

St James United Church

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SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

10:30 am

Palm/Maundy Sunday

Holy Communion

Welcome!

We are glad you have joined us in worship.

May you feel the warmth of God's presence.

Our Mission:

To live God's love through our actions: Seek, Serve, Challenge.

Reflection Questions: "How is your prayer life?"

"In what ways do you speak with God every day?"

WE GATHER AND APPROACH GOD

**Bold indicates words said by All*

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud and Honor (arr. Dan Forrest)

J.-C. Coolen, piano

CALL TO GATHER

Mark 11.1-11

Adrienne

PALM PARADE

Sunday School

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

There once was someone, who said... and he said,
"I am the Light of the World."

OPENING HYMN *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

VU 123

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

- 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!

OPENING PRAYER

David Sparks

Eternal God, your love is with us as we celebrate
the coming of Jesus into Jerusalem:

crowds cheering, palms waving, the disciples enthusiastic.

Your love stays with us as we slink away afraid,

**when the cheering is silenced, when the palms are trampled,
and when the sound of nailing is heard.**

Your love becomes a personal love, a love for our faith community,

**as bread is broken, wine is poured out,
and Jesus is graciously remembered.**

On this glorious, painful day, fill us with your love! Amen.

Written by David Sparks. Prayers to Share, Year B: Responsive Prayers for Each Sunday of the Church Year, 2006.

Use of prayers in congregations for worship is encouraged; no permission required for such a purpose.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Palms (Jean-Baptiste Faure)

Anna Wojcik, soprano

J.-C. Coolen, piano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14

Evelyn

GREEK SCRIPTURE

John 13.1-17, 31b-35

Sophie

HOMILY

Rev. Maya Douglas

RESPONDING TO GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ, Be Our Host

VU 465

(cantor vs 1, congregation + cantor vs 1-3)

v. 1-3

Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

1 Christ, be our Host, welcoming, greeting:

this is the banquet your love has prepared!
 Hear us, we pray, entrance entreating:
 this is the banquet your love has prepared!

*Refrain: Come to the table where mercies are spread!
 Come to the feast, all who hunger!*

2 Christ, be our Bread, broken and given:
 this is the banquet your love has prepared!
 Here you provide manna from heaven:
 this is the banquet your love has prepared! *Refrain*

3 Christ, be our Wine, gift of creation:
 this is the banquet your love has prepared!
 Made by your death Cup of Salvation:
 this is the banquet your love has prepared! *Refrain*

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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Friends, we are Jesus' disciples here and now

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Every one of us, without exception,
 is invited and welcome here – whether you worship here regularly, new,
 or you are just visiting, all are welcome at Christ's Table.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift up our hearts in prayer.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

We have journeyed so far, during this season of Lent.

...

Out of all of the chaos in our lives,
you promise to create order, to give us purpose; you save us as we shout,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!"

For the many ways you are glorified,
for the work of our sisters and brothers;
for blessing and guiding our various ministries,
for setting a table for all who hunger, and providing a cup that overflows...
We give you thanks by singing your praise:

**O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes
and bears your name always!**

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Soon, we will stand before the cross to hear the mournful cries.

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Remembering that this was the 'Last Supper' shared with the disciples,
and yet this by far will not be the last meal, we sing our praise
as we proclaim the great mystery of faith:

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

MV 204

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As we remember you, we are mindful of those
with whom you would have us share your feast.

...
We pray, joining our voices in the prayer of Jesus, your Son...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VU 921

**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,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Merciful One, we are aware...

...
Help us, forgive us, compel us to speak gently, yet with unabashed
love for you, O Creator, Redeemer, Spirit, One...
Knowing that you hear our prayers, we sing:

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!**

MV 205

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...
The gifts of God for all people.
This is an open table. All are welcome.

At this table all are fed and no-one turned away.
 At this table all share the cup and no one is denied.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Panis Angelicus* (César Franck)
 Anna Wojcik, soprano
 J.-C. Coolen, piano

*Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum.
 Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.
 O res mirabilis!
 manducat Dominum pauper, servus, et humilis.*

*The bread of angels becomes the bread of people,
 The heavenly bread gives an end to (earthly) forms.
 O marvellous thing!
 A poor person, a slave and the humble one all ingest the Lord.*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

St. Augustine's Servant Prayer

**Almighty God, whose son Jesus Christ has taught us that
 what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him,
 give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant for all,
 who gave his life and died for us, but is alive and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare* **VU 130**
 Tune: O WALY WALY VU 372
 Cantor: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist
 Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

1 An upper room did our Lord prepare

for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen Friend.

