

MILLWOODS COMMUNITY CHURCH

March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday Was a Protest by Nicolette Faison Inspired by Mark 11:1-11

Prelude

Welcome & Purpose

MWCC endeavors to **love** God, **love** each other, and **love** our neighbors by building inclusive, healthy relationships, serving our community through WINGS of Providence & the WeCan Food Basket Society, and worshipping together in Christlike love.

Liturgy for Palm Sunday Part 1

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(Standing)

Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, all the earth! The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Rejoice greatly, shout for joy! See, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and brings salvation.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.

We praise you, the Lord God of Israel! You came to the help of your people and have set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, a descendant of your servant David.

You promised through your holy prophets long ago that you would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us.
You have shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and have remembered your holy covenant.

With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham, you promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve you without fear,
So that we might be holy and righteous before you all the days of our life.

By your tender mercy you cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us,
To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The voice of the messenger echoes from the desert, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord and to make a straight path on which he may come. Let us confess our sins, so that our crooked ways will be made straight and the rough ways smooth.

Our sovereign Redeemer, we join the people of Jerusalem offering our own shouts of praise and celebration at your coming. Although we welcome you today with the multitude on Palm Sunday, we confess we have also stood with the condemning crowd on Good Friday. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have cried, "Crucify!" We turn to you for help and forgiveness, gracious Savior; not because we deserve it, but because you are forgiving. Save us from our sinful ways, and restore us to a life of loyalty to you. Amen.

Through John the Baptizer, we hear the Lord's promise: Turn away from your sins, and God will forgive your sins.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Hosannah in the highest! That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Artist Statement - Palm Sunday was a Protest

All Glory Laud and Honor

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All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and Blessed One.

The company of angels
is praising you on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.

Tell Me Something Good Moment

Scripture Reading Mark 11:1-11

When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them, "Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.'"

They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some people standing around said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields.

Those in front of him and those following were shouting, "*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!*" Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

Message Good news is inspiring us to act

Special Music - This is How I Thank the Lord

Chorus

This is why I thank the Lord for saving me
When I was weak so I will sing
This is why I thank the Lord for everything
This is why I thank the Lord

Bridge

I will sing I will sing
I will lift my praises to You
(REPEAT)
I will sing I will sing
'Cause this is how I praise the Lord

Blessings and Concerns

Liturgy for Palm Sunday Part 2

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Eternal God, Ruler of all ages, graciously you come to us in order that we might come to you, through the merit of Jesus Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Help us and all your children to respond to the call of your gospel with faith, love, and hope.

God of faith, you created humanity to serve and praise you; and even when we rebelled against you, you promised to send a Savior to redeem us from our sins:

Strengthen our faith in your saving work through Christ. As you chose the people of Israel to hear the promise of redemption through the prophets, may people today believe in your good will for all that you have made.

God of love, you fulfilled your promise of a redeemer in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Grant us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we may share your love with the sick and the afflicted, with the poor and the homeless, with the victims of injustice and discrimination, and with all who are experiencing times of trouble.

God of hope, you comfort us through our Savior's promise to return in glory at the end of time:

As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace, let us not despair. We long for you to inspire all the nations and peoples of the world to turn to cooperation and nurture, rather than to hatred and destruction.

God of faith, love, and hope, to you and to you alone we pray:

For you are our God, the only God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Standing)

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Lord, you have kept the promise you made to our ancestors, and have come to the help of your servant people.

You remembered to show mercy to Abraham and Sarah and to all their descendants forever!

We praise you, Lord. You are enthroned in glory, yet you came and continue to come for all who will receive you. We praise you, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever.

To you be glory and power, forever and ever. Amen.

Praise to you, O Lord we render

Praise to you, O Lord, we render
For your love in Jesus shown;
May that love, so strong and tender,
Bind us fast to him alone;
Now and ever, Now and ever,
Gather us among your own.

Ministry Opportunities

Way Maker

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Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Tag

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

Benediction

Postlude



WeCAN Food Basket To place an order please go to [WECAN Food Basket Society](https://www.wecanfoodbasket.org/) to order online. Or, For in-person cash orders, please come to the church on the third Thursday of the month from noon-2:00 (the same as our pick-up time).

Holy Week & Easter 2026

Holy Week is March 29-April 3. We'll gather for Holy Week services on Monday, Tuesday, and Maundy Thursday, at 7:00pm, and Good Friday at 10:30am.

On Easter Morning, April 5, we'll hold our sunrise service in our God's Acre at 7:00am. We'll celebrate Easter again at 10:30am at the church.

WINGS Mother's Day Tea!

Saturday, May 9, 2026 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Doors open at 11:30am

Heritage Park Banquet Hall

5100 41 Avenue, Stony Plain, Alberta

Individual Ticket: \$75



For more info and to buy tickets, scan the QR code. Request the Millwoods Community Church table!

Helpers needed to set up on May 8th and clean up on May 9th. Let Pastor Aaron know if you want to help make this event a success!

New Membership Classes

We are delighted to offer 3 classes for folks wishing to become new members of our church. Prospective new members from our church as well as our sibling churches will gather on April 19, 26, and May 3 at 12noon in Mill Woods Community Church (2404 38 Street NW). Folks unable to attend in person are welcome to participate on Zoom. Please contact Pastor Aaron to do so: pastor@mcchurch.ca. Lunch will be provided. Long term members are welcome to participate for a refresher on our distinctiveness.

We invite everyone to pray for our prospective new members as they journey through the process and as they are welcomed into our beloved community.

Muttart Conservatory Field Trip - April 20 - 9:15 am

Come experience the beauty of God's creation at the Muttart Conservatory!

We will be renting a bus so we can travel as a group.

It starts by meeting at the church right at 9:15 am to check in and get on the bus. The bus will depart from the church right at 9:30 sharp. If you plan on driving on your own please be at the Muttart by 10 am. There is a small cafeteria inside the Muttart if you wish to have a coffee/tea or lunch.

1. You must pre-register for this outing
2. Register by signing up in the Sunday binder
3. Mark the sign up sheet if you plan on taking the bus or if you are driving on your own. We need to determine the size of the bus to rent.
4. Admission is \$12.95 for youth/seniors and \$14.95 for adults
5. Pay thru e-Transfer to the church office@mcchurch.ca, make a memo "Muttart field trip"

"Millwoods Community Church gathers on Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional lands of First Nations and Metis People, and on the former Papaschase Reservation."

[Learn more here.](#)

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Pastor office hours: Tue - Wed 10am - 2pm, Sunday 10am - 1pm & by appointment. Please phone us to make an in office appointment

April 5, 2026 Service			
Greeters	Sharon D	Ushers	Armand
Music	Katie, Elaine, Lorraine, Bob, Pat, Brenda, Bev	Reader	Tony
Sound		Media	Amy
Coffee		Elder	
Birthday Cake		Closing	Pastor
Counters			