



Sunset United Church

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*Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith.
All are welcome here.*

Palm Procession MV#128 When They Heard That
Jesus Was Coming¹

When they heard that Jesus was coming,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

All the people went out to meet him.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Spread their cloaks and branches before him,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Children sang with palm branches waving.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Blest is he, like David before him.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Blest is he, God's blessing upon him.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Guiding cloud and pillar of fire,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Satan's foe and friend of the sinner.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Word of God, and first born of people,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Promise kept, the crown of creation.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Vision blest, and hope for the future,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

God's beloved, radiant with glory.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Wondrous bread, and stream in the desert,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Holy thirst, and God's living water.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Eye of God, who see to the heart of us,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Healing touch, the sight of our blindness.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Rising sun, the light of the world,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Word of life, who give us your Spirit.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Friend in death, who weep for our dying,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Friend in death, who roll back the stone for us.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Friend in death, who wake us to new life,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Friend in life, we sing glad hosannas.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna, sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer *(adapted from Psalm 118)*

One: May the love of God be with you all!

All: And also with you!

One: Let Israel now say:

All: God's love endures forever.

One: Let the house of Aaron say:

All: God's love endures forever.

One: Let all those gathered say:

All: God's love endures forever.

One: Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up a banner over the peoples.

All: The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his reconciliation before him."

One: Let us pray:

All: God of all love, we come to celebrate the coming of the ruler of all rulers, the Christ, our saviour. We long to be in the crowds that shout for joy and wave branches. We long to be the ones to walk the same path that Jesus took so long ago. Open us to your presence and give us the strength and courage to walk, not only through celebration, but also through the trials to come. We look with hope that we will be your Easter people, living out the promise of new life.

We pray to you who is our mother and our father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;

for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU#122 All Glory, Laud and Honour²

Refrain **All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and blessed one.**

Refrain

**The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.**

Refrain

**To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.**

Refrain

**Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king.**

Refrain

Theme Time

Anthem

Message

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-11

Hymn VU#124 He Came Riding on a Donkey³

**He came riding on a donkey,
he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly
he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises;
waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
riding on to take his throne.**

**Then the children gathered, singing
shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing,
'Hosannas' filled the morning air.
Timid adults strained to see him,
caught the Spirit, joined the song;
spread their cloaks along before him,
branches flashing in the sun.
So all the city sang his praises;
waking streets and dancing crowd;
here he is, the Son of David;
our Messiah, Son of God.**

**In our fasting, and our feasting,
called to follow in his way;
called to walk his road to Easter,
called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David,
hosanna in the heavens above;
blessed is he who comes to save us,
blessed is he who brings his love.
Let us join to sing his praises;
open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David;
God's Messiah, Christ the Lord.**

Minute for Mission

Response Hymn VU#541 Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

Announcements

Prayers for the World

Hymn VU#123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
**Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;**

through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.

'Hosanna in the highest!'
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

Blessing and Sending



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Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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