chorus: I Praise You, O God MV 61 (repeat)

I praise you, O God, with all of my heart.

With all the earth I will sing your praises.

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Call to Worship:

Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

Palm Parade: Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Prepare ye the way of the Lord,

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Prepare ye the way of the Lord. (repeat)

Gathering Prayer

God of joyful celebrations, and quiet transformations,
In the midst of our busyness, we take this time to step away from
our chores and commitments.

We gather at the roadside.

We come from all walks of life: rich, poor, young, old, leaders and
marginalized;

Yet for this moment we stand shoulder to shoulder.

We gather at the roadside.

We come out of curiosity, healing, celebration, rebellion;
Some of us with dancing feet, some of us with hidden faces.

We gather at the roadside.

We share only the hope that witnessing your entrance through the
walls we have built around ourselves will in some way change us.
You will open our hearts to new Truth. We will leave different than
we arrived. And so,

We gather at the roadside. Amen.

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Covenanting of the Council

***Hymn:** VU 124 He Came Riding on a Donkey

Theme Conversation:

***Hymn:** VU 646 We are Marching

Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Reader: Michelle Swan

Message: "AT THE PARADE"

Responsive Song: Blind Man

(alternate words written by Melville Teen Church)

**Nicodemus hid his face and he cried (x3) He cried o-o-o
Show me the way, the truth and the light (x3) The way to go home.**

**The woman stood by the well and she cried (x3) She cried o-o-o
Show me the way, the truth and the light (x3) The way to go home.**

**Blind man stood by the road and he cried (x3) He cried o-o-o
Show me the way, the truth and the light (x3) The way to go home.**

**Martha stood by the stove and she cried (x3) She cried o-o-o
Show me the way, the truth and the light (x3) The way to go home.**

**Lazarus stood in the tomb and he cried (x3) He cried o-o-o
Show me the way, the truth and the light (x3) The way to go home.**

**Jesus stood in the crowd and he cried (x3) He cried o-o-o
I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light (x3) The way to go home. Jesus!**

***Hymn:** MV 128 When They Heard Jesus Was Coming

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Ministry of Music: Hosanna! Sing Praises! - J. Schrader

Offering Hymn: We Give You But Your Own

VU 542

**We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

***Offertory Prayer:**

Prayer of the People, Prayer of Jesus

***Hymn:** VU 123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Blessing/Sending Forth**

***Parting Song:** Go Now in Peace

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there around, within, above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Postlude: The Holy City - S. Adams

(Soloist - Susanne Schmidt McQuillan)

Partners in Prayer: **Elora/Bethany Pastoral Charge**

Prayer Cycle for Hamilton Conference: **Port Elgin**

Prayer Tree Captain: Alison Rainford

Welcomers:

Ruth Sproule, David Gohn,
Barb Lynden, Isobel Glennie
Les Frayne, Lloyd Ross,
Patty Foster

Counters: