

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

***INTROIT # 128:** Sanna, Sannanina

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC MV # 21: Open Our Hearts

Open our hearts, open our minds.
Open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,

Come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick,
to mend the broken-hearted
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Today, to this place, to us,

Come, Lord Jesus.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Holy God,

**grant us simplicity of faith and a generosity of service
that gives without counting cost.**

**A life overflowing with Grace poured out from the One
who gave everything, that we might show**

**the power of love to a broken world,
and share the truth from a living Word.**

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith,

and a yearning to share it. Amen.

***HYMN # 122: All Glory, Laud and Honour**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Merciful God,

You sent us your Son Jesus,

to show us your love.

But we turned away and refused to follow.

We cried out Hosanna with joy;

And then days later we shouted “Crucify Him, Crucify Him.”

Help us, who call on your name,

to remember your unfailing love and mercy.

Help us to turn to you with words of praise.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts,

God knows us better than we know ourselves,

and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven;

by God's mercy, we are made whole;

Thanks be to God. Amen.

CHILDREN’S TIME

READING: He Was Going on a Journey

***HYMN # 127: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!**

OFFERING INVITATION & OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN: #641 vs. 2**

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey,

May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.

May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

GOD’S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

Holy God,

You speak to us in many ways,

through rushing wind or still small voice,

in Scripture’s Word and through your Grace.

**Help us hear your voice above the clamour of this world,
recognize the difference and follow only you. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1 - 11

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:1 - 16

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Hosanna Processional – *Joseph M. Martin*

Reflection:

***HYMN # 123: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE #400: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

***HYMN # 133: Go to Dark Gethsemane**

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,

We offer Cochrane Street United Church to you. We are your people, this is your church. We come to you seeking your guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us to do. Amen.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION # 209: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross
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