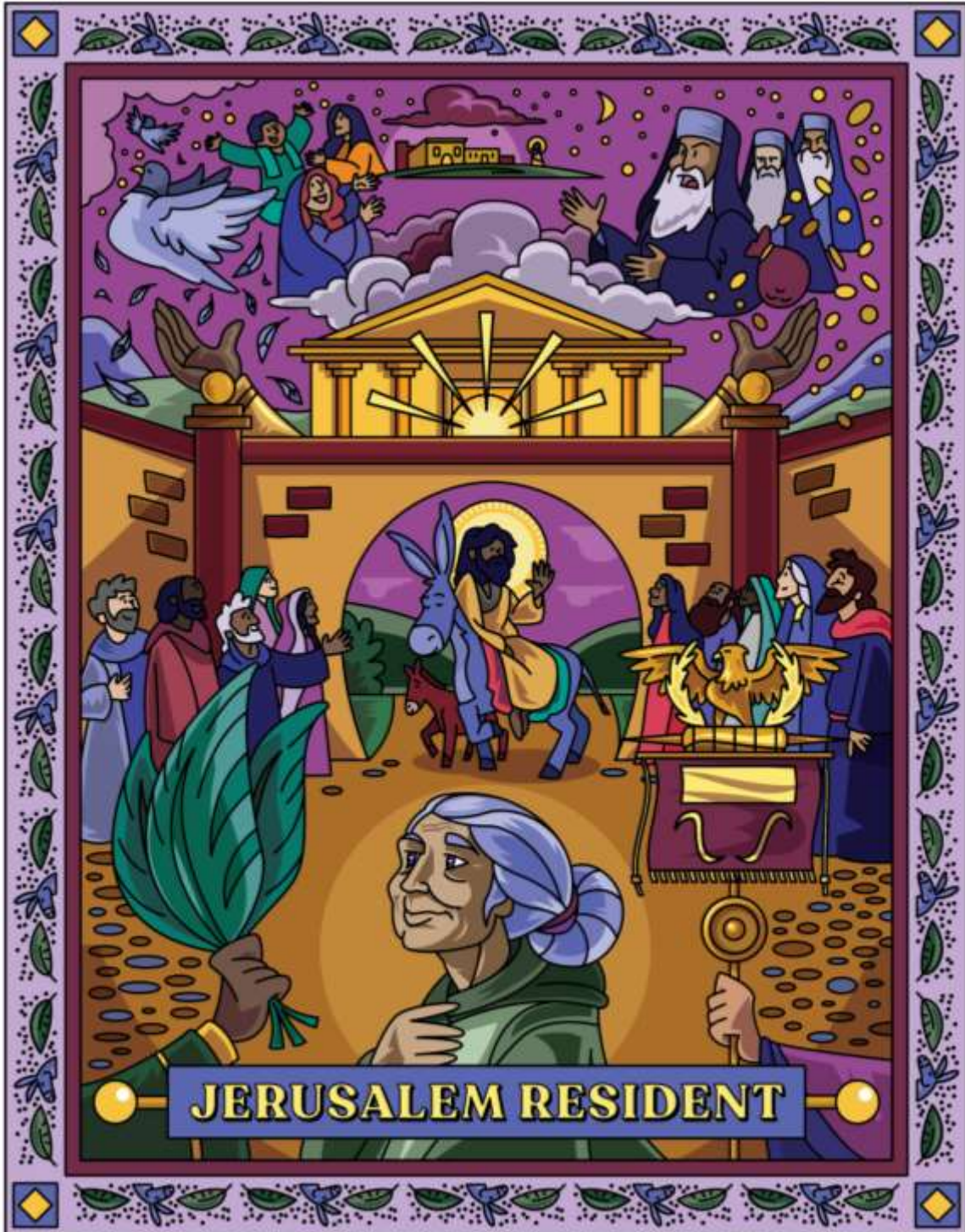




PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

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March 29, 2026 10:30 am
Palm Sunday
Intergenerational Worship Service

Faithful Pause: *“Palm Sunday invites us to reflect on the paradox of Jesus’ kingship, which is revealed not in power and splendor, but in humility and sacrifice.”* — Timothy Keller.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*please stand as you are able

Prelude: Hosanna Dalesong with Youth Band and Jr Choir

Welcome & Honouring the Land Bev

Life & Ministry Huda, Rev. Bob, Bev

***Lighting our Worship Candle**

Rebecca Douglas, James Young, Gloria and Russell

The Proclamation: Maria

Over 2000 years ago, along dusty roads,
Jesus came to Jerusalem.

People removed their cloaks and spread them out in front of Jesus as he entered the city. They raised palm leaves and olive branches and shouted:

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Lord, save us!

Today...

Jesus comes to Parkdale.

