

**Central Saanich United Church
United Church of Canada**

Palm Sunday

March 28th, 2021

Minister: Bob Gilbert

Music Director: Amy Nold



WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: **“And on This Path”**

MV 8

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Extinguishing of Candle

As we watch the smoke rise, we remember Jesus’ obedience to the will and way of God, even when it meant death on a cross. We remember that at the heart of a mystery of that death is the revelation of God’s forgiving, transforming, resurrecting love that swirls in and through our lives.

Knowing ourselves to be loved and blessed, we raise our voices in song – a prayer to you, O God.

Sung Response: “**Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**”

VU 121 (v.4)

**Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew,
we may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.**

Opening words...

Hosanna! **Hosanna!**

Hallelujah! **Hallelujah! Christ the Lord is near.**

Hosanna! **Hosanna!**

Hallelujah! **Hallelujah! Christ the Lord is here!**

With well-loved songs,

and waving palms, we celebrate his Way!

Hosanna! **Hallelujah!**

Welcome Christ the Lord, today!

(by Richard Bott in “Gathering”, Lent-Easter 2021 Year B, p. 38)

We pray...

Eternal God, this day we have come to cheer you on.

We can feel the excitement of the crowds

who welcomed Jesus with such joy,

and we want to join in, to share their hope,

remembering your promise of a saviour.

Bless us as we greet your Son, who arrives now.

In his name we pray. **Amen.**

(from Celebrating God’s Presence, UCC, p. 162)

Hymn: “**All Glory, Laud and Honour**”

VU 122

Ringing the Tone Bell (invitation to a moment of quiet)

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WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

From our Scriptures: Mark 1: 1-11

Who will See The King? A Series of Monologues

(by Arlyn Friesen Epp – Mennonite Church Canada, 2013.)

Lord, Have Mercy (*Kyrie Eleison*)
also sung after each monologue

VU 945

An Unusual Parade
Kyrie Eleison

The Doubter
Kyrie Eleison

The Leader
Kyrie Eleison

The Crowd Enthusiast
Kyrie Eleison

The Observer
Kyrie Eleison

The Faithful Widow
Kyrie Eleison

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn: **“Ride On, Ride On, The Time is Right”**

VU 126
(vs. 1,2,3,5)

Offering

Invitation

What Can I Do?

Dedication of the Gifts

MV 191

We pray...

Hymn: **“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**

VU 400

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: **“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

VU 123

Commissioning and Benediction:

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who faithfully follows Christ.

Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

The blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit be with you now

and always! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

Going Forth: **“Forth In Your Name, O Christ”**

VU 416 (v.1)

Postlude

Many thanks to the following for helping with our Service today:

Readers: Bill Cole, Barbara Erickson, Nancy Jacobsen, Helen Wright

Singers: Helen Wright & Barbara Erickson

Power Point: Marian Garnett

Video Editing: Dennis Tam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In addition to our usual Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter services, Bob will be offering daily services during Holy Week. These will be short 20-25 minute services that will feature scripture readings, prayer, times of silent reflection, and a short meditation. These will be available by ZOOM **at 10:00 am. on Monday, March 29; Tuesday, March 30, Wednesday, March 31; Thursday, April 1; Saturday, April 3.** The link to access these services will be sent out in due course. Please enter the ZOOM room by 10:00 before the start of the service. Bob will have the ZOOM room ready for access by 9:50 am.

Feel free to join one or all of these Holy Week devotional services.

Thank you!

- Tax Receipts...if you have moved, please let Heather Barclay know (starcom@telus.net)

Pursuant to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Prayer Cycle, please pray for the well being of these Communities of Faith:

St. David's United Church, Pemberton – Pemberton, BC

St. David's United Church – West Vancouver, BC

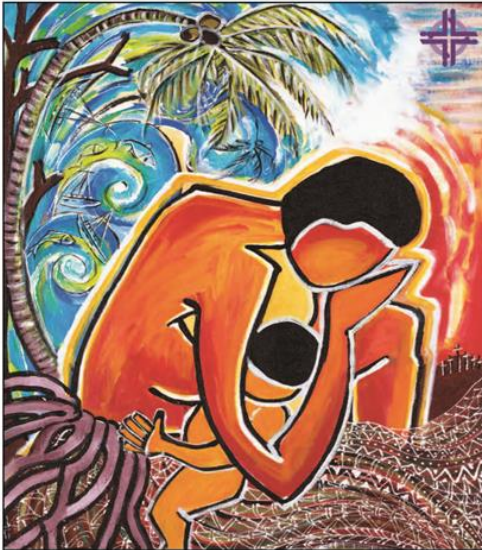
St. George's United Church – Courtenay, BC

St. John, Gualbert SM – Port McNeill, BC

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The World Day of Prayer 2021 service, is now available for viewing. The service was prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and the women of Vanuatu. The World Day of Prayer is traditionally celebrated on the first Friday of March, however, this year the recorded service has been made available to you so that you may participate in the safety of

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your own home and at time convenient for you. Feel free to share this with family and friends. Just click on the image to the left to access the service.