

We Come Together

Prelude... (*this is an opportunity for us to appreciate the gift of music and prepare our hearts for worship*)

***Introit** "We Praise You, O God" **VU# 218**

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Sing glory to God in the highest heaven,

All: the Messiah is coming!

One: Even if we were to keep silent,
the stones themselves would cry out,

All: the Messiah is coming!

One: Blessed is the name of the one
who comes in the name of the Lord,

All: Jesus is coming, Hosanna in the highest!

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, as we move into the rhythm of worship this day, we come with grateful hearts for all You have done, for all You are doing, and for all You are going to do for us and for those who are Yours in this world. Today as we shout out our hosannas, may our spirits find rest in Your Spirit, Your Son continue to walk with us, and Your Grace attend us now and in the week to come. Amen.

***Hymn:** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" **VU # 123**

Personal Prayer: "Come and Fill Our Hearts" x2 **MV#16**
(Concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

As we listen to You, dear God, you lead us on our way. We celebrate your love for us in our work and in our play. Help us to follow Jesus, even when the road gets rough. For

we know that the Spirit is with us, even as life becomes tough. Amen.

***Hymn:** "He Came Riding on a Donkey" **VU # 124**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Understanding

Reader: Val

Scripture Lesson

Gospel: Luke 19: 29-44

Response:

One: This is God's Living Word,

All: **The Word that lives in us and through us.
Amen.**

Sermon "Jesus Will Always be Jesus"

Anthem "Hosanna"

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

***Sung Dedication:**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

VU# 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

God of the Journey, we have traveled to Jerusalem by the light and love of your Son. As we gather with the crowds on this Palm Sunday, we do so grateful for every moment of grace our hearts have come to know in Jesus. In preparation for Holy Week, we present our offerings and with them the hope of our hearts. Bless these our gifts, and our hopes, as we continue to travel this Lenten Road. Amen.

***Hymn:** "We Gather Here"

VU#469

Service of Holy Communion

One: We have heard about God, who loved confusion into order and gave each creature a divine image, making the world.

All: **We have heard about Jesus, a poor man whose banquet feeds the world, a healer whose wounds give**

life, a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world, finding the divine in each of us.

One: We have heard how Jesus died, and how, for those who loved Him, He rose again.

All: We have heard about the Holy Spirit, who breaks the bonds of race and class, of gender and creed, to show God's love for everyone.

One: And we have heard that love makes all things new. We come to this table asking for the bread of such blessings.

All: In what we do here may God's Love be revealed renewing and remaking us in the image of Jesus our friend and great redeemer.

One: Loving God, you have called us together as one great family and so today we join with all your people on earth praising your name in the unending heavenly hymn...

All (Sung): "Kingsfold Communion Set" **MV# 203**
O Holy, Holy, Holy God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to Your Grace. Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings Your praise. And blessed is the One who comes and bears Your name always!

One: In the fullness of time, you sent the Chosen one, Jesus of Nazareth; The Christ, your own, to call your splintered creation together. He came preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins and to those who responded, he announced them joint heirs of eternal love with him. When the stubborn forces of darkness threatened to bring his life to an end, He called his followers together and took bread...

Now we gather at Christ's table to remember and to share in this feast of love. In remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving proclaiming the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray: Holy One, Creator of all people and worlds, send now upon this bread and cup your life-giving Spirit. May this outpouring of the promised Spirit transfigure this thanksgiving meal, that this bread and cup may become for us a bond, binding us to you and to

one another. That we may be one body and one spirit in Christ.

Amen.

The Peace:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Fraction and Pouring:

My faith family, in and through Christ, these are not the gifts of The United Church of Canada, nor do they belong to the Mount Royal Community of Faith; these are the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ and all whose lives are open to Him are welcomed at this table.

Distribution of the Elements

Concluding Prayer:

One: Friends, we are now one: we are one with each other, one with the church universal, one with Christ, and so as one let us pray together our concluding prayer:

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you had once put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us, and remake us. Thanks to your life, what we have been passed, and what we shall become through you, still awaits us. On this day may the light of Christ dwell within us guiding our way in your glorious creation. Amen.

Blessing:

Having been nourished and strengthened at the table of our friend and great redeemer, go from this place with the Love of God, the Light of Christ, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***Extinguishing of the Lenten Light**

***Choral Benediction** "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Postlude

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This Week's Volunteers

Ushers: Mar 24 Marlene & John	Mar 31 Val B
Screens: Mar 24 Erik	Mar 31 Tracy Apr 7 Kevin

March 18th – 24th Calendar

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Club	Kitchen
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	10:30am	Betty Hudson Funeral	Sanctuary
	7:00pm	Choir	Sanctuary
Thursday	12:30pm	Bridge Luncheon	Church Hall
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	6:00pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

Mount Royal Announcements:

Minister Emeritus: We are so pleased to announce that effective immediately, Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley will be Mount Royal's Minister Emeritus.

Good Friday Service: Join us on Friday, March 29th as Rev. Scott leads us in a reflective Good Friday service.

Easter Newsletter: Your Easter newsletter is waiting for you in your mailslot.

Spring Cleaning? Has this sunshine inspired you to do some tidying up? If so, please hang on to any potential yard sale items. We will be receiving donation items for our Indoor Yard Sale from April 8th – 11th.

Local Church Announcements:

Mountain View United UCW is holding a ***Celebrate Spring Tea*** on Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Assorted sandwiches and sweets will be served. Gluten-free options are available. Tickets are \$12 each and may be obtained by calling the church office at 857-4817, or by emailing mtviewunited@rogers.com