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Our Vision Statement

"Deepening and demonstrating our faith in Jesus Christ by partnering in and with the community of Central Saanich and beyond."

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Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

Scripture Reader: Bhree Young & Antony Merry
Greeters: Bhree Young & Antony Merry

WE GATHER

Prelude
Welcome, Celebrations, Announcements.
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: **He Came Riding on a Donkey** **VU 124**

Call To Worship:
Do you not know? Have you not heard?
Hosanna! The one who comes in the name of God is here!
Come away from your homes.
Arise from your labours.
Emerge from your shadows**.**
And celebrate the one who arrives among us!
Turn from your daily race—
Turn from beliefs that bind—
Turn from what imprisons your heart—
And come shout hosanna!
The one who comes in the name of God is here!
(from Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge, The United Church of Canada, 2021)

Hymn: Saana, Sannanina VU 128

We pray….
Humble and riding on a donkey,
we greet you;
Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,
we cheer you;

moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,
We salute you: Christ our Lord.
You are giving the beast of burden
a new dignity;
you are giving majesty
a new face;
you are giving those who long for redemption
A new song to sing.
With them, with heart and voice, we shout:
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
(—from Common Order, Panel on Worship, Church of Scotland, 1994, by John Paarlberg)

Children's Time
Ringing the Tone Bell (*invitation to a moment of quiet)*

WE LISTEN TO THE WORD

Special Music

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-4, 19-29 VU p. 837
Matthew 21:1-11
From the World Around Us: "The Donkey" (by GK Chesterton)

Lenten Candle Liturgy *(based on Matthew 21:1-11)*
Crowds of people line streets to welcome Jesus from Nazareth
riding into town on a donkey.
On the other side of Jerusalem, some others went to see a proper Roman military parade.
They watched Pontius Pilate riding on a war horse accompanied by battle-hardened foot soldiers with their swords, shields, helmets, and war drums.
They were the enemy. They were impressive and fearful.
At Jesus' parade, the people were shouting, "Hosanna, save us, we pray."
Save us from the tyranny of the Romans who rule over us.
Save us, so that we may live in peace.
Save us, so that we can live with our dignity.
Save us, so that we can live as ones created in God's image.
We shout. We pray. And we wait.

When will the day of God, the kingdom of God, come?
(the sixth candle is extinguished)

Prayer

Hymn: **Don't Be Afraid** **MV 90**

Sermon: "Shout Hosanna!"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

Offering
Invitation
What Can I Do? **MV 191**
Dedication of the Gifts

We pray….
Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

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

Commissioning and Benediction:
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who faithfully follows Christ.
Hosanna in the highest!
The blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Spirit be with you now and always!
Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

Going Forth: **May the Peace of God Be Your Peace** **MV 222**
Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Council Executive,** Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m.
- **Conscious Aging,** Thursday, April 27, 10:30-12.

UPCOMING CHURCH SERVICES

Daily Holy Week Services in the Sanctuary;

Monday to Thursday and Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m.

Good Friday - April 7, 10: 15 a.m.

Easter Sunday - April 9

Sunrise Service - Island View Beach

Church Service - 10:15 a.m.

The Harding Household has happy chickens, and as a result they have an over abundance of eggs for sale! **If you are interested in buying farm fresh eggs, phone Heather Barclay (250) 216-5807.**

Please refer to our website for Upcoming Events in our Community

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