



PALMPASSIONSUNDAY

Invitation to Thanksgiving & Imitation

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THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

APPROACHED TO GOD

Before the service, meditate and speak to God. During the service let God speak to you. After the service talk to each other and the wider community about God.

KEYS

Words printed in **ALL CAPS & bold** are spoken or sung by everyone.

At places marked with the “✝,” you are invited to stand, as you are able.

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Singer(s)

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Reader(s)

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Order of Worship

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TERRITORY AND RECONCILIATION

As we gather today, we recognize that the first peoples lived here for countless generations before we did. We acknowledge that we are on the unceded traditional lands of the Splats'in First Nation, and we celebrate their faithful stewardship.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENT!

PROCESSION SONG

- **He Came Riding on a Donkey VU#124**

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

- **Joys, Concerns & Prayer Requests**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: There is no power like the power of people to bring change, because the power of the people won't stop.

Reader 1: Say What!?

Minister: There is no power like the power of people to bring change, because the power of the people won't stop.

Reader 1: Which side are you on, friend? Which side?

Minister: Justice for our children, justice for the land, waters, plants, and animals – is justice for all.

ALL: AND WE WILL STRIVE FOR JUSTICE UNTIL FREEDOM IS ONE.

Reader 1: Which side are you on, friend? Which side?

Minister: Justice for our children, for the poor and marginalized, and justice for the oppressed – is justice for all.

ALL: AND WE WILL STRIVE FOR JUSTICE UNTIL FREEDOM IS ONE.

Reader 1: Save us, O God, have mercy and save us.

Minister: Open to us the gates of righteousness.

ALL: HOSANNA! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST HEAVENS!

Reader 1: Hosanna in the highest.

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We want to be respectful tenants of your beautiful garden, God, marvelling at the beauty and complexity of creation and our relationship to it. Forgive us for all the ways that we have hurt your good creation and guide us as we strive for a healed world. Amen

HYMN: Sanna, Sannanina VU #128

AFFIRMATION

One: With Christ's help,

ALL: we will return to the garden.

One: Through Christ's passion,

ALL: we will weep by the tree.

One: For Christ's sake,

ALL: we will proclaim the good news:

One Nothing can separate us from Jesus Christ, our liberator.

HYMN: God Is Here VU#389

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- **Psalm 118: 1-4, 19-29**
- **Philippians 2:5-11**
- **John 12:12-21**

REFLECTION/SERMON

HYMN: Born in Human Likeness MV #47

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: We will go into this Holy Week with loud protests. We will cry to God with our whole hearts.

Reader 1: Save us, please save us.

Minister: From the brokenness and corruption of our world, from greed hunger and oppression, from exploitation, degradation, and pollution.

Reader 1: Save us from our broken covenants. Save us from lawlessness.

Minister: We will go into this Holy Week lifting high the good man Jesus, the Christ.

Jesus who taught us about radical love,

Show us how to pray,

Give us hope that a new world and a new way where all people are of equal worth and value is possible if we choose to join him.

Let us pray together Mark Berry – Emerging Church Movement version of the prayer Jesus taught!

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere!

Release a space to plant your Presence here.

Imagine your possibilities now.

Embody your desire in every light and form.

Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.

Untie the knots of failure binding us,

as we release the strands we hold of others' faults.

*Help us not forget our Source,
Yet free us from not being in the Present.
From you arises every Vision,
Power and Song from gathering to gathering. Amen*

GOING FORTH HYMN: Were You There VU #144

THANK YOU & BLESSING

*May we always hunger for justice until all are fed.
May we always strive until there is justice and food for all.
May we never rest until all are at peace.
May it be so.*

DOXOLOGY: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU #684



THANK YOUS & CREDITS

Thank you for participating in today's worship, I pray you have been greatly blessed.

Remember, for those we are unable to connect with any reason; call to buoy up their spirits, and/or pray for them and entrust them to the care of the divine.

Due to physical distancing caused by the Corona Virus, COVID 19, all church activities that require physical contact are suspended until further notice.

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You may send us your gifts & offerings using the information below:

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Those of you who are on PAR and those who mailed in the gifts and offerings thank you.

We are always happy to hear your comments and queries. If you have prayer requests, you may use our social media message tabs or email them to ministerfranklyn@gmail.com

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