

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, N.B.

191 Years of Glorifying God through Worship, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, and serving others in Christ's name

Mar 24th, 2024

Lent 6 ~ Palm Sunday

10:30 AM

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. ~ Psalm 118:25-29

GATHERING AS GOD'S OWN

PRELUDE: All Glory, Laud and Honour ~ Payne

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

INTROIT: *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

MV 85 x2

*Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Responsive)* ¹

This is no ordinary day... and it is the most ordinary of days –

The Messiah is in our midst!

Bring your whole self to welcome him!

We offer all we have and lay it at his feet,

shouting Hosanna to the One who can save us

OPENING 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*

OPENING PRAYER

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

STORY TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

THE STORY BEFORE THE STORY

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

VU 121 ~ Lent General

*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.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 11:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: The Simplest and the Best ~ Fedak

MESSAGE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

HYMN OF RESPONSE: *I Danced in the Morning*

VU 352 Revised Lyrics

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.*

Refrain:

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for my people and cured all who came;
I healed the blind and the leper and the lame.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They joined the dance and the dance went on. R*

*I danced for God's Kingdom which is over all,
But the Roman rulers said I broke their law.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on the cross to die. R*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. R*

*They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. R*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING AND TITHES:

Offerings are collected at the door to the sanctuary, or via e-transfer to stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com. To set up Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) monthly contributions, please contact Meghan in the office.

Grant Us, God, the Grace

VU 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (In Unison) ²

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honouring your presence. Today we honour you, Lord, with our faithful tithes and offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of kings. Amen.

GOING FORTH WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 14:3-9

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

VU 127

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

POSTLUDE: All Glory, Laud and Honour ~ Miller

¹ Rev. Teri Peterson, BibleWorm Collective Liturgy, March 24, 2024

² Carol Penner, www.leadinginworship.com, March 16, 2012.

Scripture Readers: Narrator – Deborah West, Jesus – Greg Morton, Crowd – Jane Banks, Bystander – Alanna Palmer
Greeter: Mary Stickles **Audio Visual:** John Davis

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.

THANK YOU!

A special thank-you to all who responded to the “The Future of St Paul’s is in Our Hands” questionnaire. The insights gained will help the Ecumenical Shared Ministry (ESM) Team plan for OUR future. We encourage you to continue speaking with members of the ESM Committee with any further ideas, questions, or concerns you have. Thanks again. ~ Debbie Allison, Tammy Coughlan, Alanna Palmer, Bill Paterson, Carole Peacock and Rev. Michelle.

CHOCOLATE ORDERS ARE READY FOR PICK UP

Thank you to everyone who purchased Purdys Easter chocolates in support of St. Paul’s Outreach Programs. You raised \$261.05! Orders are assembled and in the office for pick up between 8am-3pm Monday-Thursday and 8am-1pm Friday or after service on Sunday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT WILMOT

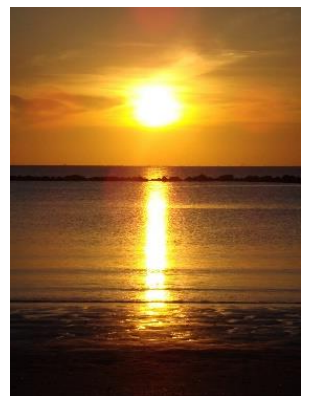
Maundy Thursday Service will take place on **March 28th** at 6pm at Wilmot in their lower parlor. Please note this year there will be no meal, just a service.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT ST. PAUL’S

St. Paul’s will host Downtown United Good Friday Service at 10 am on **March 29th**.

EASTER MORNING SUNRISE SERVICE

Downtown United Easter Sunrise Service will take place at 7am on **March 31st** at the pedway by the library. Breakfast will follow at St. Paul’s.





FUNDSCRIP

Deadline for our next gift card order is **Sunday, April 7th**. Time to think about Spring things... new barbeque, outside furniture, bikes for the kids. You can purchase all of these with FundScrip gift cards. Mother's Day will be here before long... why not give Mum a gift card to her favourite store or take her out for dinner at one of the dining spots on our gift card list. Order forms are available in the church office, in the Narthex or click here [April 7th, 2024 FundScrip Order Form](#). **New supporters always welcome!** Remember: *Shopping is fundraising for St. Paul's.*

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SERVERS NEEDED!

Thank you to everyone who has provided for our fellowship time. Currently we are seeking folks to sign up for **March 31st**. You can help our faith community by picking one day to serve in the coming months. Check the bulletin board across from the hall for available dates.

BOOKING MEETING SPACE AT ST. PAUL'S

As the use of our space at St. Paul's gets busier, please remember to book your meetings space through the office. Drop by in person, call 458-1183 or email Meghan at stpaulsoffice224@gmail.com.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

This week, the program needs pudding cups and **proteins with flip top lids**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity of this program.



PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry program needs the following items this week: Mr. Clean Comet, laundry & dish detergent, hand soap, salt, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, ketchup, Miracle Whip, pasta sauce, orange juice, hardy soups, cookies, canned milk, rice, flour, Shake n' Bake, and chocolate puddings. Thank you for your continued support of this increasingly busy outreach program!



Faith Formation

GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY

Pick up this reflection guide in the narthex to use as a home devotional or with your friends. This devotional follows the pattern of pray, reflect and do, offering suggestions on how to put the biblical theme into action.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesdays from 10:45am-11:45am ~ Bible Study on Sunday Reading

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81736183320> Passcode: 750844

Thursdays from 6-7pm ~ Evening Small Group Faith Exploration

March 17th ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Mel & Barb McGuigan & Debbie Allison

March 17th ~ Critical Congregational Update following service

March 22nd ~ Homage A Bach ~ Natalia DeLacroix ~ Noon Hour Concert at St. Paul's from 12-1pm

March 24th ~ Palm Sunday ~ Fellowship Hour hosted by Beth & Shawn Meister

March 28th ~ Downtown United ~ Maundy Thursday Service at Wilmot at 6pm

March 29th ~ Downtown United ~ Good Friday Service at St. Paul's at 10am

March 31st ~ Downtown United ~ Easter Morning Sunrise Service at 7am with Breakfast to follow at St. Paul's

March 31st ~ Easter Sunday Service with Communion ~ Fellowship Hosts Needed

April 1st ~ Easter Monday STAT Holiday ~ Office Closed

April 7th ~ Annual General Meeting following service



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