



Pave the Way with Branches

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CHORUS: Hosannah. Jesus is coming.

Hosannah to the Prince of Peace.

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The UNITED CHURCH of GRANVILLE

PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025

FAITH THAT SEEKS, HOPE THAT TRANSFORMS, LOVE THAT WORKS

Good morning! Welcome to this hybrid worship service, which is happening simultaneously in person and online via Zoom. This service will be recorded, and the link will be posted on our Facebook page and our website at <https://www.unitedchurchgranville.org>. If you are joining us via Zoom, please make sure to keep yourself muted during the service. We are glad you are with us!

For those attending in person, we ever-aspire toward the realization of Beloved Community. In our pews, we embrace all persons as worthy of dignity and respect. As such, we exercise care for one another by being sensitive to differences in health, communication, culture, learning, and processing needs - among others. By extension, we continue to defer to each individual's conscience regarding the use of masks at UCG and will maintain our 'mask only' seating in the Sanctuary.

However, please contact the church office if you have any questions or concerns about our practices or have any needs/barriers prohibiting full inclusion and flourishing in this space. Radical inclusion, hospitality, and embrace is our goal.

Furthermore, The United Church of Granville acknowledges that the land on which we gather is the occupied territory of the Shawandassee Tula (Shawanwaki/Shawnee), Kaskaskia, and Hopewell Culture.

Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86148326555>
Meeting ID: 861 4832 6555

GATHERING

Music on the Organ

Gather in the Chapel for Processional with Palm Fronds

Shofar

Processional Song "Pave the Way with Branches" verses 1, 2, & 1 (see front page)

Welcome and Centering Moment

Tom Burkett, Worship Leader

Prelude

Festive Voluntary on "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

**setting, Michael Joseph
Jackie Dawson, organ**

***Opening Song, Hymn 213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

"Hosanna, loud hosanna," the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,
and glad to see the children slowed down the donkey's gait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song is ours,
We hail our great Redeemer, and sing with all our powers:
"Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice,
Hosanna! In your presence forever we'll rejoice!"

Call to Worship

It is relatively easy for us
to roster someone
to go and gather palm leaves
to spread in the church today.
And we can easily find music
and a few good words
to help us to remember
and re-enact Palm Sunday.

But what if You arrived
inviting us to really lay down
something important to us
to acknowledge Your arrival?

What if we knew the imminence
of the danger that accompanies You,
or sensed that the authorities
were watching us as we worship?

How then, Jesus, would we meet You today.
and what would we spread before You?
And how would we regard humility
from the One we hope will save the world?

Palm Sunday Jesus, help us to see
how and where You enter our world today,
and what You ask us to lay at your feet,
and how we may welcome You in.

Amen.

— written by Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community. Posted on the **Uniting Church SA** website.

A Reading of Psalm 118:24-29

This is the day YHWH has made—
let us celebrate with joy!

Please, YHWH, please save us!
Please, YHWH, give us prosperity now!
Blessings on the one who comes in the Name of YHWH!
We bless you from YHWH's Temple!
YHWH is God
and God has enlightened us.
Join the festal procession!
With palm fronds in hand,
go up to the horns of the altar!
You are my God, and I thank you;
you are my God, and I exalt you.
Thank you for hearing me, for saving me.
Thank you, YHWH, for your goodness!
Your love is everlasting!

Children's Chat

Offering

Offertory "Steal Away to Jesus" arr. Phillip Keveren

Doxology

Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40

Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem. Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: "Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you'll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Rabbi needs it.'" They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you doing that?" They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount. People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!"

Song of Response: "Bless the Lord"

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Message

"I Love a Parade!"

Rev. Alissia J. Thompson

Reflection Song: Hymn #599 Steal Away (verses 1 & 2)

[REFRAIN]

Steal away, steal away,
steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home,
I don't have long to stay here!

I hear God calling,
God called me by the thunder;
the trumpet sounds within my soul,
I don't have long to stay here.

[Refrain]

Green trees are bending,
poor sinners stands a-trembling;
the trumpet sounds within my soul,
I don't have long to stay here.

[Refrain]

Connecting and Prayer for Our Joys and Concerns (in person and with our Zoomcommunity)

All: **Hear our prayers, O God. We lift our joys and concerns,
spoken and unspoken, to you. When we are in need,
draw us together, and cover us in your grace. Grant us
peace, so that we may share your love with the world. Amen.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

***Closing Song: Hymn #217 "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (verses 1 & 3)**

All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;
our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.
As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,
whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.
All glory, laud and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Sending

Postlude

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" Robert J. Hughes

Jackie Dawson, organ

() You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!*

Please join us in the Annex Gym for Easter egg decorating after worship!



Lenten Worship Services

*MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17—5:00-7:00 pm
Sneaker Cleaning in the Chapel*

*GOOD FRIDAY, April 18—7:00 pm
Taizé Service in the Chapel*

*EASTER, April 20—10:00 am
Children's Easter Egg Hunt following worship*



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Rev. Alissia J. Thompson, Pastor
Jackie Dawson, Accompanist
Rev. Craig Showalter, Interim Church Administrator
Mathew McFarren, Property & Grounds Coordinator

A special thanks to Worship Team members!

Church office hours are 9AM to 3PM
Monday, Thursday, Friday

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