

# St. Paul's United Church

(Kindersley, Saskatchewan)

March 24th, 2024

Worship Leader: The Rev. Piotr Strzelecki VDM

Musician: Clayton Braybrook

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The Leader will read the parts in regular type. Please join in the parts in **bold type.** 

# WE GATHER AS PEOPLE OF THE STORY For PALM SUNDAY to reflect on MEANING OF WELCOME

## **WELCOME TO THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH:**

## **GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you all **And also with you** 

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Hosanna! Hosanna!

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!

Blessed is God's reign of love and peace!

Hosanna in the highest!

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#### **WE ARE NOT ALONE:**

The lighting of the Christ Candle ((Matthew 18:20/John 8:12)

# **WE SING:**

"Come In, Come In and Sit Down" (VU# 395)

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

Merciful God,

as we enter Holy Week and gather in your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death. and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Bring us at the last

with him and all the faithful to your new Jerusalem, your kingdom of peace and justice for all.

We ask it in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

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## **CHOIR ANTHEM:**

#### **WE LEARN TOGETHER**

(time for our younger brothers and sisters)

WE SING: "Sanna, Sannanina" (VU# 128)

## WE LISTEN TO OUR STORY

John 12:12-13 (Jesus enters Jerusalem)

This is the story of our faith.

Faith of our ancestors,
faith that sustains us.

#### WE REFLECT ON WHAT WE HEARD

# **SERMON:**

WE SING: "And on This Path" (MV# 8)

-- the offering and prayers are brought forward –

## **DEDICATION OF OFFERING:**

Holy God, you come to us in Jesus, a poor man, riding a donkey; we thank you for this witness of the power of love, despite the powers of this world. We thank you for all who have withstood evil, who have suffered the jeers and worse of the crowds, who have been tormented, even put to death, and still refused to use the weapons of hatred. We thank you

for the times we have been able to let go our defenses, give up control, and live with open hands and hearts.

We thank you with "hosannas!", with joy in our hearts, in the name of Jesus, our leader.

Amen.

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## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**WE SING**: "He Came Riding on a Donkey" (VU# 124)

# WE LEAVE INSPIRED, CHANGED, CHALLENGED OR PUZZLED BUT CONTINUING ON OUR STORY

## **PASTORAL BLESSING:**

... and may the blessing of God,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be with you now and always

Amen!

### PASSING OF THE PEACE:

As you go from here, to share the Good News with all those you will encounter, as you go from here ... may the Peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.