

First United Church, Mount Pearl Pastoral Charge
Sunday, March 29th, 2026
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Praise Medley: Hosanna, Soon and Very Soon

Greeting and Announcements

Matthew 21:1-11

Response: Sanna, Sannanina VU 128

We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city, riding humbly on a donkey.

**(louder) Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of God. Hosanna in the highest!**

The crowd was filled with excitement and anticipation. Yet, within a few short days, they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened, unwilling to commit themselves as far as the Christ would have them go.

**(softer) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
God. Hosanna in the highest!**

We too long to join the triumphal procession, only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future, reluctant to accept the way of the cross.

**(softer) Blessed is the one who comes in the name of
God. Hosanna in the highest!**

Yet this Palm Sunday we see palm branches as a reminder of the welcome offered to Jesus as he travelled toward the cross.

**(louder) Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of God. Hosanna in the highest!**

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!”

**(very loud) Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of God. Hosanna in the highest!**

Response: Sanna, Sannanina VU 128

Open the gates!

**Love has come! Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of our God! Peace in heaven, and glory in the
highest heaven!**

Open the gates!

**The stone the builders rejected has become the
cornerstone.**

Open the gates!

**This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and
be glad in it!**

Open the gates!

**Give thanks to God! God’s steadfast love endures
forever.**

Open the gates!

Love has come.

Response: Sanna, Sannanina VU 128

Opening Prayer: (unison)

**Love has burst through the gates of Jerusalem! We
welcome the obedient, humble, and sacrificial love of God
into our lives on this Palm Sunday. Fill our hearts with this
love as we worship the one who taught us how to love one
another. Amen.**

Hymn: He Came Riding on A Donkey VU 124

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

**Loving God, we have journeyed through the long Season of
Lent in the hopes of drawing closer to you. Today, Jesus
enters Jerusalem as a sovereign, but the week ahead will
bring torture and trial. God, we know there are times when
we have betrayed you, denied you, and turned away from
you. We recall the times when we have behaved like the
crowd that shouts their praise today, but will shout “Crucify
him” later this week. We humbly ask your forgiveness.**

(Silent reflection)

Words of Affirmation:

In the powerful events of Jesus' passion and death, God demonstrates that there are no limits to the love God has for us, no matter what we do. Remember the examples of love that Jesus gives, and be free from your sins.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Offertory: Grant Us, God, the Grace **VU 540**

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Generous and loving God, you poured out your love for us in your son, Jesus, who emptied himself and was obedient, even to the point of death on the cross. We come today with these gifts as a sign of our love poured out for you. May we be reminded that these gifts, along with our gifts of time and abilities, help to show your steadfast love to the world outside these walls. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:11–54

Hymn: Tell me the Stories of Jesus **VU 357 vs 1,3,4**

The Thirty Pieces of Silver

Hymn: Jesus, Remember Me **VU 148** (remain seated)

The Crown of Thorns

Hymn: Jesus, Remember Me **VU 148** (remain seated)

The Cross

Hymn: Jesus, Remember Me **VU 148** (remain seated)

The Nails

Ministry of Music

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response: God Is Love

Hymn: The Servant King

Benediction