



Liturgy of the Palms
Year C
April 10, 2022

“...the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,...”
Luke 19:37b



Welcome and Announcements

- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - We are pleased and grateful this morning to welcome Guest Musician, Doug Savage “Easter Hallelujah” (Cohen)
 - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † Hand-sanitizer is available for folk to use before and after handling common use resources.
- † Our building is open during the regular office hours of 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Except this Monday, the Office will be closed.
- † Would the person who has Envelope #1032 call the office next week as there is a need for clarification.

Looking Ahead

- 11 April**, 1:00pm - Book Study, Two Steps Forward. [Remote Meeting](#)
- 13 April**, 9:30am - Lenten Study, Lesser Evils. [Remote Meeting](#)
- 13 April**, 12:30pm - Healing Pathway
- 14 April**, 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday, Seder Supper

15 April, 10:30am - Good Friday, Tenebrae Service

17 April, 7:00am - Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service, Communion

17 April, 8:00am - Easter Sunday, Sunrise Breakfast

17 April, 10:30am - Easter Sunday

19 April, 6:00pm - Potluck Prayers

Community Wide

Ukrainian Relief Fundraising Lunch



Tuesday April 26th 11am - 1pm

**Soups, Sandwiches, Drinks, Desserts
Eat-in or Take-out**

**Cost is a suggested minimum donation of \$10.
ALL proceeds to the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis**

**Trinity United Church
44 Market St, Smiths Falls
613-283-4444**



Ukrainian Fundraiser - The Outreach and Social Justice Team is planning a Soup and Sandwich Lunch Fundraiser on Tuesday, April 26th from 11:00 am -1:00 pm in support of Ukraine and would welcome volunteers to help.

The plan is to get donations from restaurants and businesses. We will need people to visit the business and ask for a donation. This is not

something that a lot of people enjoy, but the cause is so great. We will also make a poster as an introduction to what we are planning and a list of things we will need so it will be easier.

On the day of the lunch, April 26th, we will need LOTS of help serving, taking donations, cleaning up, etc etc. More to come on that later.

If you know someone who would like to participate in this fundraiser for Ukraine but they are not on the Outreach team, please let them know to contact me by email or at 613-485-6876 by phone or text.

Thanks a lot everyone

Chris Dickson

Seniors' Luncheon - The Christian Community Team is in the early stages of planning a Reunion Luncheon on Wednesday, 15 June 2022. We hope to accommodate up to 50 Folk with a light meal, entertainment, Worship and Fellowship.

The intent is to create a time and setting in which Folk who may live apart from their Friends and Community due to a move to a Retirement Residence or are limited due to increased healthcare requirements.

We anticipate that we will require assistance in Setting up before, Cleaning after. We will also require Drivers, Servers and Chatters.

Cynthia Sirett is the Faithful Force behind this and she would most certainly appreciate your support.

We are having a **Mega Yard Sale on June 25th.**

Donations may be brought in now. Please drop off to the stage downstairs during office Hours.

If you need a pick up, call

Joanne at 613 283 7565 or

Linda at 613 283 2728

Please no clothing, large items or hardcover *Readers'* *Digest* books.

More info to follow!!

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations, please fill our wagon at the back of the Sanctuary, it will be delivered monthly.

[Ottawa School of Theology & Spirituality](#) offers numerous courses that may be of interest as you explore and deepen your faith.

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Palm Parade - “Hosanna!” (Lloyd Webber)

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Hosanna! Blessed is our King who comes in the name of the Lord!

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

Blessed is Jesus, our Saviour and our friend!

**Glory to the Creator and the Spirit,
ever three and ever one!**

Opening Prayer

Holy God,
Source, Saviour and Spirit of all life,
Holy Three and Holy One,

In you, we confront the mystery of mercy and the courage of compassion.

As we face the Cross on which Christ gave himself,
we confront your willingness to die for us so that we might find new life.

As the Spirit speaks to us through the story of your amazing love,
spilled out in the blood of Christ,
our hearts are moved to praise you.

Words cannot express our awe,
the grief and the gratitude stirring within us,
for all you have given us,
and for all you will give us through such unspeakable love.

