

# Bayview United Church

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*As a diverse and inclusive Christian community, our mission is to empower individuals to connect with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and equip them to live their faith in just and compassionate ways that will help transform themselves, their neighbourhood and the world.*

## Palm Sunday Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 11:00 a.m.  
(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

**Prelude** "Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Cindy Berry  
**Welcome & Announcements** K. Shikaze  
**Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action #50, 51** I. Kagawa  
**Musical Interlude**

### Call to Worship

One: Let us dance and sing and shout for joy,  
**All: As Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey.**  
One: Let us raise our hands and wave our palm branches,  
**All: As we shout, "Hosanna! Hosanna!"**  
One: "Blessed is Jesus who comes in the name of the Lord."  
**All: Let the celebration begin.**

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**\*Processional Hymn (123)** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
(Let us wave our palm branches in celebration.)

**Gospel Reading** Mark 11:1-11  
(The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.)

**Opening Prayer (unison)**  
**God Who embraces all of us, You know how faithful or fickle we are. You know how quickly we can change our minds. Jesus heard cheers turn to jeers, and shouts of hosanna turn to cries of "crucify him." Yet, He remained true to Himself and to Your greater purpose. Grant us faith that is full and fearless and free to follow wherever You lead. Let us eat the bread of solidarity and drink the cup of courage. Amen.**

**Anthem** "Blessed Is He" Becki Slagle Mayo  
(Handbells, Youth Chorus, and Senior Choir)

## Celebration of Holy Communion

### The Invitation to the Table

**\*Hymn (130)** "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"  
(tune: 372)

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift our hearts in prayer.**  
One: Let us give thanks.  
**All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**  
One: Come, friends! A feast has been prepared for us!  
**All: We come with joy and eagerness.**  
  
One: Not everyone will feel the joy. Coming to this feast also means sharing in Christ's suffering.  
**All: We remember the story of the dry bones where in the valley was the shadow of death.**  
One: In a similar valley Jesus lived. It was a place where life was precarious because of injustice.

**All: It was a place that was so dry nothing could live in its midst.**

One: It was a place whose future would only be determined by an empire that only lived for itself and took the lives of those it considered troublemakers.

**All: Jesus came into this valley of dry bones and brought new life, hope and richness to the people.**

One: Jesus then prophesied to the people, saying, "I have come that you may have abundant life."

**All: But there were some who did not want the bones to live; they wanted to keep the parched places just as they were.**

One: Yet Jesus prophesied to the bones and said, "Yes, these bones can live!"

**All: So when those in power started to surround him, he shared a meal with his friends.**

One: Then those in power broke his bones by nailing him to a tree. They tried to bury those bones behind a stone.

**All: But the Divine would honour the prophecy that the bones would live again, and the bones did live. They were brought together and renewed, rejuvenated, and resurrected.**

One: The bones are alive. We no longer live in the midst of the dry bones. We live surrounded by the abundance of creation which is new life, life eternal. Amen.

### Words of Institution

#### Receiving the Bread and Wine

(You are invited to come forward and take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. If you are not able to come forward, someone will come to serve you where you are seated.)

Hymns (480) "Let Us Break Bread Together" and then  
(466) "Eat This Bread" Sung until all are served.

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup;  
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

#### Post-Communion Prayer (together)

**Companion God, You give us bread for the journey and do not leave us to walk alone. We walk with each other in the troubled and joyful parts of our lives. We celebrate the One who walks with us in the valleys and mountaintops of our human moments. For this triumph of spirit and new life, we give You thanks. Amen.**

(Young people leave for classes.)

### Responding to God

Offering

Allegretto

César Franck

\* Dedication 518 "As Those of Old..." verse 2

**A world in need now summons us  
to labour, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering  
to God, that all may live.**

**The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,  
all life in Christ made new.**

\*Prayer

### Music for Palm Sunday

Handbell Ensemble "I Come to the Cross" Somma/Batstone

Anthem

"Entry into Jerusalem"

Price/ Besig

**Anthem** Sanctus Gabriel Fauré  
Recorder: L. Fusé

**Anthem** "Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary" J.Moore; arr. Drennan

**From the Messiah by Handel**  
"He Shall Feed His Flock" P. Cookson  
"Come Unto Him" L. Lazar

**Commissioning & Benediction**

**Postlude** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"  
arr. Lloyd Larsen

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**Sunday, March 25, 2018**

**Head Usher:** D. Domelle

**Ushers:** P. Widgery, K. Shikaze

**Scripture Reader:** L. Clubine-Ito

**Welcome to worship at Bayview United Church.** If you are visiting or here for the first time, please sign the guest book located at the main entrance to the sanctuary. Everyone is invited for light refreshments following the service at a cost of \$2.50 per person; children are free. The money raised will go to support the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada. **Please remember we are a nut-free building.**

**Prayers and Concerns:** Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

**Our deepest sympathies to** H. loi and his family with the passing of Penny on March 17<sup>th</sup>. A family service will be held at the Highland Funeral Home this afternoon.

