



The heart in the heart of Huntsville



**PALM /
PASSION SUNDAY**

Wandering Heart:
"Songs of loudest praise"

JOHN 12:12-16
*Jesus rides into
Jerusalem while
people praise him.*

Imagine Jesus is coming to
your town. What items can
you find that you would
use to throw a parade?

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Welcome to Trinity

Palm Sunday

March 24th — 10 am

"Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands."

"Jesus invites us to join his movement of servants and to spread compassion, peace and love in our everyday interactions."

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE TO MAKE OUR WAY TO THE CROSS

Prelude: *Kung-A Lee*

Processional Introit: *"Sing it Hosanna"*

**Sing it Hosanna, Sing it Hosanna,
Sing Hosanna to our King.**

**Sing it Hosanna, sing it Hosanna, Sing Hosanna
Jesus is our King!**

(Repeat as palm parade makes its way around the sanctuary.)

(The Light Bearers and the choir will assemble in the back of the church and process into the sanctuary up the centre aisle. They will wave their palm branches and pass out branches to people sitting in the pews. The choir will go to their seats and the Light Bearers will return to sit with their families. All are welcome to join the parade!)

Greeting

One: Sing it Hosanna! Sing it Hosanna!

All: Sing Hosanna to our King!

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

Welcome to Trinity United Church as we celebrate God's presence together on this Palm Sunday, the official start to Holy Week.

We gather every week as followers of Jesus to grow our hearts and to aspire to be better humans in order to build a better world for ALL God's people. If you're visiting or shopping around for a new spiritual home, we are glad you're here with us. We are enriched by your presence. May this service be a blessing to you and may you be a blessing to others this coming week.

This Week's Announcements

Joys and Concerns/ Sads and Glads

God Moments?

(May we trust in the blessing of God's presence and power every day.)

Where was God revealed to you this past week?

Where did God show up for you?

Moment of Meditation

Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach

One: We gather today to celebrate Jesus the donkey-riding servant king.

All: We celebrate the reign of God embodied in Jesus' humility, healing and love.

One: Jesus challenges our worldly ideas of power and shows us the power of serving, the power of unity and power of community.

All: Jesus shows us how to love fiercely, how to resist injustice and how to heal the broken places in our world.

One: Jesus- God's love in action- is here!

All: May we join together as one and seek justice and goodness for all.

Opening Hymn: *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (VU 123)*

Opening Prayer

God of darkness and light, we know only too well how the cloaks and palms spread on the road today become a road of abuse and shame this coming week. We know how quickly those shouts of "hosanna" are replaced with "crucify him" by the end of this week. Forgive us when we too have shown a fickleness of faith in our own lives. Remind us once more that Jesus died showing us all a better more compassionate way to live. Thank you for the yearning in our hearts for a better world and for the confidence of knowing that change starts with us.

Amen.

Light Beamer Song: *"Jesus Loves Me" (VU 365)*

Time with our Light Beamers

Each week our young people hear the stories about Jesus' life and his stories of love and compassion for all God's people. A beam of Christ's light is in each of us, and we are called to share this light with others in our every day lives. They are not the future of our church, they are very much the here and now of our community! We will strive to nurture them to be their best selves and encourage them to follow in the caring and loving footsteps of Jesus.

With God's help may this be so.

On Children by Kahlil Gibran

“Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life’s longing for itself. They come through you but not from you. And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.”

Congregational Blessing

“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: “Hosanna to the King”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Reader: Sue Hicks

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: Teaching God, we want to learn your ways. We want to learn the ways of love. This is why we return to your text week after week, we are hungry to be more like you. Calm the noise in our minds and centre our spirits on you so we may learn what we may have missed in this story before. Meet us here. Speak your truth. Help us listen. Amen.

New Testament Scripture: John 12: 12-16

(Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the back of the donkey to a crowd of excited and happy people. However, Peter and the other disciples aren’t sure what to make of this donkey riding spectacle.)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to our hearts.

All: Amen

Minister’s Message: “Get on the donkey”

Choir Musical Reflection

Hymn: *“He Came Riding on a Donkey” (VU 124)*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LIFE-GIVING WORD

Offering Invitation

One: God has blessed us with abundance. During this Holy Week we pray that we may find ways to share this abundance and generosity with others.

Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

Offering Hymn: “God of Love”

**God of Love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.
Give us the courage to stand for truth,
help us care for others.
God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.**

Offering Prayer

**God of life, bless these gifts and bless our lives. We offer them both in the name of the One who comes riding on a donkey along a path strewn with palm branches. May these gifts lift up those who need help and help those who are still being crucified today in our church, in our community and in our world.
Amen.**

Hymn: *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (VU 400)*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

Closing Hymn: *"He Came Singing Love" (VU 359)*

Irish Benediction

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face.
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
Amen.

Sung Blessing: *"May the Christ who Walked on Wounded Feet"*

Postlude: *Kyung-A Lee*



Thought for the Day



Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, we celebrate the empty tomb and the resurrection. Our world is filled with reminders of resurrection, but when we find it within ourselves everything changes.



This Holy Week

Maudy Thursday Service at 7 pm

Good Friday Service at 10 am

The stone is rolled away!

A Joyous Easter Sunday Morning!

March 31st - 10 am

Hope you can make Trinity part of your Easter celebrations!

Easter Blessings,

Rev. Diane

Come and be part of our growing spiritual community!
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Outreach Team is asking you to help the local food banks. On the last Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army and the Table Soup Bank.



➤ **March is Cereal.**

Therapeutic Touch will be held on Monday March 25th at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone, members of Trinity or anyone from the community, is invited to come along for a free Therapeutic Touch session.



Line up ... Line up ... Line up ...

After church today, the UCW will be selling their fabulous frozen Irish stew, a selection of frozen soups and coleslaw. Please note there is a limited amount available.

Volunteers Needed for Coffee Hour!

Please see Barb Dalziel (306-960-7349) to discuss signing up for Coffee Hour. The Sundays are as follows:

April 2024

7th _
14th _
21st _
28th _



Prayer Pockets



If you would like a prayer included with the prayers of the people, Prayer Pockets are available and should be placed on the offering plate. Thank you!

Benevolent Fund Basket

Please remember the Benevolent Fund Basket in Trinity Hall at coffee hour after worship. Your donation for your coffee & goodies helps the Outreach Committee to help others in our community who are going through a difficult time in their lives. Thank you for your support.



Trinity's 2024

SILENT AUCTION

It's time to share your talents!

Your Silent Auction donations will be received NOW to March 31st. Call Gord Mitchell 705-571-4096, email gordmitchell46@gmail.com or use the clickable form on Trinity's home page to make your donation directly to Gord! Thank you!

**** Bidding starts Sunday, April 7th ****

Easter Memorial Flowers 2024

In Loving Memory:

Our loved ones

Husband, Father, Papa,
Great Grandpa

Rob Attfield

My wife, Sylvia Beattie

Maurice (Moe) McGill

Marguerite Little, Rose Wuksinic,
Roberta Moss

Of our beautiful friend,
Betty Woodhead

Sending prayers to our long-time friend,
Armando Lopez

Marion Carswell

Bill Charlton

Jan Edissi

Margaret Jane Soden-Henry

Private Albert Henry &

Edith Henry & son Garnet

Ted & Kay Henry & son John

Morris & Vivian Soden

Barbara Soden

Gail Byers, Doug Robinson

Remembered by:

Ambrose &
Marjorie Adam

Lynda & Family

Lynn & Nicole

Don & Family

Jane & Gord Booker

Jo-Anne

Susan & John
Brenciaglia

Joan McCaw

Diane Charlton

Ruth Fox

Lloyd A. Henry



Family Members

David Hockin

Dad & Nan Rorke

Ron Litchfield,
Isabel & Andy Kellock

Jim Benoit

Joyce McKenzie

Gordon, Kathleen &
Jean Ann Mitchell,
Frank, Jean & Bob Getty,
Col. Jim Gray

Gloria & Don Ouderkirk

Doug & Our Parents:
John & Wynne Edgar,
Helen & Bruce Petch

Her mom, Joyce Raaflaub

All Loved Ones

Mum, Dad & John

Marg (Bolton) Dodds

Hermann Waxl

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Sue & Doug Hicks

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Family

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