

Melville United Church
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 Palm Sunday



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** Congregation please stand as you are able.*

Bold print invites congregational response.

Presiding today - Rev. Marion Loree

Prelude

Palm Parade - Pave the Way with Branches

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing the Light

Call to Worship:

Have your heard? Jesus of Nazareth is coming to town!

**The man who has been doing
 all the amazing things we have heard about?**

Come, people are gathering from all over the place to see this Jesus.

Some are calling him the Messiah!

Some are calling him a king!

Wouldn't it be wonderful to see the Messiah?

Wouldn't it be amazing to know one
 who rules with love and compassion?

Perhaps this is the one!

Perhaps this is the one! Hosanna!

Let's join the parade!

***Hymn:** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

VU 123

Prayer of Approach and Confession:

We are not people of power, Holy Creator.

We do not have our hands on the policies of the land.

We do not have the resources
 to make a great difference in anyone's life today.

But we are a people of resistance and hope.

So today we celebrate the one who came in compassion and humility.

The one who came to remind us of these great strengths.

Ride into our hearts again

and help us to remember your great love for us.

We confess that we are often fearful and anxious as the disciples were.

We lack the courage to confront or oppose those who oppress.

Forgive us.

And help us to live our faith with confidence,

truth and hopefulness, even into the places of pain.

Let us feel your presence with us as we worship together.

Amen.

Words of Affirmation:

God loved and forgave the disciples in all their frailty and faults,
and God loves and forgives us now.

Be assured that nothing you do can separate you from the love of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Ministry of Music: To Mock His Reign - Arr. by Lani Smith

Time with the Younger Ones:

Song: When They Heard that Jesus was Coming **MV 128** vs 1, 2, 3, 6

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40 (*The Inclusive Bible, the First Egalitarian Translation*)
(*Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds*)

Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem.

Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: "Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you'll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it.'"

They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you doing that?"

They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount.

People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode long. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the

display of power they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!"

Words to Inspire:

- by Piero Ferrucci, *Inevitable Grace*

Throughout the course of human history, a number of individuals have shown exceptional capacities. They have perceived realities to which other people were blind, invented the unimaginable, or ventured into unknown worlds. They have seen, and created things of extraordinary beauty, and loved in a selfless, genuine way. They have soared to the heights of human experience...

Because of our conditioning, the topmost expressions of humankind appear to us as rare occurrences or unreachable peaks. Here we will consider them as examples of what each one of us may become.

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

VU 837 (Parts 1,3,4)

(*The stone which the builders rejected*)

Message: The Cornerstone

Hymn: This is the Day

VU 412

Offering:

Ministry of Music: And I Love You So

Sung by Guest Soloist, Michael Marinovic

- *Written by Don McLean*

***Offering Hymn:** God of All Good (verse 1)

VU 539 (Tune 378)

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

***Offertory Prayer:**

These gifts seem so small when we remember what we have been given.

**Yet we know that you, God,
are present in any act of love and generosity.
Be present through all of our gifts and offerings,
and help us to transform them
into new life and new beginnings. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns:**Lenten Spiritual Practice Challenge:**

Prayer Prelude: Where Two or Three Are Gathered **MV 14**
**Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there. I am there.
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there. I am there.**

Prayers of the People:**The Lord's Prayer:**

***Hymn:** All Glory, Laud and Honour **VU 122**

***Blessing:**

The Lenten way has become the way of the cross
and we must journey forward, watching our step.
Let us walk into this week, into the unfolding story,
confident in God's steadfast love.
Go in peace, knowing you do not go alone.
Amen!

Parting Song: May God's Sheltering Wings **MV 214**
**May God's sheltering wings,
her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms,
his cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love,
and hold you in his love.** *(Repeat)*

Postlude: Help Me

*Sung by Guest Soloist Michael Maronivic
- Written by Larry Gatlin*

Prayer of the Week:

Stay near to us, O God, as we journey through this week. May remembrances of innocent suffering summon our words and deeds for justice today. May recollections of steadfast trust transform reluctance to walk by faith when sight is clouded. This we pray in the name of the Christ we follow. Amen.

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