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## GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

**We gather on land that sustained bodies, hopes, and dreams long before the Kosapsum and Songees encountered others from far away. And so we recommit to a journey toward reconciliation, one that is not easy.**

Opening Prayer

**Holy One who is ever near, we gather in a house of worship, knowing your presence is both within these walls and far wider. We celebrate, just like those who laid down their cloaks to honour the one who taught nonviolence and healed so many. We celebrate knowing that life and love overcome the dominance of empire. And we hold the tension, knowing there is more ahead. Hear our song, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Hymn VU 124 He Came Riding on a Donkey (Vs. 1, 2, 3)

Passing the Peace of Christ

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

~ Jim Strathdee ~

♪ **Prepare ye the way of the Lord. (x2)**  
**Make room, make room in your hearts O children.**  
**Prepare ye the way of the Lord.**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Read by: Sarah Hovey

Reflection

Hymn MV 150 Spirit God, Be Our Breath

## RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Communion

Communion Song

♪ **Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
Come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

~ VU 466 ~

♪ **Bread of life, hope of the world  
Jesus Christ, our brother.  
Feed us now, give us life,  
Lead us to one another.**

~ Bernadette Farrell ~

The Lord's Prayer ~ *Paraphrase by by Steve Garnaas-Holmes* ~

**Beloved, Center and Source of our living,  
whose presence is heaven, your holy love fills  
Creation.**

**May your delight be fulfilled  
and your Realm unfold among us,  
the visible world blossoming out of the unseen.  
We turn to you alone for our sustenance,  
the bread of life each day.  
Set us free from our failings,  
as we set free all who have failed us  
Lead us beyond our desires  
and save us from the grip of evil.  
For the world is within you;  
all power is from you, and all glory is about you,  
in eternity, which is in the present moment. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory Response

~ VU 579 ~

♪ **The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.**

Announcements: Work of the People

### GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn VU 126 Ride On, Ride On, the Time is Right.

Commissioning and Blessing

Tenebrae candle

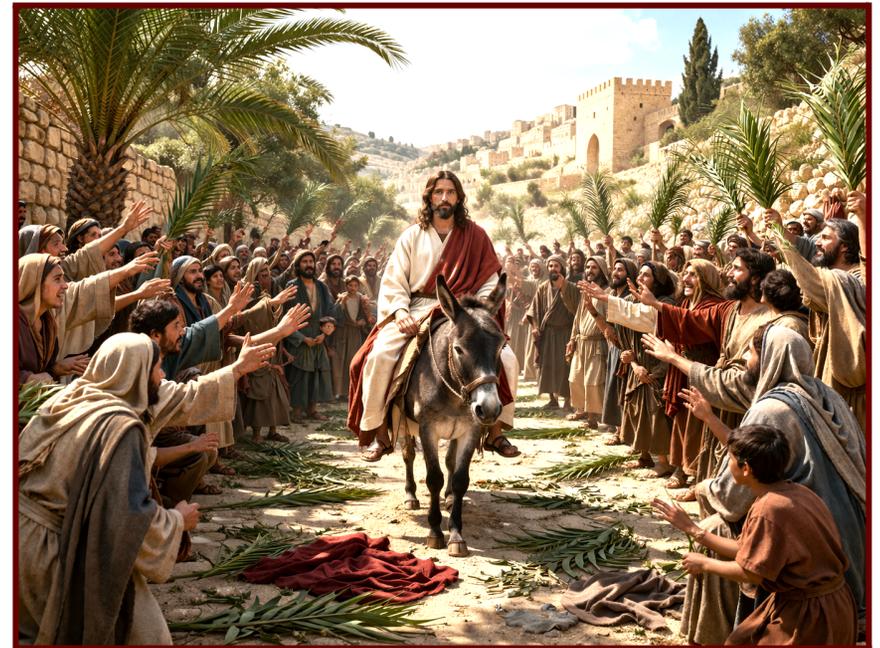
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*Following in the way of Jesus  
on the journey inward  
and the journey outward*

**March 29, 2026**

**Palm Sunday**

**Jesus' Entry to Jerusalem**



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