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Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Hymn: **And on This Path**

MV 8

Opening words....

Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Christ the Lord is near.

Hosanna!

Hosanna!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Christ the Lord is here!

With well-loved songs,

and waving palms, we celebrate his Way!

Hosanna!

Hallelujah!

Welcome Christ the Lord, today!

(by Richard Bott in "Gathering", Lent-Easter 2021 Year B, p. 38)

We pray....

Eternal God, this day we have come to cheer you on.

We can feel the excitement of the crowds

who welcomed Jesus with such joy,

and we want to join in, to share their hope,

remembering your promise of a saviour.

Bless us as we greet your Son, who arrives now.

In his name we pray. **Amen.** *(from Celebrating God's Presence, UCC, p. 162,)*

Lenten Candle Liturgy
(a Lenten Candle is extinguished)
(silence)

Sung Response: Take, O Take Me As I Am (x2)

Children's Time

THE PALM SUNDAY STORY

(adapted from a resource by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd in Gathering,
Lent 2007, pp. 51-54)

(the congregation is invited to read the bold printed sections)

Introduction

Crowd Voices (A)

Scripture: John 12:12-13a

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting:

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hymn: "Hosanna, loud Hosanna"

VU 123

Opening Litany:

The Messiah, our hope for the future, the one who will set us free.

Come, Messiah, come.

The Messiah, the one who will overturn oppressive rulers and corrupt leaders.

Come, Messiah, come.

The Messiah, who shares our pain, who understands and comforts.

Come Messiah, come.

The Messiah, who wipes all tears away and ushers in the peaceable kingdom.

Come, Messiah, come.

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-8, 10-11

Hymn: **like a child**

VU 366

Crowd Voices (B)

Scripture: Luke 19:40

Special Music

Crowd Voices (C)

Hymn: **Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right**

VU 126

Litany of Confession:

In the confusion of voices, wondering who to believe,

Forgive us, God, when we believe the worst in others.

When we are wary and concerned,

Forgive us, God, when we spread mistrust.

When we hear rumours,

Forgive us, God, when we are content with half-truths.

When doubts come crashing down,

Give us peace, even in the confusion of faith.

Give us grace, even in the confusion of voices.

Give us hope, even in the confusion of fear. Amen.

Hymn: **Wait for the Lord (x4)**

VU 22

A Moment of Quiet Reflection

Hymn: **Wait for the Lord (X2)**

VU 22

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Crowd Voices (D)

Offering

Invitation

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow VU 541

Dedication of the Gifts

Scripture: Mark 11:12-19

Crowd Voices (E)

Hymn: **Stay With Me (3X)**

VU 950

We pray....

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

VU 122

Commissioning and Benediction:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who faithfully follows Christ.

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

The blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit be with you now
and always! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Going Forth: **Grant to us your peace**

VU 955

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lenten Study, Saturday mornings, 10:30 a.m. (April 23rd)
- Centering Prayer, Friday, April 22nd, 11 a.m.
- If you would like to increase or join PAR (Preauthorized Remittance), please contact Heather Barclay. You can email her at starcom@telus.net or ph. 250-216-5807. Or you can pick up a PAR application either at the Church, or the Office.
- Our **Annual Plant Sale** will be including a Book Sale this year. It will take place on Saturday, May 7th. Go to our website for more information www.centrialsaanichunited.ca.

Here are the schedule of services during the Season of Lent:

- Daily Holy Week services at 11:00 via ZOOM: Monday to Thursday, and Saturday
- Good Friday, April 15 at 10:15 am
- Easter Sunrise Service at Island View Beach
- Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10:15 am. (with Sacrament of Holy Communion)

Recording of the services will also be available on our website.

Pursuant to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Pray Cycle, please pray for the well being of these Communities of faith:

- Summerland United Church
- Tai-Kong United Church
- Texada Island United Church
- Trail United Church
- Trinity Memorial United Church (Abbotsford)