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**No worship services due to COVID 19**

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Songs chosen by Carla Phoenix

### *show us* Palm Sunday

We praise Jesus along with the crowds for all we know of his miracles and goodness, but it so quickly turns this week to events that led to his death. Longing to understand Jesus more deeply, we say, "Show us how to both celebrate your life and honor your death."

#### Prelude

**Gathering Song** HWB #237 *All glory, laud, and honor*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my song and has given me victory. Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly. The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things! I will live to tell what the Lord has done!

**All: God's faithful love endures forever!**

Leader: Open for me the gates where the righteous enter, and I will go in and thank the Lord. These gates lead to the presence of the Lord, and the godly enter there. I thank you for answering my prayer!

**All: God's faithful love endures forever!**

Leader: "This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. You are my God, and I will praise you! Give thanks to the Lord, whose faithful love endures forever!"

**All: God's faithful love endures forever!**

#### Prayer

**Praise Songs** HWB #319 *Jesus shall reign*

HWB #239 *Ride on, ride on in majesty*

#### Giving our Tithes & Offerings

**Song** SS (purple) #75 *Blessed be the name*

#### Sharing and Prayer

**Scripture Readings** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29;  
Matthew 21:1-11; Philippians 2:5-11

**Message** *Show us how to balance celebration and grief*  
**Lois Bukar**

**Song** *Faithful One* by Brian Doerksen

**Benediction** on back of bulletin

**Sending Song** *Be Unto Your Name* by Lynn DeShazo, Gary Sadler

**Postlude**

#### *Pray for:*

- our shut-ins and those with ongoing health concerns and their caregivers
- those grieving the loss of loved ones
- our Leadership Team
- Swift Current: Trailview Alliance Church
- Mennonite Church Sask: Eigenheim Mennonite Church, between Rosthern and Waldheim, pastor Rachel Wallace
- reduction of fears and panic surrounding the spread of the coronavirus, and perseverance in keeping safe and physically separated

**New address** for Lena S. is #222 Riverview Village Estates.

It's time to **renew our subscriptions to REJOICE!** for another year. If you are already reading this daily devotional please continue. If you are not one of our readers and would like to, call me and I'll put you on our list. There is no charge for this service. Victor Klippenstein

A list of **worship services** that can be viewed is available on the MC Sask website [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca). This week's service will be recorded by Eigenheim Mennonite Church.

**We are working at creating weekly audio recordings.** When they become available they can be found on our [website](#). A CD will also be made and put in the church library to be borrowed.

Your **Offerings** may be ~~dropped off~~ in the church mailbox (large brown box beside kitchen door) at any time. For e-transfers the address is [zion.pay@sasktel.net](mailto:zion.pay@sasktel.net) (you must set up on your banking website). Also **food donations** may be dropped off in the *Be Thankful* box in the foyer. Grace will take them to Mental Health periodically.

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## *Walk with Jesus*

### **Confession**

Leader: O God, we come to you as the people who greeted Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, full of joy and praise and thanksgiving. Lord, have mercy.

### **People: Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: We come as the people who were baffled when they realized how quickly their joy was turned to sorrow for you. Lord, have mercy.

### **People: Kyrie eleison.**

Leader: We come, wanting to be with you as you enter the time and place of your death, knowing we cannot face this week alone. Lord, have mercy.

*All: Kyrie eleison.*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Know that Jesus does offer mercy and understands that hard road between joy and devastation, between belief and disbelief. Know that Jesus will never leave you and will love you on whatever part of the road you find yourself on. Amen.

### **Benediction**

May you find the balance you need in the ups and downs of your life, and may you have the courage to keep walking with Jesus. Go in peace to continue your walk with Jesus.

YouTube videos for those that are interested:

- 1) Hosana - A Palm Sunday Song by The Marananta! Singers  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YApeIjvE6S4>
- 2) Forever - Chris Tomlin  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6xxWGWpaUQ>
- 3) Casting Crowns - I will Praise You in This Storm  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YUGwUgBvTU>
- 4) Hope Darst - Peace be Still  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsIpGiz3SfQ>

## **Show us how to Balance Celebration and Grief**

**Intro:** The Christian life is full of seeming contradictions; multiple factors that are in tension with each other. ‘Don’t rely on what you see or hear. Rely on what God says’

### A. Palm Sunday Procession: Matt. 21:1-11

- one of only ten events accounted in all 4 Gospels (Matt 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12)
- Foretold in 4<sup>th</sup> Century BCE – Zech. 9:9
- Jesus also foretold it – Matt. 21:2-4 (village – donkey-owner-response-reaction)
- Jesus knows and willingly engages the future (Phil. 2:5-11)
- Son of David – Matt. 1:1, 20:30 (blind men), 21:9 (crowds), 21:15 (children in temple), 2 Sam. 7:12-13,16 (eternal kingdom)

These are true: no matter what follows Hab. 3:17-19

### B. Passion Week: Matt. 21:12-27:54

- The public display and affirmation are preparation for the tests ahead
- Jesus told them beforehand: Matt. 20:17-19, Luke 18:31-33, Mark 8:31
- As we go through the fire, we can remember the One who goes before us in knowledge and power, and we remember the One who willingly suffered in order to have relationship with us. No price was too great.

**Conclusion:** We recognize what’s happening in our world and we return to commemorate the Triumph that Jesus displayed. He is the eternal King