

Holy Week

Palm Sunday



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Processional

And on This Path

**And on this path (So enter in), the gates of holiness are open wide,
And on this path (So enter in), the gates of holiness are open wide,
And on this path (So enter in), the gates of holiness are open wide!
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide!
The gates are open wide!**

Welcome

Check In

What makes a good leader?

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

Recently Jordin Tootoo, the first Inuk NHL player, spoke to students in a NWT school. He told them of his experiences, including triumphs and challenges. Tootoo explained that it takes compassion for your weaknesses and constant attention to your strengths to succeed in any undertaking.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch

Call to Worship

One: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount Of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

Two: "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

One: This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

Choir: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Two: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

ALL: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

One: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

The crowds were saying,

ALL: "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Opening Prayer

Reader: Colin Whiteside

Lighting of Christ Candle

Prayer As we light this Christ Candle,
may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v4 VU#121
**Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
we may all your joy inherit
If we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.**

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages Palms for next year

Anthem (Choir): Lift the Palms

Listening

Scripture John 12:12-27 NRSV **Reader: Carol MacDonald**

Sermon: My Choice

Song for Reflection VU#123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Music Director's Choice

Offertory Response VU542 We Give You But Your Own
**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully**

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People **Reader: Colin Whiteside**

Song for the Journey MV#64 Because You Came (vs 1-4)

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing Chorus May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet

Postlude