

HASTINGS ROSENEATH PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
Palm Sunday & Holy Communion-March 25, 2018



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^**MUSICAL PRELUDE: (Leader & Choir Enter)**  
*(^ means, stand as you are able, (Bold Congregation Response)*  
**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCHES**

^**CHORAL INTROIT: MV#115** Behold, I make all things new  
*Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
beginning with you, and starting from today.  
Behold, behold, I make all things new,  
my promise is true for I am Christ the Way.(repeat)*

^**CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive)**  
The crowds have gathered along the way...  
**We gather to cheer and celebrate!**  
Who are you cheering for?  
**We are cheering for Jesus!**  
What are you cheering?  
**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**  
Why are you cheering?  
**We are celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem  
as the Messiah who will save us from Roman oppression.**  
Then let us join the parade and cheer for the one  
who comes in the name of Lord!  
**Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Let us worship with gratitude and joy!**  
Rev. Cathy Gradante, Seymour United Church

^**HYMN: VU#123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

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

blessed it and thanked God for it.  
Pouring out the wine, he said to those at that table:  
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you.  
When you drink of this cup, remember me."

Knowing of this great mystery we call faith, we offer these words of knowledge and hope.

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

Gracious God, we pray to you to bless this bread and this cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt and light and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

**Pastoral Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

(You are invited to come forward to receive a piece of bread and dip into the cup, to share in the remembrance of our Lord, at the Last Supper)

**Prayer following Communion (Rev. Jamie York)**

^**HYMN: VU#117 "Jesus Christ Is Waiting"**

^**COMMISSIONING: (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.**  
**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: (Leader)**

^**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)**

**LENTEN CANDLE EXTINGUISHING:**

**PRAYING WITH THE PSALMS: (Psalm 118:26a)**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION & CONFESSION**

**HYMN OF ASSURANCE: (M.V.#95 How Deep the Peace)**

*How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose Wrongs are forgiven. How deep the peace, the confidence, of those whose hearts are healed. (Sung Twice)*

**CHOIR ANTHEM: "Hosanna"**

**SCRIPTUREREADING: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Reader)**

Leader: May God bless this reading for God's people today.

*People: Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL: "The Path of Joy"**

**^HYMN: VU#124 He Came Riding on a Donkey**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11 (Rev. Jamie York)**

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: "The Gate's Wide Open"**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Ecumenical Accompaniment in Palestine and Israel"**

**^OFFERING AND DEDICATION: (In Unison) MV#191**

*What can I do?... What can I bring? ...What can I say?*

*What can I sing? I'll sing with joy... I'll say a prayer.*

*I'll bring my love... I'll do my share. (Repeat)*

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

*Loving God, as Hosannas fade to cries of despair, may these gifts be used for ministry within our community, for peacemaking that settles strife and justice-seeking that creates all good hope.*

*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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

**^HYMN: VU#472 "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"**

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord be with you

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give thanks and praise.***

Holy God, we offer you thanks for the work you have done in our world to keep us close to you. We love the light you have given us through time, and over and over again. The light of your love that you have shared with us shines through each part of the creation, in all those who have served you and revered you in the past, from ancient times to now, and also in us and through us.

We praise you for the gift of the son, the Light of the World, who came to give sight to the blind and set the prisoners free.

We offer you thanks for all of our ancestors in Christ –

people who have seen the light in their hearts

and shared it with each other and with strangers.

Glory to You for the light we share.

May it shine on forever and ever,

blessing each one of us with faith, hope and love.

Because you have shared with us,

and in communion with the saints before our time and after our time, we glorify you, O Great Spirit, Most High.

***Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty,***

***the whole universe speaks of your glory,***

***O Great Spirit, Most High.***

***Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord!***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

On the night he was betrayed,

the Light of the World took bread and blessed it.

Then he thanked God for it and broke it, saying:

"This is my body which is broken for you.

Whenever you eat it, remember me."

And likewise at the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup,

