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Sunday, March 24, 2024 at 10 am



Palm Sunday with Communion Congregational Meeting

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle: Honouring the Call to New Life

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU122 "All Glory, Laud and Honour"

- R All glory, laud and honour
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
- 1 You are the King of Israel,
and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
our King and blessed one. R

- 2 The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present. R
- 3 To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. R
- 4 Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king. R < >

Life and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to enter Jerusalem with Jesus.

All: Called to new life and celebration.

One: Called to share who we are and what we have with the
world near and far as we gather around the table. Let us
worship.

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: As we move through this season of reflection and self-
assessment, we trust in the eternal presence of the Holy to
guide and nurture us in our journey.

All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are blessed.

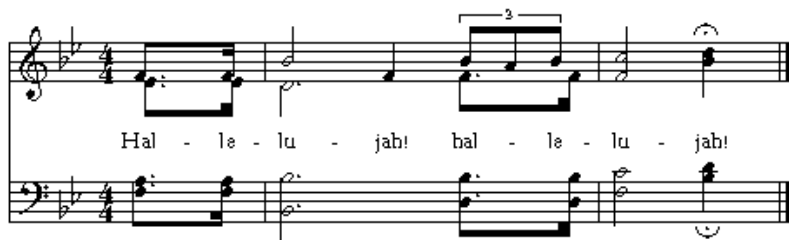
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Responsive Selection: VU837 (Parts 1,3,4)

From Psalm 118
Led by Nola Wilson

Refrain

Albert Ham ca. 1900



Part One (1-4)

One Let Israel now say:

All 'God's love endures for ever.'

One Let the house of Aaron say:

All 'God's love endures for ever.'

One Let those who fear God say:

All 'God's love endures for ever.' R

Part Three (19-24)

One Open to me the gates of the temple,
that I may enter and give thanks to God.

**All This is the gate of God;
through it the righteous shall enter.**

One I thank you for you have answered me;
you have become my salvation.

**All The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

One This is God's doing, marvellous in our eyes.

**All This is the day that God has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it! R**

Part Four (25-29)

One Save us, O God, we pray;

All God, we pray, give us success.

One Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

All We bless you from the house of God.

One God, our God, has given us light;

All with palm branches in hand let us march to the altar.

One You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will extol you. R

Young at Heart Time:

"What's Next?"

^{12:12} The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ 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!’

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ ‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!’

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Responses:

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: **may we hear the stories from our faith history that
inspire us to pause and reflect as we make our
Lenten journey to Holy Week.**

Reader: In the name of Jesus...

All: **Amen.**

Please remain seated

Hymn: VU124

“He Came Riding on a Donkey”

1 He came riding on a donkey,
 he came riding into town;
slow and easy kind of lowly
 he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him,
 staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them,
 on to live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises;
 waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David;
 riding on to take his throne.

- 2 Then the children gathered, singing
 shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
 in the streets their song was ringing,
 'Hosannas' filled the morning air.
 Timid adults strained to see him,
 caught the Spirit, joined the song;
 spread their cloaks along before him,
 branches flashing in the sun.
 So all the city sang his praises;
 waking streets and dancing crowd;
 here he is, the Son of David;
 our Messiah, Son of God.
- 3 In our fasting, and our feasting,
 called to follow in his way;
 called to walk his road to Easter,
 called to live his cross today.
 Hosanna to the Son of David,
 hosanna in the heavens above;
 blessed is he who comes to save us,
 blessed is he who brings his love.
 Let us join to sing his praises;
 open hearts and souls to God;
 he is with us, Son of David;
 God's Messiah, Christ the Lord. < >

Meditation:

"Palm to Palm"

Music for Meditation

Please stand for the New Creed

The New Creed:

One Let us stand as we are able and join together in a
 statement of our communal faith...

All We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and
others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

We Receive the Offering

Please stand for the Offering Hymn

Doxology: VU541 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One < >

Dedication of Our Gifts

Hymn: VU459 "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 here would I touch and handle things unseen,
 here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
 and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
 here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
 here would I lay aside each earthly load,
 here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
- 3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 this is the heavenly table for me spread;
 here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
 the fellowship of living wine and bread.
- 4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
 nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

- 5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love. < >

Sacrament of Communion and the Jesus Prayer:

(VU916, paraphrase):

**All Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed
by peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Congregational Meeting Re: Trustees

Closing Hymn: VU123

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
 the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
 the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
 close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
 the simplest and the best.

- 2 From Olivet they followed
 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm branch waving,
 and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
 rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
 should on his bidding wait.
- 3 'Hosanna in the highest!'
 That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer;
 earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
 with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
 eternally rejoice! < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place as children of the Holy.

All: We go with hope and compassion as we reflect on who and whose we are.

One: Let us go from this place as children of the Holy,
challenged to live and love faithfully.

All: We go in peace.

One: Let us go in peace.

All: Amen!

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

Regional Council Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world for the week of March 24th, 2024

***Pickering Village-Audley Pastoral Charge
Pickering Village United Church, Ajax***

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Mar 24th

Duty	Paul Andrews
Elevator	Lynn Bartholomew
Greeters	Kathy & Dave Thom
	Debbie & Martin Noakes
Scripture Reader	Nola Wilson
Communion Servers	John & Chris Tewsley
	George & Evelyn Turner
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Alex Brunton/Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Jim Boothby
Coffee Fellowship	Official Board
Coffee Fellowship (April)	Finance Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Northminster United Church Choir would love you to join them... They meet each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary for practice. No previous experience required, just the joy of music. If you have any questions, please speak with Dustin Bowers or call the church office, we can answer your questions...

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, we ask that you place money in a separate envelope clearly marked as "*Donation to Kawartha Food Share*" also include your name or envelope number. ***Please make cheques payable to: "Northminster United Church"***. This can be placed on the offering plate. **Next date: April 14th**. We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: treasurernuc@gmail.com

OUR NURSERY FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN is along the main corridor across from the kitchen.

WE WOULD LOVE IT IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING:

Greeters, elevator operators and Sunday Duty persons. If you are not already on our volunteer list, please consider helping out. If you could spare one Sunday every 4 or 5 weeks. Please contact the office.

“VIDEO SLIDESHOW OPERATORS” & “AUDIO TECH” required. We are looking for more people to sign up to help with Sunday video & sound. No previous experience required and you will be trained. To find out more information please call the office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ... please let the office know if you require offering envelopes. Email: info@northminsteruc.ca or Tel. # 705-748-4881

If you currently use an envelope with a number, we will continue using that number associated with your name. If you would like us to print your envelopes with your number, we will be more than happy to do so. Please contact the office directly.

NAME TAGS: If you need a name tag, please contact the office for one. I would be happy to make you one. Also stick on name tags are available located on the table at the back of the church and on table at west entrance into Sanctuary.

GRACE BUCK INCOME TAX SERVICE will be preparing Income Tax returns again this year at Northminster. Further information will follow. Scheduled dates are: March 26, April 9 & April 23, 2024
For further information please call 705-745-4303

MAUNDY THURSDAY/GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at Northminster United Church on Friday, March 29th at 10 a.m. St. James' United Church congregation will be joining us.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE & NEW MEMBERS will be held at Northminster United Church on March 31st at 10 a.m. Hot Cross buns will be served in the Upper Wright Hall following the service.

