

## Our Response

### Reflection

Hymn "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" insert VU 325

### Prayers for Others and The Lord's Prayer

## We Are Sent Forth

Closing Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" insert VU 123

Commissioning *(please remain standing, if comfortable)*

**All:** We go from this time of worship,  
heading into a world where we are invited into holy service.  
Wherever we go, we sense the presence of God,  
and we are faithful when we hear Christ's call.

### Congregational Response

Cliff Barrows

**All:** "May God's blessing surround you each day,  
as you trust God and walk in his way.  
May God's presence within  
guard and keep you from sin.  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love."

The Benediction "May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all.

### Three-Fold Amen

## Steveston United Church

Sunday March 28, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

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## *Palm Sunday*



## We Gather as God's People

**\*\* Like we did last year, we gather outside on our front or  
back steps, in our carports or driveways, our patios,  
balconies, our living-rooms....  
and wave our Palm Branches and shout, "Hosanna, Hosanna!"  
*(don't worry about the neighbours)***

### Call to Worship

One: Open the doors of this holy place that we may enter in  
and give thanks to God, for this is the day God has made.

**All: Shout Hosanna!**

One: Open the gates; God has made the doors of grace, and all creation  
are invited to join in praise for this is the day God has made.

**All: Shout Hosanna!**

One: Don't be afraid.

**All: Shout Hosanna!**

One: Wave your palm branches, spread your coats!

**All: Shout Hosanna! Shout Hosanna!**

## Opening Hymn

*"All Glory, Laud and Honour"*

VU 122

**All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

You are the King of Israel, and David's royal son,  
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one.  
**(Refrain)**

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.  
**(Refrain)**

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.  
**(Refrain)**  
Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king.

## Opening Prayer

**All: Source of All, we come to Holy Week again,  
hoping to find our place in the story.  
We are here cheering with gladness. We can feel the  
excitement of the crowds who have come to welcome Jesus  
with joyful praise and we want to join in.  
May we feel Jesus' presence riding into our midst today.  
Amen.**

## Lighting the Christ Candle

**All: "Let the Light of Christ fill this space. Amen."**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: It is right that we should follow Jesus into Jerusalem.  
The peace of Christ be with us.

## Prayer of Confession

**All: Eternal God, we listen to the crowds shouting Hosanna,  
but we know they will soon change their minds.  
We recognize our own changing loyalties;  
how easily we can be swayed.  
We listen to the few words of Jesus before the ones in power;  
we feel his amazing presence.  
We recognize how you, God,  
can keep us strong at the time of testing.  
We listen to the compassionate response of Jesus.  
We recognize how difficult it is for us to respond  
sensitively and appropriately to those who need us. Forgive us.**

**Words of Assurance** We often don't know what to do when God offers us  
forgiveness. But then we remember God gives us  
abundant grace and the assurance we are loved.  
Thanks be to God.

## We Present Our Offering

**Offering Invitation** We are invited to offer, every day, a portion of the gifts  
God gives, and in doing so we receive much in return.

## Offering Refrain

VU 541

**"Praise God from who all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit; One. Amen."**

## Prayer of Dedication

**All: We ask your blessing, O God, upon these gifts;  
for ourselves, for our brothers and sisters of your family,  
and those around the world. May we all be transformed  
and made new by this offering. Amen.**

## We Listen for God's Word

Psalm 118: 19-29

Christian Scripture Matthew 21:1-11

One: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**