**Our deepest sympathies to** E. Burnes and her family at the passing of Al on February 28<sup>th</sup>. A Celebration of Life will be held at Mount Pleasant Funeral Centre on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

**This morning's flowers** are lovingly placed by H. loi, husband of 68 years, and family, in celebration of the life of Penny (Shitsuko) loi, dear wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

**If you care to donate flowers** for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact C. Ichiyen by Wednesday prior to a service.

**Please feel free** to contact Rev. Cooper anytime at 416-447-5941 (church office). Thank you.

**Audio CD of the Service:** We can make an audio copy of the service. If you would like a copy, please speak to B. Kai.

**Hearing Assistance Devices:** If you are having trouble hearing the service, we have hearing assistance devices. If you would like to try one, please speak to B. Kai.

**Welcomers:** Would those individuals who agreed to be welcomers please sign the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Please wear the special Welcomer nametag. Thank you.

**Lenten Calendars** are available today. You are invited to bring back a donation on Easter Sunday. This year our Lenten Project is to support **Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders**, established in 1971, who believe all people have a right to medical care. The programs we will support are MUAC Measure 50 bracelets for \$25.00, 4 mosquito nets for \$25.00, bicycle for \$26-100.00, and send a doctor to the field for a day \$100-250.00. Thank you for your support.

**Today, Sun. March 25<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service** with the celebration of **Holy Communion** and special music from the choir.

**Fri. March 30<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service** to remember the last day of Jesus' life. Followed by light refreshments. If you can do a reading, please speak to Rev. Cooper.

**Sun. April 1<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service.** We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through word and song. Please remember to bring your Lenten offering. Thank you.

**Sun. April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service**  
**1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary.

**Wed. April 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting** in the narthex.

**Sun. April 15<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service**  
**1:00 p.m. – Council meeting** in the narthex.

**Wed. April 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sun. April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service**  
**1:00 p.m. – Healing Prayer Service** in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend this reflective and meditative service. There will be an opportunity for individual prayers and laying on of hands for anyone who would like this.

**Thurs. April 26<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. Worship Service at Momiji.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sun. April 29<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service**

**Choir practice is at 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. If you like to sing, please join us!

**Sun. March 25, 3:00 p.m. - Chorus York, Richmond Hill: A Little Rock 'n' Pop.** A matinée program of Lennon & McCartney, Burt Bacharach, & others. Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre St., Reg. \$25, Sr. \$20, Stu. \$15, Family \$55. [www.chorusyork.ca/concerts](http://www.chorusyork.ca/concerts); 905-884-7922.

**BUC Prayer Group:** These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a friend or even yourself. Please contact B. Marshall or E. Turnbull with your prayer request. Thank you.

**Eva's Place:** All toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc., are accepted weekly to help the youth at Eva's Place. Please place these items in the **Eva's Place** bin.

**Food Bank:** On the first and third Sundays of each month, you are invited to bring non-perishable food for the Lansing Food Bank. They especially need items for infants, non-beef soup and canned black beans. Thank you for your support.

**Eyeglasses Project:** The Community and Global Team are supporting the Lions Club Sight Program. By recycling old or no longer used eyeglasses and sunglasses, we will be supporting teams of doctors running volunteer eye clinics in many countries. They do not use the cases. **Please leave the glasses in the box at the entrance to the narthex.**

**STAMPS:** We are collecting used postage stamps for The Leprosy Mission Canada, who sell them to dealers to raise money for medicine, care and rehabilitation for people

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suffering from leprosy. They prefer that the stamps be cut from the envelopes, **leaving about a ¼ inch paper border.** The stamps can be left in the **STAMP BOX on the table at the entrance to the narthex.**

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets downstairs every Tuesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m. For more information, call our main help line: 416-487-5591. If you have a problem with alcohol, we have the solution.

**Next Sunday, Apr. 1, 2018**

**Head Usher: T. Nakamichi**

**Ushers:** P. & T. Takasaki,  
G. Omoto, M. Cruise

**Scripture Reader:** H. Ichiyen