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Palm Passion Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday



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**Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Sunday, March 24, 2024 10:30am
Palm Passion Sunday**

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Rev. Dr. Cameron Watts
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Fairlawn Avenue Senior Choir

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*Indicates when the congregation is to stand, as able.
Congregational responses are indicated in ***bold italics***.

Gathering Words

***Processional Hymn** All Glory, Laud and Honour VU #122 (verses 1, 2 and 3)

***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. *R***

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went,
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *R***

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

Prayer

***Love,
and source of all loving,
as we journey with Jesus
in this Holy Week
of remembrance and hope
help us to know in body,
heart, and soul
the height and depth,
the length and breadth
of the love shown to us in him,
through whom we pray. Amen.***

Introit

Hosanna to the Son of David

E. Daley

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessèd is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
(Matthew 21:9b)

A Confession for the World and Our Place in it

This happened.
 Jesus entered Jerusalem this way.
 But it isn't just a one time thing.
 Jesus still comes in the middle of our world
 and our distress and we still cry out

Hosanna, Save Us

When the ordered world and it's institutions fail us,
 when our trust in power, violence, and military might turns on us
 and becomes oppressive,
 when we are trapped in behaviors that pull us away
 from relationship with God and each other

Hosanna, Save Us

When the harms done to us through racism, sexism, or victimization
 become open wounds in our lives,
 destroying our trust and making us hate ourselves;
 when society itself becomes an enslaving trap
 from which we are afraid we cannot escape

Hosanna, Save Us

From leaders who lack courage
 or who have sold out for money and power,
 from everything that is life destroying,
 O God, and separates us from You

Hosanna, Save Us

No wonder they told Jesus to shut His people up.
 This is language that changes the world.
 And it changes the world because God hears our cry.
 God gives God's own Self in Jesus to do what we cannot...
 and then invites us to be part of that redeeming work in the world.
 But today, this Sunday, we point to the wounds, the sins,
 the oppressions we see in ourselves and in the world around us and we cry
 out

Hosanna, Save Us.

4.

Sharing Peace

Jesus said:
If any, intent on standing
in God's presence
remembers on their way
that things are not right between them and another,
first let them go
and make peace;
then, and only then,
may they offer themselves
to God.

***Let us strive
to live at peace;
let us forgive one another.***

The Peace of Christ be with you
And also with you.

Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David

T. L. da Vittoria (1540-1611)

arr. S. Drummond Wolff (1916-2004)

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessèd is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Amen.
(Matthew 21:9b)

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11

Reflection

Rev. Jean Ward

*Hymn

He Came Riding on a Donkey VU #124

**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, on to 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.**

**Timid 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, Son of God.**

**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.**

Liturgy of the Passion Mark 14:1-11 and Mark 15:40-47

Reflection

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Introduction of Offering

Offertory Anthem

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty
Amy Dodington – Djembe
Willis Bote – Tambourine

E. Daley

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road,
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see th'approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power and reign.
(Henry Hart Milman, 1791-1868)

6.

***Presentation of the Offering**

In gratitude and humble trust
We bring our best today,
To serve your cause and share your love
With all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
In Jesus Christ, your Son,
Teach us to give ourselves each day
Until life's work is done.

Prayer for Holy Week

***Closing Hymn**

My Song is Love Unknown

VU #143

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
but people scorned, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

***Blessing**

*The world now is too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May your eyes be so blessed you see God in everyone.
Your ears, so you hear the cry of the poor.
May your hands be so blessed
that everything you touch is a sacrament.*

***Your lips, so you speak nothing but the truth with love.
May your feet be so blessed you run
to those who need you.
And may your heart be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
your love, changes everything.***

***Choral Commissioning**

E. Daley

(The choir will sing through once, and then the congregation is invited to join in.)

**O Lord, throughout this time of Lent,
May we close by you stay,
We walk with you, as we await
The joy of Easter Day.
(E. D.)**

Postlude



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8.

Last Day for Book Sale Donations is Sunday, April 7

Our sorters have worked through the many donations we've received so far. Thank you so much for your generosity! However, we're unable to accept and process any more items after Sunday, April 7. Please look over your bookcases and get any last donations to us by then.

Help us promote the sale! Pick up a lawn sign during coffee hour to advertise Fairlawn's 61st Annual Book Sale, April 25-27. Please wait until April 1 to actually plant the sign on your lawn. Posters are also available for you to put up in your apartment building, condo, gym or workplace.

2024 Book Sale Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer for a three-hour shift, connect with other Fairlawners and community members, and help ensure the success of this year's book sale. Sign up during coffee hour today or next Sunday at the back of the church.

Questions? Visit our website at www.fairlawchurch.ca/booksale or email Tom or Kathy Salisbury at booksale@fairlawnavenueunited.ca.

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Saturday, April 13 2:00pm