



Mount Royal United Church

"At Mount Royal United Church, our mission is to serve God;
living our faith inside and outside these walls and nurturing
each individual on their faith journey."

April 10th, 2022 – Palm Sunday

Congregational responses in bold.

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

Greeting

Lenten Lights

Land Acknowledgement:

Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship

One: Here he comes!

All: Who?

One: The Messiah! The Christ!

God's chosen one! Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Hallelujah!

One: He's at the gates now. He'll be arriving any minute.

Have your palm branches ready!

All: Hosanna! Hallelujah!

One: That's right! Here comes our king!

Riding on a donkey?

All: Wait! Why is a king riding on a donkey?

**Why does he look so quiet,
in the middle of our parade?**

Where is his army?

Has he come to save the people?

One: Riding on a donkey.

No shouts of rebellion. No army. Just a message.

**All: "God's Kingdom is coming
and God's Kingdom is here."**

One: Just a message.

All: "Love one another as I have loved you."

One: In love let us worship,
in love our journey moves on.

Opening Prayer: *(unison)*

God of Celebration, we line up with the crowd to herald the coming of your chosen one. Let the enthusiasm we feel this day continue into the shadowed and difficult days of Holy Week. Journey with us on this Palm Sunday, strengthening us for your passion. We have followed you to this great city, the path has been long, but our hearts have found rest in you. Today, with voices of hope, we join the crowds who came to greet you. May our hearts draw close, as our journey continues. Amen.

Hymn: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" **VU#123**

Personal Prayer "Take, O Take Me as I Am" x2 **MV#85**
(concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

We Listen to the Word

Children's Time

Children's Time Prayer:

Hosanna! Hosanna! We join our voices in praise, for You are the one we love, the light of our all days. Today, we wave our branches, in celebration and delight. Blessed are you, blessed are we, for your way is always right. Help us to care for your world in everything we do. Thank you, Spirit for this day, and for making all things new, Amen.

Hymn: "Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right" **VU#126**

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Cathy Elderkin

Holy Creator, who loves us so, we have followed Jesus to Jerusalem, and it has been a long journey. Please help us receive your Word today in such a way that it offers us hope, peace, and courage, as we stumble into Holy Week. On this final road of our Lenten time, let it be your Word that is the light holding us to your side. **Amen.**

Scripture Lesson: Luke 19: 28-40

One: This is the Gospel of Jesus the Christ.

All: Love of our hearts and light to our lives.

Sermon "Fan or Fanatic"

Anthem "Called by Earth and Sky" Elizabeth & Mark Blakney

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

As the crowds gathered welcoming Jesus into the great city of Jerusalem, they did so in celebration, offering their praise and adoration. Knowing where this journey leads, we too offer our praise and thanksgiving, for a love that will not let us go. Along with our devotion, we also make offerings from our hearts this day, with shouts of Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Offertory Prayer: *(unison)*

God of the Journey, we have traveled to Jerusalem by the light and love of your Son. As we gather with the crowds on this Palm Sunday, we do go grateful for every moment of grace our hearts have come to know in Jesus. In preparation for Holy Week, we present our offerings and with them our very selves to your ministry. Bless also the

gifts we joyfully make to Visions United in their Fresh for Less program. May these gifts nourish in both body and spirit that the fullness of your love be known. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honour" **VU#122**

Blessing: (*unison*)

In the holy name of the Creator, Word, and Living Spirit, we entered this space together, to be healed, to find rest and to be renewed. Now we are called to turn our spirits towards the way of the cross. In the name of the blessed Trinity, let us go forth now into this week staying as close to you, as our hearts dare allow. Amen.

Extinguishing the Lenten Lights:

One: Arriving in Jerusalem we remember Jesus last words from the Cross.

All: It is Finished...

Postlude

Happy Belated 99th Birthday to **Helen Ellis**.
Helen celebrated her birthday on March 30.

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Apr 10 Tracy **Apr 15** Stephen GF **Apr 17** Tracy **Apr 24** Stephen

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Church Hall
	11:30am	UCW Meeting	Boardroom
	1:00pm	Art Club	Church Hall
	6:30pm	Beavers	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	6:15pm	Brownies	Church Hall
Friday	6:30pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Saturday	10:00am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Sunday	6:30-8pm	Girl Guides	Church Hall

Grocery gift cards are now available from Terry Foreman at grocerycards@mountroyaluc.ca or 388-4887 or from the office at 855-5771. They are available in \$50 and \$100 denominations, Thank you for continuing to support this important fundraiser.

A **Good Friday** service will be held on **April 15** at 6:30pm.

The **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **April 24** after an abbreviated worship service. You are welcome to bring a snack if you feel you may be hungry.

The **Anniversary Service** will be held Sunday, **May 1** with tea, coffee and cupcakes served at coffee and conversation.