

We Come Together

Introit "Ride in, Ride on, the Time is Right"

Greeting

Land Acknowledgement

As we journey in this season of Lent, we acknowledge that the land upon which we live, work, worship and play is the unceded territory of the Wabanaki people; in this area they are the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. As we grow deeper in relationship with God through this season, may we also grow in relationship with all Indigenous peoples, seeking reconciliation and peace.

Announcements

Call to Worship:

One: Along the Lenten way, may our loving God

All: give us calm reflection.

One: Along the Lenten way, may our loving God

All: give us faithful friends.

One: Along the Lenten way, may our loving God

All: give us purpose and direction.

One: Today as Jesus makes his triumphal entry,

**All: we celebrate in worship, praying and shouting out
"Hosanna!"**

One: Even the stones will sing out for joy as Christ comes riding into town...

***Hymn:** "He Came Riding"

VU# 124

Opening Prayer: (*unison*)

Holy One, sometimes life feels like a parade rushing by us as we stand on the sidelines trying not to miss it! There are hundreds of things that catch our eye, but the thing we fear missing most is You. In our worship this morning, allow us to slow down the rhythm of our lives as we join Your parade. Allow us to paint the colours of this world a little brighter as we raise our voices in hallelujahs and praise. Amen.

Personal Prayer: "Come and Fill Our Hearts X 2 **MV# 16**
(Concluded as we pray together the Lord's Prayer)

Children's Learning Time

Children's Prayer:

One day You walked the streets dear God, with palm branches on the ground: the people cheered and as You walked, Your name became renowned. Today we celebrate with palm branches, like Your people long ago. We pray that You would use our voices so that Your peace and love can grow. Amen.

***Hymn:** "When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming" **MV# 128**

We Listen to the Word

Prayer for Illumination:

Reader: Kim

Loving God, help us to find a quiet centre in You, so that as we receive this ancient word and story, we will understand them as if for the first time, fresh, and alive. Fill what we hear with meaning and hope for our lives and world. **Amen.**

Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 118 pg. VU# 837 (parts 1-4
with sung refrain)
Luke 19: 28-40**

Response: One: The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God for this Holy Word.

***Hymn:** "All Glory, Laud and Honour" **VU#122**

Sermon "Even the Stones Cry Out"

Anthem "Hosanna, the People Cried"

Prayers of the People

We Respond to the Word

Invitation to the Offering:

Today Jesus is met with cheers of joy in his triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem. He brings with him the unexpected gift of God's great love for all people as his passion begins. In response to that gift, we now offer our own. They may be gifts of time, talent and treasure or gifts of conviction, action, and justice. No matter the gift, we trust each be taken and used in ways that surpass our understanding, to the benefit of this community, and our world.

Offertory Prayer: (*unison*)

Loving and Gracious God, Jesus came as our King, to share Your blessings with the world. The One who was greatest among us, became the least for us, and our salvation. As we have received blessing upon blessing, we pray You receive the gifts we now bring. Bless them and us to Your service, as we pray in the name of the One who walks beside us, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

***Hymn:** "At the Name of Jesus"

VU# 335

***Extinguishing our Lenten Light**

One: As we extinguish this Lenten Light, let us all raise our voices to the work of justice, peace, and love within our world.

All: **Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day—choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. As we move from this space, and continue on this Lenten Road, may we each be moved by the Spirit to use our voices for the work and ministry of Your Church, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Choral Benediction** Lenten Response: May We Bring Hope

Postlude

Screen operators for the coming weeks:

Apr 2 Elizabeth **Apr 7** Erik **Apr 9** Erik **Apr 16** Stephen

Ushers for the coming weeks:

Apr 2 Sandra & Gil **Apr 7** Susan **Apr 9** Terry & Karen
Apr 16 Kim & Kevin

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Worship Committee	Boardroom
Tuesday	10:00am	Craft Group	Kitchen
	1:30pm	Book Study	Boardroom
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	12:00pm	Writers Circle	Boardroom
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary

(Scouts and Guides meet in the church hall Mon – Thurs evenings)

Grocery Gift Cards are now available! Please contact the office at 855-5771 or office@mountroyaluc.ca (or simply stop by during open office hours) to purchase one today! Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser.

Book Study: "Building God's Beloved Community". Join us on Tues. April 4th at 1:30pm for the next book study.

Office closed on Friday, April 7th for Good Friday.

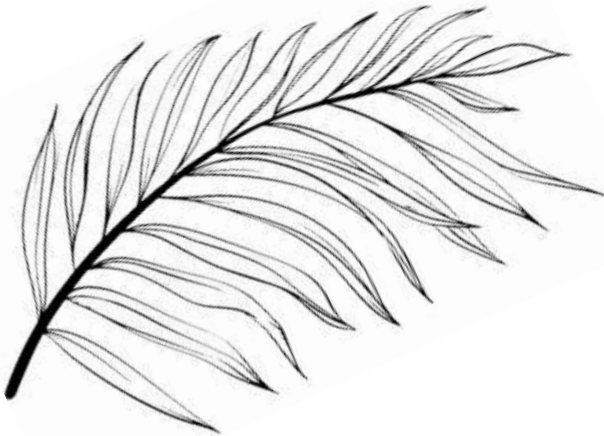
Good Friday Service: Mount Royal will have a Good Friday service on April 7th at 7pm.

Easter Sunday Service: We invite you, your family, friends & neighbours to this meaningful Easter Service.

Lunch with Friends: Thurs., April. 20th @ noon. Sign up at the back of the church or in the office until April 17th at 1pm! We will only order the actual number of those who have signed up. If you are unable to attend the lunch after signing up, we encourage you to invite someone to take your place. The cost is \$7.00 payable at the lunch. Menu is Mac & Cheese, plus dessert, tea and coffee.

Rummage Sale April 21st & 22nd – Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

1st Jones Lake Scouting: Try your first 2 meetings for FREE! ALL Youth Ages 5 - 17 are welcome! Programs Offered: **Beavers** (Ages 5 – 7) • **Cubs** (Ages 8 – 10) • **Scouts** (Ages 11 – 14) • **Venturers** (Ages 14 – 17). More info call/text Daniel @ 864-0028.



At Mount Royal United Church, our mission is to serve God; living our faith inside and outside these walls and nurturing each individual on their faith journey.