We fall silent in wonder and praise.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Sixth Sunday in Lent/ Palm Sunday

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge illness and disease in the world.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray.

Loving God, there are choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves and our neighbors; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them.

May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.

Hymn 122 “All Glory, Laud, And Honour”

Refrain -

***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.

Refrain -

***All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

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

Refrain -

***All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

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

Refrain -

***All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

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

Refrain -

***All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

Time With Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

**Filled with wonder and praise,
we acknowledge that we sometimes fall short of your
purposes for us.**

**We confess it is easier for us to follow the crowd
than follow Christ;**

**We avoid conflict
rather than stand up for your mercy and
understanding.**

**We allow strident voices
to drown your wisdom and truth.**

Forgive us.

Fill us with the courage to take up our cross and follow Jesus,

**even when the cost to follow is high
and reputations are at stake,
for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

The Apostle Paul wrote: "This saying is sure and worthy of our full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners".

It doesn't matter how big or how small our sins,

God's forgiving love in Jesus Christ can cover them all.

Trust that, in Christ, we are forgiven.

Be at peace with God, with yourself and with each other.

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (VU 837 Parts 1, 3 and 4)
 Luke 19:28-40

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (VU 837 Parts 1, 3 and 4)

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let Israel say:

"God's love endures forever"

Let the House of Aaron say:

"God's love endures forever"

Let those who fear God say:

"God's love endures forever"

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

God is my strength and my song. God has become my salvation.

There are shouts of joy and deliverance in the tents of the righteous

The right hand of God does mighty things, the right hand of God raises up

The right hand of God does mighty things

I shall not die, but live, and I shall proclaim what God has done

God indeed punished me, but did not give me over to death.

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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

This is the gate of God, through it the righteous shall enter

I thank you for you have answered me, you have become my salvation

The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the cornerstone

This is God's doing, marvelous in our eyes

This is the day that God has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Save us, O GOD, we pray

God, we pray, give us success

Blessed is the one who come in the name of God

We bless you from the house of God

God, our God has given us light

with palm branches in hand let us march to the altar

You are my God , and I will thank you

You are my God, and I will extol you

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Meditation “Easter Hallelujah” (Cohen) Guest Musician, Doug Savage

Reflection

Hymn 458 “Christ, Let Us Come With You” Communion hymn

Christ, let us come with you
to the upper room where the feast is laid,
to the bread and wine where our peace is made:
Christ, let us come with you!

Teach us your serving love:
to become as friends, to become as one
that the world believe what your life has done:
teach us your serving love.

Jesus, forgive us all
that we use your name though we stand apart,
we refuse your prayer to be one at heart:
Jesus, forgive us all.

Christ of the open hands,
you have brought us close to be loved and fed,
you have touched our life, now you walk ahead:
Christ, let us come with you!

Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God who gives us everything we need be with you.

May God be with you, so you lack nothing.

Let us empty ourselves of the shadows within.

May God fill our empty hearts with the light of love.

Trust in God in these moments, for God is with us.

We come to the One who saves us with love.

Like wheat, you sifted chaos,

and creation was formed from the emptiness:

mornings which break bright and clear,

gentle breezes that herald spring,

soft rain which nourishes new life.

We were shaped in your image,

and you longed to serve us with your love,

but we sought rather to serve ourselves.

Time and again, you sent prophets,

women and men who sought

to heal our grief with words of hope,

to wipe the tears from our cheeks,

yet we refused to listen to them,

mocking their words and insulting them.

Then you chose to send your Child,

the One who would not let his faith fail him,

but would follow you all the way to death.

With those who desire to feast with you,
with those whose hearts are filled with nails,
we offer our thanksgiving to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God whose heart aches with grief.
All creation mingles its tears with yours this week.
Have grace on all who journey in the coming days.**

**Blessed is the One who stands by you through everything.
Have grace on all who seek to find peace in the coming days.**

Daring to imagine new life for your children,
Jesus became one of us, made in your image.
He could have turned away,
but chose to greet us with open arms;
he could have forgotten us,
leaving us alone in our foolishness,
but he remembered us in death, and in life;
he could have hardened his face
in judgment and punishment toward us,
but he chose to endure the Passion,
being mocked and beaten,
being insulted and spat upon,
being betrayed into death's hands.