- 2 A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.
- 3 And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.
- 4 No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond the uttermost:
*in every room in our Maker's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING *Prayer of Dedication* (Don Besig/Nancy Price)

Cantor: Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Descant: Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

Piano: J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Go with us, Lord, as now we depart,
Calming the fears that trouble each heart.
Keep us all in your grace
Until we come, again, to this place.

Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,
Living in faith and teaching His word.
Share His love every day,

For He has surely shown us the way! Amen.

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POSTLUDE *Rhapsody on HAMBURG* (arr. Howard Helvey)
J.-C. Coolen, piano

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Giving leadership in today's service:

Adrienne, Evelyn, Laura, Sophie, Karen Forgrave and the Sunday School

J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister

Rev. Maya Douglas, Minister of Pastoral Care, Word & Sacrament

Nicholas Gryniewski, Baritone Choral Lead/Soloist Scholar

Karen Munday, Presider

Anna Wojcik, Soprano Choral Lead/Soloist

We are also thankful for those serving as tech support:

Gord Burrell, Jordan Li, Don Munday, Karen Munday.

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NEXT WEEK: Easter Sunday, April 4

Scripture Readings: Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; Acts 10.34-43; John 20.1-18; Mark 16.1-8;
1 Corinthians 15.1-11.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be receiving our Lenten and Easter Outreach Offering on Palm Sunday and throughout the month of April. Our offering gifts will be used to support United Church Camps. The following YouTube video, Heaven among Stars, Trees and Lakes, describes some of camping' gifts. Please give generously. Thank you.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J64MyxwkeE8>

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PLEASE NOTE: Our Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Good Friday, April 2, and Easter Monday, April 5.

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Easter plants can be purchased in memoriam throughout the month of March. These will be displayed in church Easter Sunday then distributed to those on the Pastoral Care List. To contribute please:

Put \$10 in an envelope with the name of the person you wish to remember, and your own name.

Mail it or put it through the front door slot of the church or leave it in the office



OR

E-transfer \$10 to stjames_uc@rogers.com.

Leave the name you are memorializing in the message, along with your name also.

**If you are available to deliver plants to those on our Pastoral Care List, on Easter Monday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m., please let our office know.*

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The new church Telephone Directory is now ready! Addresses, phone numbers and emails have been updated. They can be picked up at church (\$3) or mailed to you (\$5) to cover printing costs and postage. Please let Matty know if you need one mailed to you. Not to be used for any commercial purpose!

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Sunday School every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. If you have a child/grandchild from JK to Grade 9 who would like to participate please contact Karen at karen_forgrave@hotmail.com so that she can be sure that you are included in the mailing list, and she can send you the Zoom Link.

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Our Bible Study group meets Mondays via ZOOM at 1p.m. We will read through the four lectionary readings for the week and discuss each one as well as how they may impact our lives and the world. Newcomers are always welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87231297360?pwd=NzVubjZnbjZsUEdmRG84MzFPaTZlQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 3129 7360

Passcode: 983213

Dial by your location:

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The SJUC Junior & Youth Choir and Vocal Academy is going strong and continues to welcome any enthusiastic young people aged 5-17 looking for a musical outlet. Rehearsals and private lessons are held on alternating Thursday evenings.

Please contact choir director Wendy Simone at wcsimone@gmail.com for more information and to register. We'd love to have you!

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Senior Choir rehearsals are virtually over Zoom on alternate Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. To participate in the Senior Choir, and for Zoom rehearsal meeting information, please contact J.-C. Coolen, Music Minister, at (905) 683-5757 or jccoolen@sympatico.ca.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Shoreline is an inspiring story/documentary, highlighting the intersection of recreation and environmental stewardship, showing the impact just one person can make with enough determination. The virtual advanced screening will be on Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. This is a fundraising event with **100% of the funds raised going towards our 2021 [Love Your Lake](#) program**, which consists of 100 litter cleanups along the shores of Lake Ontario between Kingston and Niagara-on-the-Lake. To make this event inclusive and welcoming, tickets are with sliding scale pricing. The **suggested donation per family is \$10**. However, if price is a barrier you may choose to donate less. The minimum donation is \$1. There will be a live Q & A time following the screening.

If you would like to participate, please e-transfer your donation and number of tickets reserved to stjames_uc@rogers.com, or you may also drop your donation off to the church, marked "Shoreline tickets". Please include your email address as we will then share a link with you so that we can all watch together.

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FUTURE SERVICES:

April 2, 2021 is Good Friday. Service details to follow.

April 4, 2021 is Easter Sunday. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed!

April 11, 2021 the Rev. Tom Watson will be our guest minister.