

**Elmvale Presbyterian Church  
Palm Sunday & Holy Communion  
Sunday March 29, 2026**



**Palm Sunday All-Age Service**

**Minister: Rev Tom Mason**

**Please stand, if able, for the entry of the Bible**

**Quiet Moment of prayer as we prepare for Worship**

(Please hold your green paper cross up in the air.)

We hold up our palm cross... Lord, I have received my palm cross today. I have seen you ride into Jerusalem, heard the hosannas, see

the crowds. But Lord, I do not really understand why you have to suffer and die; help me during this week to understand better. Let us be still for a moment, as we prepare to follow Jesus on his Holy Week journey to the cross.

**Welcome and Announcements** – Mary Fleming

Thank you for joining us for our Palm Sunday all-age service. As we begin Holy Week, the Sunday before Easter is the time we remember Jesus and his friends entering Jerusalem, with Jesus sitting on a donkey.

The cry of today, which we shall repeat, is “Hosanna” a word of praise which means “God, save us”! For this service you will need the palm cross that you were given when you entered the church. If you need one raise your hand and let us know.

**The Blessing of the Palms – Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Leslie & Annie Stroud

One: We hold up our Palm crosses Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna, hosanna, HOSANNA!**

One: Blessed is the one who is obedient unto death.

**All: Hosanna, hosanna, HOSANNA!**

One: Blessed is the one who saves us.

**All: Hosanna, hosanna, HOSANNA!**

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

**All: Hosanna, hosanna, HOSANNA!**

One: Jesus, we welcome you into the midst of us today. May our voices join together to give you all our praise. May we honour you, King of kings in all we do and in all we say.

**All: Hosanna, hosanna, HOSANNA!**

**Hymn #216 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest**

**Our Prayer of Adoration** Brittany & Monroe Crisafi

One: We come to worship the bringer of our salvation, the hoped-for one, who stands among us now. We lay our lives before him, everything we have we offer him; may the Lord of life accept our praise today. **Amen.**

## **Our Prayer of Confession with Our Palm Crosses (Responsive)**

Johanna Fredrick & Tillie Lamoureux

One: These crosses remind us of what Jesus went through. Let us ask his forgiveness as we recall his death for us, let us pray.

One: Heavenly Father,

We hold these crosses over our heads. Jesus, we have sinned in what we have thought.

**All: Cross out our selfish ideas, and fill us instead with your love of seeing the best in others.**

One: We hold these crosses over our mouths. Jesus, we have sinned in what we have said.

**All: Cross out our hurtful words, and fill us instead with your concern to speak blessing into others' lives.**

One: We hold these crosses over our hands. Jesus, we have sinned in what we have done.

**All: Cross out the evil we do, and instead make us channels of your peace and love.**

One: We hold these crosses over our hearts. Jesus, we have confessed what comes to our minds.

**All: By your Word and your Spirit, pierce our hearts, and help us to see deeper into our condition, so we can be further healed.**

One: We hold these crosses in our hands. Jesus, we thank you for your promise to forgive all who repent and believe your good news.

**All: May God who loved the world so much that He sent His Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve Him in this world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray... The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

**Family Hymn Give me oil in my lamp**

### **Bible reading from Matthew 21:1-11** - Reid Nelson

People travelled to Jerusalem in groups with friends and family. Passover was a big festival, with lots of preparation. Imagine that we are going to the Passover festival and the excitement is growing as they get nearer. Picture the scene, the noise you can hear and the sight of Jesus in the distance. Let's count down from 10 to 1, building the atmosphere of anticipation.

Hosanna! Hosanna! The crowds shouted and sang as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Now who'd get excited about a man riding on a donkey? People who had read the Old Testament, that's who. Some laid their cloaks down in the road, and some cut branches from the nearby trees to mark the way, as they would do for a king. A king? A king on a donkey? What made them think of that? Well, the Old Testament prophet, Zechariah. Years before, he'd said: 'Shout for joy, Jerusalem! Your king comes to you, riding humbly on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.' Jesus knew the Old Testament very well, of course. That's why he'd sent his disciples ahead of him to get the donkey in the first place. 'Go into Bethphage,' he'd said. 'You'll find a donkey and her foal tied up there. Bring them to me.' Just as his followers were about to go, he'd said, 'If anyone tries to stop you, just say, "The Lord needs them," and they'll let you go.' So the disciples had gone and got the donkey, a humble animal, just as Zechariah had described it, and thrown cloaks on its back for Jesus to sit on. And that's what he was riding into the city. 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' cried the crowds, both behind and ahead of Jesus. 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! 'who is this?' the people asked. And the singing crowds replied, 'This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.'

**Message: Where And Who Is Jesus** Angela Kirton

**Prayers of the People** Isabella Kirton Fletcher

**The Invitation to the Offering** Valerie Giffen

Today we are reminded that Christ offered his life on the cross for our sakes. Now it is our turn to offer God our gifts in gratitude, trusting God to use them to create new life in Jesus.