What will we do?

**Let us raise our voices and wave with joyful hope,
the palms of Sacred protest,
let us receive into the crowded streets of our lives,
the one who is Lord and Saviour of all.
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!
Hosanna, to our king.
Amen.**

Procession of Palms: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)
Dalesong with Youth Band

Gathering Prayer: Rev. Bob

As we prepare to pray together ...*continues*

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54.

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21: 1-17 *The Message*

John Harewood, James Obi, Janet Lo, Maxim,
Andrew Douglas, Children

Narrator: When they neared Jerusalem, having arrived at Bethphage on Mount Olives, Jesus sent two disciples with these instructions:

Jesus: “Go over to the village across from you. You’ll find a donkey tethered there, her colt with her. Untie her and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you’re doing, say, ‘The Master needs them!’ He will send them with you.”

Narrator: This is the full story of what was sketched earlier by the prophet:

The Prophet’s Voice:

Tell Zion’s daughter,
“Look, your king’s on his way,
poised and ready, mounted
On a donkey, on a colt,
foal of a pack animal.”

Narrator: The disciples went and did exactly what Jesus told them to do. They led the donkey and colt out, laid some of their clothes on them, and Jesus mounted. Nearly all the people in the crowd threw their garments down on the road, giving him a royal welcome. Others cut branches from the trees and threw them down as a welcome mat. Crowds went ahead and crowds followed, all of them calling out,

All: “Hosanna to David’s son!” “Blessed is he who comes in God’s name!” “Hosanna in highest heaven!”

Narrator: As he made his entrance into Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken. Unnerved, people were asking,

Person: “What’s going on here? Who is this?”

Narrator: The parade crowd answered,

All: “This is the prophet Jesus, the one from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Narrator: Jesus went straight to the Temple and threw out everyone who had set up shop, buying and selling. He kicked over the tables of loan sharks and the stalls of dove merchants. He quoted this text:

Jesus: My house was designated a house of prayer; You have made it a hangout for thieves.

Narrator: Now there was room for the blind and crippled to get in. They came to Jesus and he healed them.

When the religious leaders saw the outrageous things, he was doing, and heard all the children running and shouting through the Temple,

Children: “Hosanna to David’s Son!”

Narrator: they were up in arms and took him to task.

Religious Leader: “Do you hear what these children are saying?”

Jesus: “Yes, I hear them. And haven’t you read in God’s Word, ‘From the mouths of children and babies I’ll furnish a place of praise?’”

Narrator: Fed up, Jesus spun around and left the city for Bethany, where he spent the night.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gloria

**Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia (2x)**

VU#37

Dramatic Reflection: Jesus is King

Liz Harrison, Wendy McHenry, Chris Tait,
Heather Douglas and Children.

Time for Silent Reflection

BEING THE CHURCH THROUGH SERVICE

Testimony:

Janet Lo

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Rev. Bob

Offertory:

Piano Dr. Keith

Doxology: In Gratitude And Humble Trust

VU#544
Dalesong

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life’s way.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life’s work is done.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings:

Let Justice Roll Like A River

TLUS#120
MIS with Dr. Keith

Prayers Of The People:

Bev

God, this world gets us down on our knees and up on our feet.
We bow our heads and we beat the pavement.
We call for peace and we march our prayers.
We remember the story of your procession,
and in this silence, we ask that you would guide our steps today.

(time for silence)

You who journey with us,

lead us on paths of justice and liberation.

We remember the story of your turning over tables,
and in this silence, we ask that you would harness our passion today.

(time for silence)

You who kindle the flame in our hearts,

make us burn for truth and righteousness.

We remember the story of your faithfulness to your friends,
and in this silence, we lift to you our prayers for those we love.

(time for silence)

You who never give up on any of us,

deepen our faith in each other.

We remember the story of your love that knows no bounds
and in this silence, we lift to you our prayers for all the world.

(time for silence)

You who took it all into your heart,

send us out to serve and heal the world you so love.

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 trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

and let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil;

for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

***Hymn:** **Rejoice the Lord is King** Dalesong

***Words for the Journey of Holy week:** Huda

And now we lay down the palm branches.

**And with them we lay down our belief
that there is another way for you to be God.**

As the last echo of the final alleluia fades,

**so does our hope that this journey can end
in any other way.**

The week stretches ahead

glory-less and pain-full

**Whether we walk with all faith or none
we look towards the cross,
knowing it is both the most human
and most divine
of all journeys**

travel the road with courage,

with love,

and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith
into this holiest of weeks. Amen.

