

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
WORSHIP SERVICE April 14th 2019



Palm Sunday

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^**MUSICAL PRELUDE:** (Leader & Choir Enter)

(^) means, please stand as you are able,  
(Bold Print - Congregation Response)  
**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES**

^**CHORAL WORDS OF CALL:** Sung to VU#372

**Let us press on, to know the Lord;  
as sure as dawn, God will appear.  
Like gentle showers, to us God comes;  
as rains of spring water the earth. (sung twice)**

^**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Responsive)

Lent began in the wilderness; it concludes in Jerusalem.  
**We now come near to the end of one story.  
Another story will soon begin.  
We have followed Jesus this far;  
Today we remember how he was welcomed by his followers.  
Tomorrow he will face betrayal, falseness, rejection, and  
torment. And we witness, once more, that he taught and  
walked in love, through every step of the journey.  
We worship our God.**

^**HYMN:** VU#123 “Hosanna, loud hosanna”

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Rev. Jamie York)

**LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:** --Journey with Jesus

**WORDS OF MEDITATION:**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** (MV#85 Take, O Take Me as I Am)

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

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He lived a life as one of us – a child, a youth, an adult.  
He laughed with those who laughed, he cried with those who cried.  
In all of this, he walked the hard road –

***The way of the Cross and the way of the Resurrection.***

On the night before he was put to death,  
he gathered for a meal of celebration with his friends.  
There he recommitted himself to your love, and to his people.  
He took bread, thanked You, and broke the bread,  
giving it to his friends, saying,  
“Take this and eat it. This is my body, given for you.  
Each time you do this, remember me.”

***We remember him.***

After the meal was over, he took the cup of blessing,  
thanked You, and poured the wine,  
giving it to his friends, saying,  
“Take this and drink it. This is my blood, given for you.  
Each time you drink of this cup, remember me.”

***We remember him.***

And so we do as he asked us, loving God.  
We pray that your Spirit might fill these gifts,  
and fill us – that all might be vessels of your love,  
of your hope... of your life in the world.

***Come, O Holy Spirit, come!***

**PASTORAL PRAYERS & LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION:** (In Unison)

***For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted,  
to the life we have received, thank you God!  
Help us to be your church, in the days, weeks and years to  
come, filled and refreshed by your constant love.  
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.***

^**HYMN:** VU#117 “Jesus Christ is Waiting”

^**COMMISIONING:** (Responsive)

As we leave our place of worship this day, Jesus calls us out,  
***Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!  
Into a world that needs the Spirit of God,  
carried on our lips and in our loving arms. (Please continue to page #5)***

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***Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!***

Go then as Jesus calls you, and go on the breath of God's holy spirit!

**^BENEDICTION: Rev. Jamie York**

**^CHORAL BLESSING: (Go Now in Peace)**

*Go now in peace, never be afraid*

*God will go with you each hour of every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.*

*Go now in love and show you believe*

*Reach out to others, so all the world can see*

*God will be there, watching from above,*

*Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

*A-a-men, A-a-men, A-a-a-men (Don Besig & Nancy Price)*

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “We will gather at the river” (*Roseneath*)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (R)

Reader: May God bless this reading for God’s people today.

*People: Thanks be to God! Amen.*

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:** “*This is the day...*”

**^HYMN:** MV#8 “And on This Path”

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
So enter in, the gates of holiness are open wide,  
Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 19:28-40 (L)

Leader: In this reading is Good News for God’s people.

*People: May the Spirit of the Living God be with us today! Amen.*

**SERMON:** “Your King comes”

**^HYMN:** VU#124 “He came riding on a donkey”

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** “A Heritage of Welcome”

**^OFFERING AND DEDICATION:** (In Unison) VU#603

*In loving partnership we come  
seeking O God your will to do  
Our prayers and actions now receive  
we freely offer them to you.*

**^PRAYER of DEDICATION:** (In Unison)

*We cast these gifts before you, O God,  
as palms were cast before Jesus long ago.  
We lay them on your altar in praise, thanksgiving, and joy.  
Receive them back from our hands,*

*that they may become a greater blessing in your hands.  
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation to the Table:** (*Rev. Jamie York*)

**^HYMN:** VU#472 O Jesus, Joy of Longing Hearts  
**COMMUNION LITURGY**

God is with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift our hearts to God.*

Let us give thanks to God, our God!

*We give God our thanks and our praise!*

On this day of celebration – on this day of renewing our faith –  
on this day of walking with the Christ, to Jerusalem... to Golgotha... and  
beyond – we give you thanks, great and loving God.

*Thank you, loving God!*

From the very beginning, you have loved us.

You created all that is, calling it into being.

With the *ruach* – the Spirit – with the Wind and the Word,  
you saw what you had created, and called it, “Good!”

*Thank you, loving God!*

But. Time and time again, in history and in our story,  
we have turned away from your love.

We have turned away from your hope.

We have turned away from you.

We have wandered away, thinking we knew best. But.

*But you never left us to walk by ourselves, loving God.*

*Even when we turned away. Even when we turn away.*

*You walk the road with us. You walk that Jerusalem road.*

Through prophets, priests and storytellers, through mothers and  
grandmothers, through fathers and grandfathers,  
through teens and children and infants, you called us back to your love.

*Thank you, loving God!*

There came a time when you sent Jesus to speak to the world.

*To speak to us. To teach us your love.*

*To give abundant life. To make us new.*

*Thank you, loving God!*