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Worship Service

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Minister: Rev. C. Cooper

Palm Sunday Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, March 28th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Assertiveness is speaking one's truth with peaceful confidence. It is discerning the song we were given to sing and using our talents as a gift to the world. We have the courage to speak up for what we believe is right. We tell the truth about what is just.

Assertiveness comes from knowing our own worth, and honouring the dignity of who we are. We stand on our own holy ground, and set boundaries without guilt. We never beg or make demands. We ask for what we need by making simple, positive requests. We treat ourselves with respect and expect respect at all times. (The Virtues Project)

Page 2 **Praising God**

Prelude "All Glory, Laud and Honour"
Melchior Teschner, arr. Cindy Berry



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

Jesus told His disciples to go ahead of Him and find a donkey for Him to ride as He entered Jerusalem. The disciples were worried about how the crowd would react to Jesus' arrival.

But they need not have worried, for the crowds excitedly welcomed and praised Jesus for coming. They shouted, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

We too join with the Hebrew people in dancing and singing and shouting for joy, as we welcome Jesus to our worship.

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of joyful arrivals, Jesus came riding on a donkey in the open air, not chauffeured in a limo with darkened windows. We are not used to this style of welcoming with our present-day leaders. Help us to recognize the Christ in humbler places and follow in his way, as we celebrate his arrival in our lives this day. Amen.

Hymn (123) "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" vs. 1,2,3

- 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!**

Prayer for Grace (unison)

If I had only been there, I could have greeted Jesus as he came into Jerusalem. I would have waved my palm branch and shouted, 'Hosanna!' I would have known Jesus as King, as Messiah, as Saviour! I would have followed him and protected him. I would have tried to save him from his enemies. I wouldn't have run away in fear, hidden or denied him. Or would I? God forgive my judgment of others. Give me the courage I seek and the ability to forgive and to love. Help me to be Your faithful disciple each day. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

The Good News is God accepts us where we are on our life journey and continually offers us new opportunities for growth and development each day. Thanks be to God!

Listening for God's Word

First Lesson

Mark 11:1-11

C. MacLean

(The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.)

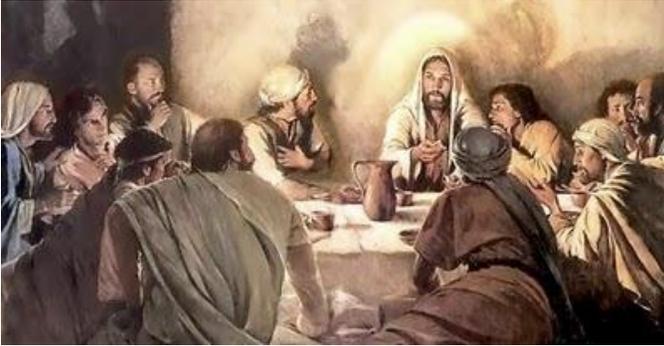


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Second Lesson Mark 14:12-26 C. MacLean
(Jesus celebrates the Passover with the disciples.)

Solo “All Glory, Laud and Honour”
Theodulph of Orleans/Melchior Teschner
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon “A Transformative Faith” Rev. Cooper



The Invitation to the Table by Rev. Cooper & C. MacLean

One: People of faith, welcome to this table of blessings!

All: We seek to be fed and nurtured.

One: People of faith, bring your doubts and fears and leave them at this table.

All: Christ meets us here and accepts each one of us just as we are.

One: People of faith, let us unite as one as we satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

***Hymn (130)** “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” vs. 1,2,4

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.

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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.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving led by C. MacLean and Rev. Cooper

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: All that we are and all that we have comes from You, O Source of Life;

All: From the gift of the morning to the blessing of the night.

One: Even when we turn away or doubt You,

All: Your love never waivers.

One: Today we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and His last supper with the disciples.

All: As we remember we marvel that His last acts were ones of love and service.

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One: Jesus, Gift from God, lived so that we might know what it means to walk with each other, and live in communion with God and all creation. So we pause to pray for our world and one another: for peace and reconciliation where there is conflict, for comfort and strength where there is sorrow, for hope and help where there is need, for the healing of the earth and our environment, for love and mercy for ourselves and the people You place in our hearts. May each one receive what they need to live as You intend.

All: Now we gather at Your table to remember Your courageous love and the power of Your Spirit. Challenge and change us. Feed us with the bread of blessing and the cup of commitment.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Wine

(You are invited to eat some bread or a cracker and drink a beverage.)

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.

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Hymn (481) "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" vs. 1,2
Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us,
God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children
of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and
the name that we bear.

Commissioning and Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness,
And give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Irish Blessing

Choral Amen "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude "Lift High the Cross" S.H.Nicholson
arr. Larry Shackley

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video
worship service today. We hope you found the
worship service a meaningful experience.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and
R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio
and video service. Thanks to C. MacLean reading
our scriptures and sharing in the communion liturgy.
Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles
Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Lenten Project: Since 2017, when violence
escalated in Myanmar's Rakhine State, more than
720,000 children and adults from the ethnic Rohingya

minority have sought refuge in Bangladesh, fearing
for their lives. Many are exhausted, sick and hungry.
Save the Children is providing vital food, shelter,
health, nutrition, hygiene and emotional care to the
children.

Our **Lenten Offering** this year will go to support the
Rohingya Crisis in Cox's Bazaar, through **Save the
Children**. You are invited to send a donation to BUC
anytime in Lent or at Easter. If you make a donation,
please specify "Lent, Save the Children". Thank you
for your support of this important cause.

Today, Sunday March 28th, Palm Sunday with the
celebration of Holy Communion. You are invited to
have a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage and
together we will share the Lord's Supper.

Friday, April 2nd, 11:00 a.m. - Good Friday Service.
We will remember the last day of Jesus' life.

Sunday, April 4th, Easter Sunday. We will celebrate
the resurrection of Jesus, with special music.

Sunday, April 11th, Second Sunday of Easter.
D. Kai and M. Bown will be leading our worship
service by sharing some of the music David has
written.

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

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer
confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need
of God's healing love, support and compassion in

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their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull or R. Shikaze with your prayer request. Thank you.

You can support Bayview United Church using **e-transfer** from your bank. Decide the amount you wish to donate, follow your bank's instructions & email to: office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. In the comments section, indicate where you would like your donation to go, for example Local, Mission and Service, Easter, Memorial, etc. Thank you for your support of BUC.

God bless you, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.



Happy Palm Sunday!