

Closing Hymn 127 (VU):

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride On! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Sending Forth

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Pembina Parish

Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's



Palm Sunday

Sunday April 5, 2020

Introduction to the Service

Scripture Reading: John 12: 12-15, The Message

Processional Hymn 124 (VU):

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.

Welcome and Sharing

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Lighting of the Lenten candles

Call to Worship

Holy One, we cheer and shout,
we praise your name,
we hail the Messiah.

One light for one week.

We come to worship.

**We follow the crowd,
shouting Hosanna!**

Praise God!

**We join in the triumph of today,
lifting our voices to sing, to shout, to act!**

Opening Prayer

God of all creation, you are love.

In joyful times, in excited times...
in times of crisis, in times of fear...
you are the love that holds us.
Wherever we are in the crowd –
moving right beside Jesus,
waving and shouting from the sidelines,
or perched at the edge, wondering –
help us to know that we are yours.
We are loved. Amen.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Faith Reflections

Offering

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*As we enter this Holy Week that leads to Jesus' suffering and death
we give thanks that you walk with us always, O God, even when our
road is difficult. Today we take time to pray for:*

- all those who suffer in our world, especially those with COVID-19
- all those on the front-lines who are caring for those who are ill,
- the families and loved ones of those who have died of COVID-19,
- all those who are anxious or fearful that they may contract the virus,
or who are concerned for someone they love,
- all those who are most vulnerable in this crisis, especially the elderly,
the homeless, the poor, Indigenous communities and others,
- all those who are feeling isolated and alone because of the crisis,
- all those close to us we hold in our hearts and prayers at this time...

(time of silent prayer)

Lords Prayer

**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and do not put us to the test,
but rescue us from evil**

**For yours is the dominion,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**