



Eastminster United Church

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"I will tell the truth wherever I please."
- Mary Harris "Mother Jones"*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Cathy Forrest

Palm Procession Prepare Ye

Stephen Schwartz

Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Hosanna!

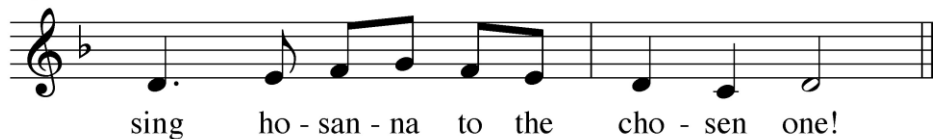
**Song*

Sing Hosanna to the Chosen One
Verse Response

Rory Cooney



Refrain



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Opening Prayer

God of weary travellers, we are tired from our journeys, and yet you call us forward and invite us to walk a few more steps down the road. We wonder what lies ahead, what the future will bring in our lives, in our church, in your world. Accompany and strengthen us for what lies ahead. Amen.

**Sharing the Peace*

Children's Time

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture	Matthew 21:1-17	Catherine Inglis
One:	The word of Hope	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
Meditation	The Turned Table	Rev. Sarah Miller
Anthem	Canticle for Palm Sunday	words: Theodulph of Orleans; music: Tom Fettke; trumpet: Darrin Hicks

All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One.

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal ones and all things
created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!*

To thee, before thy Passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the praise we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU#352 I Danced in the Morning vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of People and the Lord's Prayer (sung) VU#959 Lee Perry

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#121 Tree of Life

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing VU#22 Wait for the Lord

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

*During Lent we end the service without a postlude.
We invite you to take a moment of silent reflection at the conclusion of the service.*

Today

Scriptures: Matthew 21:1-17 p. 23



* **Welcome to Eastminster**

Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly eblast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Children are invited to Nursery (up to age 4) and Church School following the Children's Time. Please pick up children from Church school and Nursery following the service.

* **Special thanks** this morning to Darrin Hicks, Trumpet, for sharing your gifts of music with us. Darrin is a member of the Toronto Community Orchestra, which rehearses on Tuesday evenings here at Eastminster (Leonidas Varahidis, Artistic Director; Bonnie Sheckter, General Manager).

* **Easter Flowers**

Please bring potted spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. After the service they will be delivered to those unable to join us at church.



* **Worship Survey**

The worship committee is asking everyone to provide feedback on our worship services by completing a short Worship Feedback Survey. Your answers will help us create a committee workplan for the coming year. You can participate in the Worship Feedback Survey by going to this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/worshipsurvey2016>

It will only take a few minutes to complete. We will keep the survey open for three weeks. It will be closed on April 10 at midnight. We greatly appreciate hearing any comments or concerns you wish to share with us. You can also direct concerns to Rev. Sarah Miller, Susan Bower (past chair), or Jenn Thomson (incoming chair.) Thank you.

Eastminster Events

* **Worship Services**

Our Holy week includes Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 7pm and Good Friday, March 25 at 10am beginning at Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Join us on March 27, Easter Sunday for a glorious celebration of music and hear the story anew! The Easter season continues with a series focused on Living in Hope as Easter People: In light of all the information, negative news, scheduling, daily challenges...how do we foster a life lived in hope and spirit filled expectation? On April 3 Jane Sanden will speak on the role of faith communities. Sarah will speak on complaining and happiness on April 10. On April 17 we celebrate baptism! You don't want to miss a minute of worship at Eastminster!

* **Tues. March 22@ 7.30pm: Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting**

* **Good Friday - March 25: Church Office Closed**



- * **Thurs. March 24 @ 7pm: Maundy Thursday: Service of Foot & Hand Washing and Communion**
Joint evening service here at Eastminster, together with Glen Rhodes United Church, all are welcome!
- * **Fri. March 25 @ 10am: Ecumenical Good Friday Walk!**
Begins at Riverdale Presbyterian Church (662 Pape Ave.) and continues to 4 other neighbourhood churches, concluding at Eastminster with hot cross buns.
- * **Sun. March 27 @ 9.30am: Easter Breakfast hosted by the Men's Group!**
- * **Sun. March 27 @ 10.30am: Easter Sunday Service**



Announcement Deadline for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: **Wednesday at 9am**
Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca thanks!

From our Friends

- * **Fri. April 8 @ 6.30pm: SoundCrowd Launch - with our music man, Scott Pietrangelo!**

Location: The Studio Bar, 824 Dundas St. W.

I am so excited to announce the Official Launch of **SoundCrowd**, Toronto's first large-scale a cappella vocal ensemble! Doors open at 6:30pm, live launch of the website and official promo video at 7:30pm, followed by AMAZING performances by our special guests:

Cadence - Four Men. For Microphones. No Instruments.

Mark Cassius - former Nylon and Broadway veteran

Wibi - York University's a cappella ensemble

TBA - pop a cappella group from UofT

Onoscatopoeia - UofT a cappella jazz ensemble

The Asian Riffing Trio - incredible vocal stylings of Chris Tsujiuchi, Kevin Wong and Colin Asuncion

****SPACE IS LIMITED**** Please reserve your tickets by e-mailing info@soundcrowd.ca with the names of all parties in attendance for the guest list. Admission is \$20 cash at the door.

There will be finger food provided, a cash bar, and a chance to mingle with some awesome people in the Toronto a cappella and music scene. Come one, come all and see what **SoundCrowd** is all about!



- * **Read Beth Baskin's informative "Justice Note" bi-weekly updates & events notice here:**
<https://torontoconference.ca/torontosoutheast/outreach-social-justice-project.php> or contact Beth at: bbaskin@united-church.ca



*** New United Church Website!!**

Prayer. Action. Community.

The United Church of Canada now has a **new website!** Built around themes of "prayer, action, and community," the new website features a visual design that makes it easy to engage with the work and faith of the United Church. New content and information will continue to be added to the website. Check back often! Now online at <http://www.united-church.ca/> Take a look!



* See what's happening at the **Toronto United Church Council (TUCC)** here: www.tucc.ca

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9:30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

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