

Stouffville United Church

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Palm Sunday

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:

The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it.
In the Lord Jesus Christ
there is light and peace.
Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship:

The crowds have gathered along the way.

We gather to cheer and celebrate!

Who are you cheering for?

We are cheering for Jesus!

What are you cheering?

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Why are you cheering?

We are celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah who will save us from Roman oppression.

Then let us join the parade and cheer for the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us worship with gratitude and joy!

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Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honour

[VU 122, Vs. 2,3,4]

Prayer of Confession:

Mighty God, your gift of our human nature has given us such power:

power of language,

power of thought,

power of pattern,

and yet we use these gifts for ill:

in the unkind word,

in the thoughtless prejudice,

in the clinging to prestige and privilege

at the expense of others.

We lift up to you our failings

and those of the culture in which we live.

(A time of silent prayer)

God of all goodness, we ourselves grow in love and in spirit as we lift these things up to you, knowing that you love us, knowing that you forgive us, knowing that you are with us in every moment, giving us the courage to advocate against the words that oppress, giving us wisdom to untangle the web of injustice born of ignorance, giving us the strength to break free of a system that condemns so many. We are amazed at your power and ready to work for your kingdom. Amen.

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Music Ministry

A time of silence

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11

Reflection

A time of silence

Solo: I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

Prayers of the People

Loving God,
on this Sunday of Palms and of Passion
when you invite your church
more deeply to follow you,
hear us as we pray.

Remembering the crowds who followed Jesus,
we pray for all who are lost in this world,
who cannot find their way,
whether they are trapped in poverty,
or lack of education and opportunity,
whether they are depressed or lonely,
whether they know you or not.

Hear us as we pray.

Remembering the disciples who walked with Jesus,
we pray for all who are seeking to walk in his way,
all those who serve others
either in their profession
or as volunteers
or in the home.

Hear us as we pray.

Remembering the religious leaders who feared Jesus,
we pray for all in leadership over others,
that they might know true humility,
that they might turn to you for guidance,
that they might consider their highest legacy
to be not personal gain,
but social advancement
so that all might live better lives.

Hear us as we pray.

Remembering Jesus, who faced adoration
and then abandonment, we pray for ourselves,
that we might be strong in our faith,
joyous in serving the Good,
and resolute in opposing evil.

Hear us as we pray.

Remembering all who have been called Christian
through generations upon generations,
we join our voices

to the great communion of saints
as we pray the words that Jesus gave
each one of us to treasure,
and so together we pray ...

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The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

[VU 135]

Blessing

Music Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us, whether in person or on line.
We look forward to joining with you again next week!*