Parkdale Strategic Planning

Rev. Darren Roorda

Postlude: Let Justice Roll Like A River – *Reprise*

Piano
Dr. Keith

Leading In Worship:

Huda Kandalajt

Rev. Dr. Bob K. Fillier

Bev Buckingham

Dr. Keith Hartshorn-Walton

Eleanor Creasey

Dalesong, Youth Band and Junior Choir

(Youth Band and Junior Choir dir. by Mélanie Hartshorn-Walton)

Special Guest: Rev. Darren Roorda

Audio: Richard Hamley Video: Danica Rogers

Slides: Elise Mennie

Greeters and Ushers



Holy Week

Palm Sunday – March 29

Lunch and Learn after the service

Maundy Thursday – April 2

Shared Meal, Worship & Communion
in Tape Hall starting at 6 pm

Combined Good Friday Service

10:30 am at Dominion Chalmers
355 Cooper Street
limited free parking in lot

Easter Workshop

for young families, children and youth

Saturday, April 4 from 3-5 pm

Easter Vigil - April 4-5

signup online for an in-person or virtual vigil

Easter Sunday Service

Pre-service breakfast in Memorial Hall at 9 am
followed by the worship service at 10:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We express heartfelt condolences to CiCi Waugh on the passing of her dear mother, Cathy Waugh, last Sunday, March 22. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and loved ones at this time.

Easter Flowers - If you wish to donate a flower (suggested donation \$15.00), **please contact the office** with the name(s) of the person/people you wish to remember. Their names will appear on the list published on Easter Sunday. **Names from previous years will not be included unless requested.** After the service, the flowers will be delivered to our elder saints who are no longer able to come to services. If you would like to help deliver flowers, please contact Melanie Hartshorn-Walton at hartshorn.walton.music@gmail.com. Any help is very much appreciated. Donations can be brought to the office, put in a designated envelope in the offering on Sunday morning or eTransferred to deposits@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca.

Easter Vigil – Help keep our annual Vigil from 6 am Saturday, April 4, to 6 am Sunday, April 5.

Our Easter Vigil is an opportunity to hold Parkdale United, and the world, in prayer as we journey through the liminal space between Good Friday and Easter Sunday. What does it require of you? An hour of your time to spend intentionally in prayer. You could be anywhere - this year, we hope that wherever you are, you can sign in to a Zoom room that will remain open for the 24 hours of the vigil so you can ‘hand off’ the vigil to the next person or people. Don’t want to pray alone? No problem! Get a group together. Take turns. There’s no right or wrong way to hold a prayerful space. What’s important is the 24 hours of intentional prayer, especially as we discern our strategic plan and ministry priorities. For more information, see Helen Hayes or Rev. Bob. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48AAAE22AAFBC43-63007081-easter>

In the mandatory “comment” section, please indicate whether you will attend in person or virtually. We need to know if a custodian is required to let you into the church.



We would like to invite the congregation to bring their **rinsed, refundable** cans and bottles to the church.

These will be collected, sorted, and redeemed as part of a youth-led fundraiser. Parkdale youth will be partnering with Maxim’s and Tiana’s Scout troop to sort and redeem the containers. The funds raised will support Parkdale children and youth as they work toward building and planting vegetable beds to grow fresh food for the Parkdale Food Bank. A portion of the proceeds will also help support the Scouts as Maxim's troop raises funds for their upcoming journey to Switzerland.

Thank you for your support.



IGNITE's Harmony House Drive

For this Women’s History Month and Lent, IGNITE is putting together a drive to support Harmony House! Since 1986, Harmony House has been helping women and children flee domestic violence and live safely. They offer supportive housing and other therapeutic services to residents. We will be collecting new and unused items (see poster on bulletin board) for the cause.

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Smart Aging Spring Sessions

New course will be Monday mornings from 10am to noon, starting April 13 to June 8. To register, email the church office at pdale@trytel.com

Full information on the bulletin board



Nursery is staffed today. Parents are welcome to use it for their babies and toddlers.

The Sunday School Children and **The Youth group** will stay in the worship service today.



The Easter Workshop for children 3-14 years old is on Saturday **April 4** from **3-6 PM**. Children will receive their passports and embark on a journey to Easter. They will go through Holy week events from Palm Sunday parade to turning tables at the temple to the upper room and the last supper, to Judas and his betrayal, then Peter and his denial, then to the hill waiting at the cross and finally to Mary Magdalene and her great news ever! We will take this journey as we learn new songs, make crafts along the way and of course finish up at the café. Please **register** by contacting Huda no later than TODAY **March 29**. huda@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

VBS Parkdale Children Summer Camp:



Aug. 17-21, 2026

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Join us this summer for **VBS**



SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN where kids will become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith as they draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope. **Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS promises kids a summer that will build their faith for a lifetime!** Please register by **May 1st** to ensure your spot. The Cost per child is \$75 for the whole week. You may send an e-transfer to deposits@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca or pay in the church office.

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