

ORCHARD VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
130 Cornwallis Ave., New Minas, NS B4N 3M7

Order of Worship

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 9:00 am

Palm Sunday

Music as We Gather

Welcome & News of the Community

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Gathering Words:

One: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna! Rejoice for Jesus is in our midst.

One: He comes with joy and hope.

All: He comes to set us free from fear.

One: Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Glory to God. AMEN.

Music: "Jesus Came Bringing Us Hope"

MV #33

Jesus came bringing us hope
Jesus came bringing us hope,
Jesus came bringing us hope,
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us peace
Jesus came bringing us peace,
Jesus came bringing us peace,
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us love
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!

Jesus came bringing us joy
Jesus came bringing us joy,
Jesus came bringing us joy,
hallelujah forever more!

Opening Prayer:

One: With great joy we welcome you, Jesus!

All: The journey has been long and we have longed to enter the Holy City.

One: You come into our hearts and our lives, humbly, patiently, encouraging us to learn and grow, to embark on journeys of hope and healing.

All: Open our hearts today to hear your words, as we sing praise to you. Hosanna!

One: Hosanna!

All: Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name. Hosanna and Amen!

Basket of Blessings

Children's Time

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Lord's Prayer

Music:

“He’ll Be Riding on a Donkey”

(to the tune: “She’ll be Comin’ Round the Mountain”)

He’ll be riding on a donkey

When he comes

(Praise God!)

He’ll be riding on a donkey

When he comes

(Praise God!)

He’ll be riding on a donkey,

He’ll be riding on a donkey,

He’ll be riding on a donkey

When he comes

(Praise God!)

Oh, we’ll all go out to meet him

When he comes

(Our Lord!)

Oh, we’ll all go out to meet him

When he comes

(Our Lord!)

Oh, we’ll all go out to meet him,

We’ll all go out to meet him,

We’ll all go out to meet him

When he comes

(Praise God! Our Lord!)

We’ll be waving our palm branches

When he comes

(God’s Son!)

We’ll be waving our palm branches

When he comes

(God’s Son!)

We’ll be waving our palm branches,

We’ll be waving our palm branches,

We'll be waving our palm branches
When he comes
(Praise God! Our Lord! God's Son!)

We'll be shouting out "Hosanna!"
When he comes
(He's Here!)

We'll be shouting out "Hosanna!"
When he comes
(He's Here!)

We'll be shouting out "Hosanna!",
We'll be shouting out "Hosanna!",
We'll be shouting out "Hosanna!"
When he comes
(Praise God! Our Lord! God's Son! He's Here!)

Sharing the Story: John 19:28-40

Focus on the Word: **Speak Up**

Music: "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty" VU #127

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Prayer in Action

Affirmation:

One: Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,

All: we come to Christ this Holy Week.

One: Today is only a part of the story.

All: Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.

One: May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love.

Music:

"Creator God You Gave Us Life"

MV #27

Creator God you gave us life,
Your image formed within our souls,
yet through the mist of time and space,
we search for that which makes us whole. **R**

Refrain:

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices changing melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

In ev'ry flow'r and ev'ry tree,
we see your great diversity,
yet greater still we see your love,
expressed in our humanity. **R**

Refrain:

*Through hands that paint majestic skies,
and voices changing melody,
with words that reach beyond the page,
we comprehend your mystery.*

When with our hearts, our hands our minds,
we share our gifts with all the world,
our spirits soar beyond the veil,
to touch the very face of God. **R**

Benediction