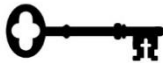




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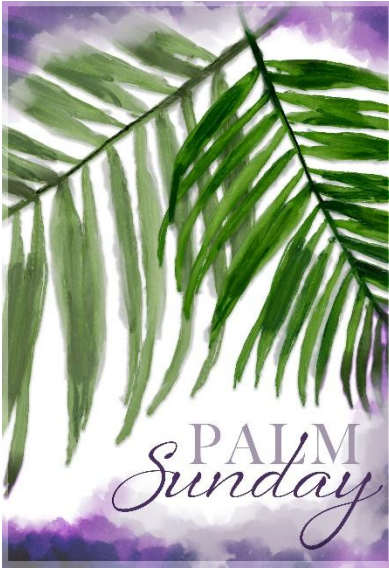
TO WORSHIP GOD,  
*to grow as disciples of Jesus,*  
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
*to take God's love to the world.*



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# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON



March 29, 2026 10:30 a.m.

## Palm Sunday Intergenerational Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Hannah Lovaglio  
Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes  
Coordinator of Discipleship - Michael Lovaglio  
Lector - Darragh  
Greeters - Patton family

### A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

Welcome, Families! We offer a staffed *nursery* throughout the service for young ones up to age 4. Children's bulletins and colouring pages are available on the table in the Sanctuary entryway. Today is an intergenerational worship service, designed with worshipers of all ages in mind. Children are helping to lead the service, and invited to stay throughout the service. There will be no Faith Finders program during worship today.

\* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend* ("Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now") J. G. Walther

### OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT *Lift Up The Gates Eternal*

Hymn 12 vs. 1 & 4

*Refrain: Lift up the gates eternal; lift up your voices: The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.*

*See, all the earth is God's, its people and nations; God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations.*  
(Refrain)

*Come, lift your voices high: be lifted to glory; the Lord our God approaches; come, shout the story.*  
(Refrain)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

1. Leader: Ride on Lord Jesus.  
Upon a colt,  
over cloaks,  
under branches –  
**All: ride on Lord Jesus.**

2. Leader: Towards a city,  
through its gates,  
past the crowds –  
**All: ride on Lord Jesus.**

3. Leader: As Hosannas fade  
and enemies sneer,  
as danger closes  
and friends falter –  
**All: ride on Lord Jesus.**

4. Leader: Showing the way,  
teaching the truth,  
bringing life for all.  
In the name of the Lord –  
**All: ride on Lord Jesus.**

\* HYMN – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn 218

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had held them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid the shouting crowd, the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud; Messiah, God's anointed, rode there in humble state, "Hosanna, in the highest!" rang out their praises great.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing; for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. Oh may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in God's joyful presence eternally rejoice!

## PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Jesus, we shout *Hosanna!* and praise you today.  
We praise you because you love us,  
you welcome everyone,  
and you teach us how to love others.  
But sometimes we forget to follow you.  
Sometimes we are unkind,  
or think about ourselves first.  
Forgive us, Jesus.  
Help us welcome you into our hearts  
and follow you wherever you lead.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

Tell the daughters of despair,  
proclaim it to the sons of sadness:  
**Christ has come to save us!**  
**Hosanna!**  
**We will give our thanks to God,**  
**who comes to bring us grace, hope, life.**

## THE PEACE

As loved and forgiven children of God, we greet one another in Christ's name,  
with Christ's peace in our hearts. Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you;  
**and also with you.**

\* HYMN -All Glory, Laud and Honour

Hymn 214

*Refrain: All glory, laud and honour  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!*

1. Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed one. *(Refrain)*

3. To thee before thy passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

2. The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before thee we resent. *(Refrain)*

4. You didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King. *(Refrain)*

## GOD SPEAKS TO US

### RESPONSIVE READING

### Psalm 24 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain 2**

REFRAIN II *Fr. tr. Andrew Donaldson*

*Peter Merrick*



Lift up your heads O gates! That the king of glo-ry may come in.  
Port's é - le - vez vos lin-teaux et le roi de gloi-re en - tre - ra!

