***We acknowledge these lands upon which we worship as the ancestral, cultural, traditional and unceded lands***

***of the Səl̓ílwətaʔ,  Xʷməθkwəy̓əm, & Sḵwx̱wú7meshsi,***

***Musqueam***, *Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.*

***West Point Grey United Church is a safe place for all people to worship***

***regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation***

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***♦*** *Please stand where indicated, as you are able & comfortable*

***Congregational responses are in bold***

**A Celebration of Worship**

**Palm Sunday**

**March 25th, 2018**

**Between Parades**

We’re good at planning!

Give us a task and a project

and we’re off and running!

No trouble at all!

Going to the village and finding the colt,

even negotiating with the owners

is right down our alley.

And how we love a parade!

In a frenzy of celebration we gladly focus on Jesus

and generously throw our coats and palms in his path.

And we can shout praise loudly enough

to make the Pharisees complain.

It’s all so good!

It’s between parades that we don’t do so well.

From Sunday to Sunday we forget our hosannas.

Between parades the stones will have to shout

because we don’t.

Ann Weems ‘Kneeling In Jerusalem’

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♪ **Prelude**

 **Welcome and Announcements**

 **Silence, As We Prepare Our Hearts For Worship**

*(gathering words will be followed by a time of silence,*

*ending with the chiming of the singing bowl)*

 **Acknowledging The Territory / Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Gathered In Jerusalem**

♪ **Introit:** ‘And On This Path’ ***MV 8***

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide;

 And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide;

 And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide;

 Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

 So enter in - the gates of holiness are open wide;

 So enter in - the gates of holiness are open wide;

 So enter in - the gates of holiness are open wide;

 Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide;

 And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide;

 And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide;

 Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

 **Words of Gathering**

**♦**♪ **Hymn:** ‘Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus’ *(1,4 & 5)* ***VU 357***

 **Sharing The Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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**A Walk Through Holy Week**

**♦**♪ **Hymn:** 'Lift Up The Gates Eternal’ *(vss. 5, 3, 4)* ***VU 750***

****1. Palm Sunday - Entrance Into Jerusalem**

 ***Symbol:*** Palm branch ***Reading***: Luke 19: 28 – 40

 ***Reflection***

♪ ***Kyrie:*** Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. *(silence)* ***VU 946***

**2. Jesus Cleanses The Temple**

 ***Symbol:*** Bag of coins

 ***Reading:*** Luke 19: 45-46

 ***Reflection***

♪ ***Kyrie:*** Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. *(silence)*

**3**. **Judas Bargains With The Religious Authorities**

 ***Symbol***: Silver coin

 ***Reading:*** Luke 22: 1-6

 ***Reflection***

♪ ***Kyrie:*** Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. *(silence)*

**4.****Jesus Washes The Disciples’ Feet**

 ***Symbols:*** Pitcher and towel

 ***Reading:*** John 12: 2-17

 ***Reflection***

♪ ***Kyrie:*** Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. *(silence)*

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**5. With Jesus in the Upper Room - The Last Supper**

 ***Reading:*** Luke 22: 14 - 20

 ***Symbols:*** Bread and chalice

♪ ***Hymn:*** ‘*The Son Of God Proclaim’ (verses 1-3)* ***VU 474***

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**Breaking the Bread … Lifting The Cup**

**Sharing The Gift**

*(Communion will be served in the pews.*

*Rice crackers are available on the tray for those who prefer)*

***Gift of Music****: ‘Before I Take The Body of My Lord’ Nick Sommer*

6. **With Jesus on the Mount Of Olives**

*** Symbol***: Praying hands

 ***Reading:*** Luke 22: 39 - 46

 ***Reflection***

♪ ***Kyrie:*** Kyrie, kyrie, eleison. *(silence)*

**Journeying Into Holy Week**

♪**Offertory**

♪ **Offertory Hymn**: ***VU # 122***

 All glory, laud and honour to You, Redeemer, King.

 To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

 Their praises You accepted, accept the gifts we bring,

 great Author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.

 All glory, laud and honour to You, Redeemer, King.

 To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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 **Prayers of Concern and Celebration**

 *After each petition: God of love …..* ***hear our prayer.***

**♦**♪ **Hymn:**  ‘Ride On, Ride On In Majesty’ ***VU 127***

**♦ Commissioning and Blessing**

♪ **Postlude**

***Welcome to West Point Grey United Church***

***Welcome to Palm Sunday. May you find here a warm community of Christian friends, a place of encounter with the Sacred, and encouragement for the way of faith. In the entry to the church, you will find copies of the worship service bulletin – in regular and large print, as well as large-print hymns. The worship service is also projected on the screen. In addition, there are copies of the sermon translated into Mandarin. Activity tables for the children are available in the west transept and a changing table for infants is available in the women’s washroom. Please feel at home, and among friends. Children are invited to go out for JAM (Sunday School) with Debra after the passing of the peace. Following the worship, you are invited to stay for refreshments.***

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*Director of Music Dr. Eileen Padgett*

*Tenor Section Lead Nick Sommer*

*Children & Youth Debra Dawes*

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