

# Bayview United Church

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## Palm Sunday Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

“We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We stand together until the end.”

– **Woodrow T. Wilson**

“When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you.” – **Winston S. Churchill**

“The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless...beyond speech...beyond concept.”

– **Thomas Merton**

“It is not in numbers but in unity that our great strength lies.” – **Thomas Paine**

## Page 2 Praising God

Prelude

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



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Today we remember the Hebrew people welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem.

The people laughed and sang and shouted for joy as they waved their palm branches in celebration of Jesus coming to Jerusalem riding on a donkey.

Let us join the crowds who welcomed Jesus as he sought peace not war, justice not anarchy.

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

Solo

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

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**Opening Prayer (unison)**

**Like the crowd who greeted Jesus, O God, we too stand in awe as we wave our palms and shout hosannas. We worship with jubilant hearts as we remember that soon our shouts of hosannas will change to chants of 'Crucify him! Crucify Him!' Compassionate God, prepare our hearts and minds as we accompany Jesus on this journey to the cross. 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

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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 and protected him. I wouldn't have run away in fear, hidden or denied him. Or would I? God give me the courage to follow and be a faithful disciple. 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**      Matthew 21:1-11      C. MacLean  
(The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.)





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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 as we share this meal together help us to remember Your courageous love and the power of Your Spirit at work in our lives. 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.**

**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.

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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 the Christ who walks on wounded feet,  
walk with you to the end of your road;  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands,  
Stretch out your hands to serve;  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart,  
Open your hearts to love;  
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,  
and may everyone you meet  
see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

A Celtic Prayer

**Choral Amen (424)** "May the God of Hope..." vs.1,2  
May the God of hope go with us every day,

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filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R

**Postlude** "Lift High the Cross" S.H. Nicholson  
arr. Cindy Berry

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**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 J. Brooker and B. Kai for  
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.  
Thanks to C. MacLean for reading our scriptures and  
Communion liturgy. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar,  
and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their  
music.

**Today, Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>,** Palm Sunday and  
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.

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**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. –** Good Friday worship  
service on Zoom. We will remember the last day of  
Jesus' life.

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>,** Easter Sunday. We will celebrate  
the resurrection of Jesus. This will be a hybrid  
service (in-person at BUC as well as on Zoom). We  
will also have special music from J. Liddle on trumpet.

**Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>,** Second Sunday of Easter.  
Worship service on Zoom.

**Lenten Offering Project:**

This year you are invited to support the **International  
Development and Relief Foundation (IDRF)** which  
is providing aid to the victims of the Turkey & Syrian  
earthquakes. **IDRF** has launched its first phase of its  
emergency response program by helping survivors  
with **blankets, heaters, tents and jackets.**  
Additionally, **IDRF** will provide **warm meals and  
emergency first aid** to families affected by this crisis.

**IDRF** is a non-profit Canadian registered charity  
based in North York, working with partners around the  
world and locally to facilitate relief and development  
programs.

Your **donations** given to **BUC** on **Easter Sunday** will  
go towards supporting this important aid program.  
**Thank you for your support!**

**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 their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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](mailto: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. If you do not use e-transfer you can always mail your cheque to the church. Thank you for your support of BUC.

**Bayview/Cummer Updates:**

The members of the Amalgamation Exploration Team are Rev. C. Cooper, C. MacLean, J. Cermak and M. Kitigawa representing Bayview United Church. Rev. C. McPherson, A. Carley, H. Ort, J. Dillane and I. Carriere are representing Cummer Church.

The team is meeting frequently and working diligently to identify our shared values and interests and discussing ways for the congregations to get to know one another. We are looking forward to our joint service on April 23<sup>rd</sup> (10:00 a.m. at 53 Cummer Avenue and on Zoom). We hope as many of you as possible will attend this first opportunity to worship together and enjoy a coffee after the service.

**A Note to Bayview United Church Members from Rev. C. MacPherson and K. Shea, Minister for Community Wellness:**

We wish to offer each of you our warmest welcome to attend and invite you to participate in any of the events or services you see listed in the Cummer Avenue United announcements. We recognize that you are in a busy time of transition and may be experiencing mixed emotions as you contemplate the changes ahead. We want to be respectful of the time and space you need, while at the same time we are eager to meet with you. Please know that we will be here whenever you are ready. If you want to contact us, you can reach us at:

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C. MacPherson: [clmacpherson@cummeravenueuc.ca](mailto:clmacpherson@cummeravenueuc.ca) (x 201)

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**Opportunities to Build Community at Cummer**

**Women Now:** *Tuesday, April 4, 9:30 am: in the Birch Room.* Women Now is a small group of women from the congregation and community. They get together for fellowship over coffee/tea and treats and occasionally they get involved in other projects.

**Men's Group:** *Tuesday, April 4, 11:30 am in the Birch Room.* You are welcome to join our group for lunch. The Men's Group at Cummer Avenue was formed to enable the men of the congregation and of the local community to get together for fellowship and support. This is an opportunity to share conversation, ideas and experiences on an informal basis. Please

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bring a sandwich with you. Coffee or tea will be provided. Questions? Call J. Rosevear.

**United Church Women (UCW):** *Tuesday, April 11, 12:00 noon in the Willow Room.* Join us as we install our new Executive and have a presentation from K. Shea. Please bring a brown bag lunch. All women in the church are invited to join us. For information, contact A. Dilbey.

### **Tour of 53 Cumber Avenue**

You are invited to tour the Cumber Avenue United Church. Please contact the Bayview church office or C. MacLean to arrange a date and time.



**Have a blessed day!**