## **Doxology**

### **Prayer of Dedication** Craig Giffen

Gracious God, when we remember Jesus gave his life for us, our offering seems so small. Yet Jesus shows us that five loaves and two fish can feed a multitude: a man dying on a cross becomes Living Bread for a hungry world. Bless these our small gifts with your goodness so that the miracle of Jesus' loves continues to amaze the world. Amen.

### **Closing response** Angela Kirton

As we cheer today, as we are sad on Good Friday, and as we celebrate Easter, let us be true pilgrims together.

Let us Focus on our own palm cross. As we move from Palm Sunday to Holy Week, let us commit ourselves to walk with Jesus the way of the cross, sharing together on Maundy Thursday, thanking God for Jesus and his death for us on Good Friday, and being ready to celebrate Jesus offer of New Life next Sunday – Easter Day. **Amen**

## **Passing out the Palms**

### **Holy Communion**

### **Hymn #526 Lift Up Your Hearts**

### **Choir Anthem Come to the Banquet**

### **The Prayer of Invocation**

### **The Words of Invitation**

### **The Story of the Last Supper**

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **The Blessing and Passing of the Bread and Wine**

### **The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread and Wine**

### **Words and Sign of Peace**

### **Hymn #671 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

## Benediction

May God's Blessings Surround You Each Day

Future Congregational Worship and Events

**Thank you to everyone who took part in the service.**

**Sun March 29 – Palm Sunday and Communion Sunday**

**\*\*Wed April 08 – Lenten Bible Study 7pm** (See Below) \*\*

**Wed April 01 – Choir practice for Good Friday Service at St Johns United Church**

**Thurs April 02 - Maundy Thurs Dinner and Service** (See information below)

**Fri April 03 – Good Friday Service at St Johns United Church  
10:30 am**

**Sun April 05 – Easter Sunrise Service at 7am (Heritage Park)  
followed by breakfast.**

**Sun April 05 – Easter Sun Service at 11am**

**Lenten Bible Study**: Sarah Covey is our Lenten Bible Study Leader (studying the book of John) on **April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the parlour.

**Worship and Nurture** are hosting a **Maundy Thursday dinner and service** on **Thursday, April 2** with a ham and scalloped potato dinner **at 5:30 pm** with the service to follow at 7pm. Elmvalle and Knox Flos Members register by March 29. Dinner is free and is limited to our congregation and Knox Flos only. The service is open to anyone.

**Lenten Project Feb 22-April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026** - Lenten mission is supporting the redevelopment of IOOF Seniors' Home, Inc. adding 130 new, modern, long-term care beds to the community. Runs from Sun, Feb. 22 to Sun, April 5th. Mark donations **Lenten project**.

**Sat April 11 – Ladies Retreat** at Ivy Presbyterian Church.

**Speaker: Cathy Clark~ He Restores My Soul. RSVP by April 03**

**([sjcochrane14@gmail.com](mailto:sjcochrane14@gmail.com) or 705-424-4675** Lunch and refreshments provided. Please see poster in hallway.

**Gala Of Gratitude (Compassion Place)**- Friday April 24, 2026 from 5:30-9pm @ Ste. Marie Among the Hurons (16164 Hwy 12 Midland) **Tickets:** (707)717-8847 \$65 before April 2<sup>nd</sup> \$80 after April 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Special Music** from Gwyneth Howell & Wes Covey

**Chilli Luncheon** - Donations of diced tomatoes, kidney beans, pork & beans and tomato soup gladly accepted. Any excess will be given to the Food Bank.

**Chilli Luncheon – Sat April 25 from 11-2.** Sign-up sheets for Chili Luncheon, April 25th are in the social room with spots to fill in for 8 pots (to feed 20) of chili, 8 dozen tarts (no nuts) and 2-9x13 pans of uncut rice Krispy squares. Also sections with slotted times for help and money takers.

**Recipe Books** – The second shipment of Recipe Books have arrived and are now available for purchase at \$15

**W&N** is looking for anyone interested in looking after the nursery as needed.

**Barrie Presbytery** are setting up funds to send children to camp. If you might be interested in making use of this fund please let Janice or Rev. Tom know. More information coming soon.

**Willing Workers/WMS** collecting used (cancelled) postal stamps. Either collect the envelope with the cancelled stamp intact or remove the stamp from envelope leaving a ¼ inch of paper around the stamp. Used to fundraise and support Christian Salvage Mission bringing Christian literature to the world.

**Monetary Donations** auto-deposit: [donatetoepc@rogers.com](mailto:donatetoepc@rogers.com)  
Please comment where to direct the donation; 1) General 2)

Presbyterian Sharing 3) PWS&D 4) other missions such as – Food Bank, We Care etc.

**Food Bank Needs:** canned mixed vegetables, canned creamed corn, hamburger helper, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned potatoes, rice and drinking boxes.

**Peace Be With You All**

**Sermon Notes**



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