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;  
**for God has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers. (Refrain 2)**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in God's holy place?  
**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
**Such is the company of those who seek the Lord,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. (Refrain 2)**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is the King of glory?  
**The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
**and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?  
**The Lord of hosts,  
the Lord is the King of glory. (Refrain 2)**

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 106)

John 12:12-26

SERMON: **Sweet Hosannas**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The church is the family of God.  
Here all should be valued for themselves.  
We are one body in Christ:  
together rejoicing when things go well,  
supporting one another in sorrow,  
celebrating the goodness of God  
and the wonder of our redemption.**

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

\* HYMN – What Wondrous Love Is This

Hymn 242

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul.

2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity I'll sing on!

### THE OFFERING

In the Holy Week ahead, we are reminded of all that Christ gave that we might have life. Now it's our turn to offer God our gifts in gratitude, trusting God to use them to create new life in Jesus' name.

Tithes and offerings can be given electronically through Canada Helps website, found using the QR code to the right.



### CHORAL OFFERTORY *Hosanna To The Son of David* - O. Gibbons

*Hosanna to the Son of David.  
Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the King of Israel, blessed be the King that cometh,  
Blessed be the Kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heav'n, and glory in the highest places  
Hosanna in the highest heav'ns.*

\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Hymn 205 vs. 6

*All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad,  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of courage and compassion,  
as we follow Jesus toward the Cross this holy week,  
we give you thanks that he faced his enemies with courage, not violence.  
We are grateful he loved us enough to bear every pain and sorrow others inflicted.  
In Christ, we trust that your love has power in every situation,  
even the most troubling or tragic.  
Hear us as we bring to you the people and places facing trouble and tragedy this day:

We pray for all struggling with poverty, sickness, or grief,  
and any feeling overwhelmed by things beyond their control.

Stay with them day by day and restore their hope and health:  
Lord, in your mercy;  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for people and places facing violence, war and corruption,  
and all who fear for what this day may bring.

Grant them courage and protection, and restore their hope and peace:  
Lord, in your mercy;  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who challenge tyranny, brutality and injustice,  
and all who raise their voices for the vulnerable and victimized.

Give them strength and restore their hope and freedom:  
Lord, in your mercy;  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who face persecution because of racism, belief or identity,  
and for each one who has been shamed or humiliated by someone more powerful.

Assure them of their value as your children and restore their hope and dignity:  
Lord, in your mercy;  
**Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we pray to you in silence for those situations close to our hearts this day.

Bring your grace to restore hope and healing wherever they are needed.  
Lord in your mercy;  
**Hear our prayer.**

God of courage and compassion, thank you for your love that never lets us go and hear us as we pray the words Jesus taught us:

**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 lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen**

### GOD SENDS US

\* HYMN - Ride On, Ride On In Majesty

Hymn 217

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty;  
hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry.  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strewed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty;  
in lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty;  
the angel hosts beyond the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty;  
the last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
Thy Father on the sapphire throne  
expects thee, loved, anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty;  
in lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
then take, O God, thy power and reign.

\* BENEDICTION

Go with courage to face the days ahead.

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who lives with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,

and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

POSTLUDE *O Worship The King*

J. A. Stallsmith (Tune: Lyons)

*As the postlude is offered,  
you may stay and receive the music,  
or go and bless the world God loves.*



**Welcome to Central. If you're new today, we're glad you've come.**

We're a community seeking to live with courage, kindness, and grace. We don't have all the answers, but we trust God is with us as we learn and grow together.

There's a place for you here.

If you would like to get to know Central better, please introduce yourself to an usher and/or spend some time going through our Website ([www.cpchamilton.ca](http://www.cpchamilton.ca)). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena ([helena@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:helena@cpchamilton.ca) or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

For any pastoral concerns, please contact the Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 ext. 2 or [lois@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:lois@cpchamilton.ca)). Central's Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter or Rev. Lois Whitwell.