The bullies of the world
forgot him after his death, but you
raised him to new life
and new hope for all.

Though we fear to follow, we will;
though we wonder how Jesus was obedient,
still we proclaim this mystery called faith:

**In every moment, Jesus knew you were with him;
in the moment of death, Jesus committed himself to you;
in the moment of resurrection, you committed yourself to him;
in the moments to come, you will commit yourself to us.**

It is here at this Table that we gather,
where our weariness transformed into service,
as you pour the gift of your Spirit on us.

The bread which is broken
becomes the strength which fills
us so we can be with those
whose sighs are not heard through angry words,
whose closest friends are grief,
whose lives are mocked by the powerful.

The cup which overflows with grace
becomes the nourishment we need
to join our voices with the voiceless,
to gather little children who are lonely,
to listen to the hearts of all the forgotten.

And when you bring us home
at the end of all time and history,
we will join our sisters and brothers
who have been remembered by you
in every place, every moment,
in serving you through all eternity,

God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

On this Sunday, we remember that Christ faced down his critics,
looked danger in the eye,
and gave up his life on the cross for us.

Now it's our turn to find the courage to give up something in
gratitude for all he gave.

Let us present our offering to God with grateful hearts.

Offering Options Offerings can be made several ways -

- E-transfers through the bank to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- by mail OR by delivery to church office by prearranged time
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

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Offering Prayer

Gracious God,

When we look at what you have done for us in Jesus Christ, our
offering seems small. Yet the story of Jesus tells us five loaves and two
fish can feed a multitude, and a man condemned to death on a cross
becomes Living Bread for a hungry world.

Accept the gifts we offer you today, and use them to ensure that
Jesus' story will be told for generations to come. Amen.

Hymn 124 “He Came Riding on a Donkey”

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, onto 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.

Then the children gathered, singing shouts of laughter, bursting cheer;
in the streets their song was ringing, “Hosannas” filled the morning
air. Timed 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.

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

Prayers of the People

You came to us in humility,
reaching out to all God’s little ones with mercy and compassion.

You ask us to do the same.

So today we pray for all those who find themselves in humble
circumstances:

For the homeless in our community and for refugees wherever they take shelter;

For the poor and all who find themselves without resources to cope these days;

For those who live in isolated communities in Canada and around the world,

lacking access to care, resources and technology others take for granted.

Strengthen them in your mercy,

and humble us, lest we forget how much we have to be grateful for.

Hear us as we pray for all those who have been humbled by life's unexpected turns

during the months of the pandemic:

We remember before you

those who face illness, pain or injury;

those who have known death or disaster, fear or failure;and

all who struggle with anxiety and uncertainty.

We pray for victims of crime

and those who suffer through the misjudgment or mistake of others.

And we pray for those who suffer because of the consequences of their own actions and choices.

Embrace them in your mercy,

and humble us, lest we imagine we can live lives untouched by trouble

Hear us as we pray for those who have not learned the lessons of humility yet:

for those who live carelessly or drive recklessly, endangering themselves and others;

for those who abuse the trust and power in their positions,
betraying those whose interests are in their hands;

And we pray for those who mislead others for gain
or indulge their fame with no thought for the example they set.

Humble them in your mercy,

And humble us if we are tempted to ignore the consequences of our own actions.

As we watch you walk to your Cross this week,

fill us with humble gratitude that you go before us into any challenge or crisis we may face.

Give us courage to stand with others facing injustice or prejudice,

and give us words to speak out for those at risk at home or abroad,

for you have given us words to pray for the coming of your kingdom,

your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

So we pray together -

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,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

[EOORC Prayer Cycle](#)

Arnprior - Grace-St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge

[The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle](#)

Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn “The Old Rugged Cross” vs. 1 and 2

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

Benediction

Now we will set aside our palm branches,
to go and serve at God's side.

Now we will pick up our cloaks
**and follow Jesus wherever he leads,
to learn from those the world ignores,
to be touched by the grace within them.**

Now we will sing songs of wonder,
**as we work alongside the Spirit,
sustaining the weary with peace and hope.**

Choral Amen

Postlude "Were You There?" (arr. Young)