

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
Fredericton, N.B.

190 Years of Glorifying God through Worship, Proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and Serving others in Christ's name

April 10th , 2022

Lent 6 Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30 AM

*Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.
Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. John 12:23-26*

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE: All Glory, Laud & Honour - Gaspard

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you
And also with you.

INTROIT: *Now Quit Your Care*

VU 109 Vs 1

*Now quit your care and anxious fear and worry;
for schemes are vain and fretting brings no gain.
Lent calls to prayer, to trust and dedication;
God brings new beauty nigh;
reply, reply, reply with love to love most high;
reply, reply, reply with love to love most high.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OPENING SCRIPTURE: (Responsive)

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!"**

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

**Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"**

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) *

We come out to meet him

**The one we have hopes for
The one we are a little bit afraid of
The one who we have been praying will come**

Hosanna! Save us!

Hosanna! Save us!

Save us and set us free

**Free from our oppressors,
Free from our too-narrow expectations
Free from the status quo**

We come shouting: Hosanna! Save Us!

Hosanna! Save us!

CENTERING PRAYER: *

HYMN: *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

VU 122

*All glory, laud and honour
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,
our King and blessed one. R*

*The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. R*

*To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. R*

*Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king. R*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (In Unison) *

This isn't power the way we think of it, O God. We want your power to be big and flashy and forceful, and instead you offer us love that carries its own cross. We confess that our vision of power is coercive, and yours is self-giving, and we are not sure how to manage that chasm between your way and ours. Forgive us when we seek positions of advantage and manipulate our way to a better deal, while you speak unpopular truth with great love. Forgive us when we feel hopeless and helpless, watching you shoulder the weight of the world in search of reconciliation. Forgive us when we see only failure while you are on the way to unrecognizable glory. You are indeed the King who saves us, and we come asking for mercy, that we may be made ready to walk your way of Life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

CHOIR ANTHEM: Let Loud Hosannas Ring - Drennan

LISTENING FOR THE WORD IN OUR SACRED TEXTS:

Let us prepare ourselves to be touched by the witness of scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open, Holy Spirit work in us.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: John 19:16b-22

MESSAGE:

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Responsive)

We try O God to look at our lives through your eyes, to see the gifts that you have given us and ponder the call you lay upon us to come and be like you. There is so much we have to offer for the building of your realm, our time and compassion, our skills and our labour, our experience and the financial resources to make your dreams possible.

Collectively we have all that we need. So, we respond to your call, committing our offerings and our tithes, our hearts and our actions that you may bless them all in your name, service and love. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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
the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

HYMN: *Were You There*

VU 144

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

*Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.*

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

*Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

*Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

COMMISSIONING: (Responsive)

The day started with shouts of joy and pleas for salvation

Hope held high, expectations reigned

But then the world turned, as it always does

The shouting dies, and the way grows hard

We are left with a Cross, pointing to the sky

And a small sign, the only thing left proclaiming

Jesus as “King of the Jews”

As we go into this Holy Week, as the weight of Jesus actions fall on us,
may we go out into the world as that sign, pointing to who Christ is and all he has
done.

BENEDICTION:

CHORAL CLOSING: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

VU 121 vs General Lent

*Light of life beyond conceiving,
mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing,
give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.*

POSTLUDE: Blessed Jesus - Bach

**Adapted from Rev. Teri Paterson bible worm collective.*

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Ron Naugler, Priests – Ann Raper, Pilate – Deborah West

Greeters: Tammy Coughlan & Linda Burton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE. May this worship service be a blessing in your day as we continue to worship together each week in person and by Zoom.

Sunday School: We are EXCITED to welcome you back to Sunday School this Palm Sunday. You can join us in person or through the Zoom platform virtually. For now, our Sunday school lessons will be delivered in a hybrid fashion (simultaneously in person and on Zoom). **Activities this Sunday:** Welcome and Introduction, 5 Bible Stories, Lenten Bible Word Search, Crafts and more!

Board Meeting this Sunday: Pray for the board as they have their first full meeting this Sunday. Board members are Barbara Cull-Wilby, Erin Hayes, Alanna Palmer, Tammy Coughlan, Donna Chauvin, Debbie Allison, Blaine Irving, Roger Miller, Rev. Michelle, Past Chair – Jane Blakely. If you have any agenda items or something new to bring to the board's attention, please talk to any member.

St. Paul's UCW: St. Paul's UCW are looking for women interested in taking part in planning and implementation of UCW activities and events. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with other women in the congregation. The United Church Women have a long and proud history of contributing their prayers, gifts, and services to the work of the church. If you have some spare time and would like to join this group of amazing women, please speak with Donna Chauvin or Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Bible Study: Join Rev. Michelle on Wednesdays at 11:15am for bible study. We are back in person, meeting in the parlor. Generally, sessions run 45min-1hour. This coming week's scripture is John 20:1-18. Due to interest, you can also join online. Log in using this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88619319967> and Passcode: 259190

Brown Bag Lunch Program: The program needs **cans of proteins with flip top lids such as soups, meats, fish.** Thanks for everything you wish to donate.

Pantry: The pantry needs **jam, relish, cookies, beef broth, shake n' bake, tomatoes, fruit cups, pudding cups, cake mix & frosting, brown sugar, salt, juice and paper towel.** Thanks for everything you wish to donate.

Dates to Remember:

- **Maundy Thursday @ Wilmot** – April 14th @ 6pm (Pot Luck @ 5:30)
- **Good Friday** – April 15th at 10:30am
- **Easter Sunrise Service @Pedway** – April 17th @ 7am followed by breakfast

4 Seasons of Reconciliation: This is a free unique 3-hour self-paced online course that promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadians through transformative learning about truth and reconciliation. **Upon completion of the course, you will be issued a certificate provided by First Nations University of Canada.** If interested in this course, add Erin Hayes' email erinhayes@deloitte.ca as the person who referred you to access it. For more information about the course visit <https://www.reconciliationeducation.ca/deloitte>

Volunteer Registry: We are starting a list of folks who are available to volunteer. From folding bulletins, helping out in the office, security/supervising the door for our renters or community events; during the day, after hours and weekends. If interested please email the office or speak with Meghan.

Database Update - Personal Contact Information: Please forward your contact information (names of family members, mailing addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, envelope # [if known] and whether or not you would like to be included in mailouts or email updates. You can forward this information either by completing a Family Information Form for each member of your household while at the church or by email to Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com

Bulletin & E-News Announcements Deadline: Please note that going forward, the deadline for all announcements is **Wednesday at 3pm.**

Upper Room Daily Devotional: The Upper Room Daily Devotional for May-June has arrived! Both the May-June and March-April booklets are available for purchase in the office for \$2.



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Land Acknowledgement: *We remember that St. Paul's sanctuary and our worship here is on the unceded territory of the Wolastoqey peoples. Long before this building was here, the land was considered sacred and tended to with respect and care. May our faith drive us to seek to be in right relationship with the first peoples of this land.*