

Visions United Spirit Gathering
Palm Sunday - March 28th, 2021
Stones & Hosannas

Our Community Gathers

Palm Sunday Prelude

All Glory, Laud & Honour
 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
 He Came Riding on a Donkey

Daphna Pearson

Welcome

Invitation to Worship Palm Sunday Hosanna

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Lighting of the Christ Candle

Song VU#123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Lead: Visions' Virtual Choir

*Charene Slupsky, Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes, Joan Hawkes, Lorna Teed,
 Kim & Brian Affleck, Daphna & John Pearson, and John Foster.
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Gathering Prayer of Confession & for Healing

Blessed Hosanna,
 who saves us with love,
 draw close to us,
 on this unusual day,
 this day of confusion
 with its shouts of joy
 and cries of shame.

When our shouts of Hosanna
 and songs of joy
 turn silent in the face
 of hurt, violence and injustice;
 when we turn away from Love's promise,
 forgive us.

- Silent prayer and extinguish the sixth candle

Restore to us courage and kindness
 Remind us you are with us always,
 in all moods and seasons,
 in darkness and light and in between.
 Lead us through this day and this week,
 to the cross, to the tomb, and beyond.
 Ground us in your Love. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness & Grace MV#90 Don't Be Afraid (2x) *Lead: Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes*

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We Listen for Wisdom

The Palm Sunday Story

Luke 19:28-40

Brian Botten

Introduction to Story Drama The Stones Cry Out Adapted from a story by Nancy Cocks
 "The Stones Cry Out", *Invisible We See You: Tracing Celtic Threads Through Christian Community* ©2006, Novalis.

Response: Hosanna! Hosanna!

Song VU#124 He Came Riding On a Donkey (v1) *Charlotte, Jill & Mary Baycroft*
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Story The Stones Cry Out

Song VU#124 He Came Riding On a Donkey (v2)

Story The Stones Cry Out

Song VU#124 He Came Riding on a Donkey (v3)

We Respond with Prayer and Gratitude

An Invitation to Ground Ourselves in Love

Prayer Reading Still We Believe in Love's Way *by Roddy Hamilton, adapted*

In the sound of the breaking bread
 hear the broken hosanna:
still we believe in love's way.

In the sound of coins being counted
 hear the betrayed hosanna:
still we trust in love's choice

In the twisting of the crown of thorns
 hear the tortured hosanna:
still we believe in love's way

In stumbling steps with the weight of a cross
 hear the weary hosanna:
still we believe in love's choice

in the sound of nails being hammered
 hear the crucified hosanna
still we believe in love's way

in the sound of silence
 hear the empty hosanna
still we trust in love's choice

Prayers for Our Community and World & Lord's Prayer

We Go Forth to Be a Blessing

Blessing and Changing of the Light

Song MV#213 Take Up His Song (*peace, faith, love*) *Lead: Visions Virtual Choir*
 Charene Slupsky, Ainsley MacTavish-Hawkes, Joan Hawkes, Lorna Teed,
 Kim & Brian Affleck(+guitar), John & Daphna Pearson, John Foster
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Postlude Elegy *by Nobuyuki Tsiji*

Piano: Peter Lightfoot

Thank You for Joining Us!
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.