**March is Fraud Prevention Month.** Scams are ever evolving, and frequently impersonate church leaders, bank or phone company representatives. We encourage you to stay alert and informed. Remember no one from the church will ever ask for personal information or request assistance with gift cards or payments. Learn more here: [https://support.bell.ca/Billing-and-Accounts/Security\\_and\\_privacy](https://support.bell.ca/Billing-and-Accounts/Security_and_privacy)

### **Congregational Givings**

*OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central*

You can support this good work by donating in various means. You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, to [bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca) or send a cheque.

Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit [cpchamilton.ca/giving](http://cpchamilton.ca/giving) (see above by the Offering in the Order of Worship for the for the QR code for Canada Helps, to give electronically).

Please ensure your contact information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office.



**Sundays ~ at 10:30 a.m.**

**Palm Sunday Service ~ March 29 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday Service ~ April 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Service ~ April 3 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Good Friday Choir Concert ~ April 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday ~ April 5 at 10:30 a.m.**

### Central Presbyterian Church Calendar

~ Sunday, March 29, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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~ Monday, March 30, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

~ Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.

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~ Thursday, April 2, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

~ Tuesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.

~ Thursday, April 9, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

~ Sunday, April 12, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

~ Sunday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.

~ Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

**Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John**

**Palm Sunday / Intergenerational Service**

**Final H.O.O.T.C. Café of this season**(Fellowship Hall)

**Knit & Knatter Group** (Guild Room)

**Central Book Club** (Allan Room)

**Central Choir Rehearsal**

**Session Meeting**

**Small Group Study** (Guild Room)

**Final Lenten Book Study on the Gospel of John**

**Music@Central: Marcus Scholtes & Ben Smith**

**Societus Vicorum** (Guild Room)

**Today's service is Palm Sunday, an Intergenerational Children and Youth Sunday, with an Easter Egg Hunt after the service.**

For more information regarding children, youth or adult discipleship ministries, please speak with or contact Michael Lovaglio ([michael@cpchamilton.ca](mailto:michael@cpchamilton.ca)).

### Stewardship Moments: *Inspiring Generosity*

**The Lord loves a cheerful giver, but will accept a gift from a grouch.**

*Unknown*



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“To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrong and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give your heart to no one”

C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*, p. 111

## **Sermon Notes**



**Statement of  
Welcome and Inclusion**  
Central Presbyterian Church  
**God's Love Includes Everyone**



We strive to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving, and supportive community unified in Jesus Christ. As an inclusive congregation, we joyfully affirm and honour the diversity of God's creation. Our community is richer when we include people of all ages, gender identities, racial and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, abilities, economic circumstances and family configurations. We proclaim this statement of inclusion to all who have experienced the pain of exclusion or discrimination by the church and society. All are invited to join a body of believers, to participate fully in the life, leadership, witness and ministry of Central Presbyterian Church. We acknowledge we are imperfect and in different stages of our faith journey.

**No matter who you are, how you identify, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey: know you are welcome here, and you are loved by God.**

CPC Statement of Welcome:

[www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/](http://www.cpchamilton.ca/statement-of-welcome-and-inclusion/)

***As you leave this place today,  
you're reminded that no matter  
who you are,  
or what your past may be,  
you are a beloved child  
of the Living God.***

***As you now live  
your life from day to day,  
don't forget who  
– and whose, you are;  
So that you may indeed be light  
and salt to this world.  
In the name of Jesus the Christ.***

**Central Presbyterian Church –  
Land Acknowledgement**\*

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples.

This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to share and care for the lands, air, and waters around the Great Lakes.

We further acknowledge this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

We recognize that we must learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our role as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers. We are all treaty people.

\* Our website has a guide explaining the above Land Acknowledgement

**<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>**

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