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April 13, 2025

8AM and 10:30AM Worship

Palm Sunday

*Awakening joyful service guided by our still speaking God!*

*\* please stand as you are able; **bold print congregational response***

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TIME OF SHARING/GREETING

PRELUDE MUSIC – “The Holy City” – *S. Adams*

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40 (*Responsively*)

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, **“Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’”**

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

<sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.” **Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,**

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

<sup>40</sup>**He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”**

\*HYMN #213 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

\*PRAYER

**As crowds of people welcomed Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem,**

**acclaiming him as their ruler, so we welcome you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit. Above all human powers and dominions, you lay rightful claim to our praise and love. Therefore we are here to worship and praise you! We pray that we, with all people, might do your will on earth. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE TO PRAYER**

**#213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (v1)**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago.  
We are hungry for a hero. We crave some glimpse of greatness.  
We are starving for the spectacular.**

**We are gathered here like those who watched the Passion-Parade in Jerusalem, stretching our necks to catch a glimpse of our Messiah. As we wait here for the Savior to come let us not be disappointed when the special one appears even though we are certain to be surprised; and give us courage to follow where one on the donkey might lead us. Amen.**

*MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER*

The scriptures proclaim that God's love goes on forever, through all the tragic story of human wrong and misery. Be assured that, as Jesus forgave his killers from the cross, so God forgives us.

**Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM**

**"Palm Branches"**

*by Williams and Nolan*

**Senior Choir**

**A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Psalm 118 (Responsively)*

**SERMON**

**Rev. Peter Kuhn**

**PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN #216 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (Remain Seated)**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
#887 A New Creed

\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #780 **Doxology**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair,  
may these gifts be used for peacemaking that settles strife  
and justice-seeking that creates all good hope. Amen.**

\*HYMN #215 “**Ride On! Ride On in Majesty**”

\*FINAL BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

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## “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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Jennette Threlfall, 1873; alt.

1. “Ho-san-na, loud ho-san-na,” the lit-tle chil-dren sang;  
through pil-lared court and tem-ple the love-ly an-them rang;  
To Je-sus, who had blessed them close fold-ed to his breast,  
the chil-dren sang their prais-es, the sim-plest and the best.
  
2. From Ol-i-vet they fol-lowed a-mid a cheer-ing crowd,  
the vic-tor palm branch wav-ing, and chant-ing clear and loud.  
The one whom an-gels wor-ship rode on in low-ly state,  
and glad to see the chil-dren, slowed down the don-key’s gait.
  
3. “Ho-san-na in the high-est!” That an-cient song is ours.  
We hail our great Re-deem-er and sing with all our powers:  
“Ho-san-na, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.  
Ho-san-na! In your pres-ence for-ev-er we’ll re-joice!”

Mark 11:8–10; Matt. 21:15

PSALM 118 (Responsively)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!  
**Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever!"**

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>**This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

<sup>29</sup>**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century  
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

1. All glo-ry, laud, and hon-or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of chil-dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!  
The peo-ple of the He-breus with palms a-dorned your way;  
our praise and prayer and an-thems we of-fer you this day.
  
2. O Prom-ised One of Is-rael, of Da-vid's roy-al line,  
the one called "God's be-lov-ed," of flesh and yet di-vine,  
To you, be- fore your pas-sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high ex-alt-ed, our mel-o-dy we raise.
  
3. As you re-ceived their prais-es, re-ceive our prayers to-day,  
whose jus-tice and whose mer-cy and sov-ereign-ty hold sway.  
All glo-ry, laud, and hon-or to you, O Christ, we sing,  
to whom the lips of chil-dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

Matt. 21:8-9

## A New Creed

LEADER: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

PEOPLE: We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*United Church of Canada, 198*



## Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

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Henry H. Milman, 1827; adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1993

1. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
O Christ, with brave hu-mil-i-ty,  
On low-ly colt, your road pur-sue,  
as palms and cloaks are spread for you.
  
2. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
As crowds of peo-ple come to see  
And shout ho-san-nas, lift-ing high  
their praise for one a-bout to die.
  
3. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
Ride on in hum-ble dig-ni-ty;  
Be-hold the ones you came to save  
from sense-less life and end-less grave.
  
4. Ride on! Ride on in maj-es-ty!  
For you have set your peo-ple free  
And we, re-mem-bering all your pain,  
now meet a-gain to hail your reign.

Luke 19:36–38; Zech. 9:9