

Sunset United Church

An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

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Palm Sunday – March 25th, 2018

Choir Leader: Nancy Edwards

Pianists: Shirley Hill and Kevin Petrychyn

Worship Hosts: Carol Spencer, Marilyn Bzdell,
David Stearn & Trina Hodgson

Reader: June Horsman

Coffee: Marilyn Bzdell

MINISTERS: ALL OF US!

With Tricia Gerhard and Michelle McConkey

We pray that our worship is both ‘child & adult friendly’.

As we worship, we give thanks to the Creator for the Earth, and we honour the Saulteaux, the Cree, and other Aboriginal peoples upon whose traditional land, now defined as Treaty 4, we gather.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Choir Introit: “Blessed is He Who Comes” ***

Call to Worship*:

The crowds have gathered on the way...

We gather to cheer and celebrate!

Who are you cheering for?

We are cheering for Jesus!

What are you cheering?

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Why are you cheering?

We are celebrating Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem. His the one who will bring life to all.

Then let us join the parade and cheer for the one who comes in the name of God! Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Let us worship with gratitude and joy!

Palm Parade Hymn: VU#123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ****

Conversation Time

Lighting of the Peace and Christ Candles

Will you follow Jesus with this sixth rock into the streets of Jerusalem and beyond? Will you witness the celebration that began the week, the meal, the temptation, the arrest? Will you witness the oppression, pain, and suffering that led Jesus to this place? Will you bear witness to the oppression, pain and suffering of our own world?

The sixth rock is placed

The rock of uncertainty.

May God's Spirit walk with us.

Response: MV#90 Don't be Afraid (two times) <*

Prayer for Wholeness:**

O Holy One we are too distressed
To notice that you join us in the parade.
We are too deeply grieved to be aware
That you sit beside us at the table.
We are too busy sighing. We are too busy talking.
We have insisted upon our own answers.
We proclaimed our knowledge
about why bad things happen.
About why the rich get richer,
About why the world feels so broken.
We have assured ourselves that this is the way
That things must be,
But this life is shaped by your hands.

Holy One, speak to us.

Fill our silences.

Comfort us with your love

So that we may find understanding.

Trust us to find your answers

When we finally open ourselves to you.

Renew us, Holy One, with your love.

(Silent Reflection) Amen

Assurance of God's Blessing

Our Sung Response: MV#95 How Deep the Peace <<*

Passing of the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN

Scripture: Mark 11: 1-11

Reflection

WE RESPOND

Hymn: VU#126 Ride On, Ride On, the Time is Right >>*

Our Offerings are Received

Doxology: O God, you are both light and love,
You dwell within, below, above,
We thank you for our lives and pray
Your blessings on these gifts today.

Words written by Rev. Lori Erhardt
Tune: Old 100

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture: Mark 15: 32-42

Commissioning & Blessing

Jesus believed in and lived life abundant, for all people. As we move into Holy Week, do you believe in life abundant for yourself and for the world? Will your footsteps walk alongside the footsteps of Jesus in the streets? Will you journey through the week despite the story and the events that are ahead?

The last rock is placed.

The rock of Holy Week
May God's Spirit walk with us.

Sung Response: MV#90 Don't be Afraid (sung twice) <*

Postlude



- *prayer written by Cathy Gradante, found in Gathering, L/E 2018 (year B), page 35.
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