

St. James United Church

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Call to Worship

Wave the palms! Sing out loud! This is the day!

Today we celebrate Jesus' arrival.

We take our place with the excited crowd,
and welcome the King, riding into town.

Processional Hymn: VU 412 "This Is the Day"

(Walk up centre aisle with palms.)

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us your gates, O God, your gates, O God.
We will go in, we will go in to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God, we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name.
We will give thanks, we will give thanks
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

Lighting the Christ Candle

The light of Christ shines in the darkness.

May that light fill our hearts and our world.

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Birthday/Anniversary Song

Happy birthday/anniversary to you, to Jesus be true,
may God's richest blessings abide unto you.

Lenten Candles

(One purple candle is lit.)

It is Palm Sunday, the day Jesus came to town.

There are voices, so many voices!

Some proclaiming, others condemning.

God hears our voices, voices raised to God!

We journey through the shadows toward the light.

(Extinguish the purple candle.)

Sung response (MV 85)

Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Growing in Faith Time

Hymn: VU 357 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-10

Anthem

Sermon

Hymn: VU 670 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn (MV 79)

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

Prayer of Dedication (together)

Loving Jesus, your presence in the holy city, and in our lives, is the presence that transforms all of life. We hold up to you now our hearts and these gifts, asking for your blessing. We pray that we and our gifts may reach out in love to the world you died to save. In your dear name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: VU 142 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Benediction

Go forth remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

We go forth remembering.

May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and send us forth with love and compassion. Amen.

Song for the Journey (VU 117 v. 5)

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
“Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.”
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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St James United Church Dinner Theater – Additional Performance.

To help meet the demand for additional tickets, we’re adding an **extra performance on Thursday, April 30**, which will also feature our full three-course lobster dinner. Tickets for this new show will go on sale on **Sunday, March 22**. Please help us spread the word, especially to those who may not be on Facebook.

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting our volunteer team.

<https://tinyurl.com/sambro2026>

Good Friday service April 3rd 7pm

Easter Sunday service with communion April 5th

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Palm Sunday

Worship Leaders:

Sara Scarfe and John Hennigar-Shuh

March 29, 2026

10:30 am

