

## Special Services this Holy Week

### Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Embracing the call to serve and love.

Service at 7:00 pm.

### Good Friday Service, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Standing at the foot of the cross.

Service at 11:00 am.

### A joyous Easter Sunday morning, April 5<sup>th</sup>

The stone is rolled away!

We celebrate resurrection and new life!

Service at 10:00 am.

Hope you can make Trinity part of your Easter celebrations!  
(special appearance by the Easter Bunny too!)

Easter Blessings,  
Rev. Diane



The United Church of Canada acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast, are on the traditional territories of Indigenous people.



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**Welcome to Trinity**  
**The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**March 29, 2026 - 10 am**

*“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands”*

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*“We need a faith that expands our sense of possibility  
and learns to expect the unexpected.”*

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

**Prelude:** Kyung-A Lee

**Palm Parade Blessing** (*before the start of the parade*)

One: Wave your branches high! Let your joy be seen!

All: **Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in  
the name of the Lord!**

One: As we walk this path today, we remember Jesus entering  
Jerusalem.

All: **Not as a King of power but as a King of hearts.**

One: So, wave your palms and lift your voices!

All: **Let us walk in joy today and in love all week.  
Hosanna!**

**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 pew. 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 in God’s Palm Waving Love!**

*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?**

**Moment of Meditation**

**Call to Worship**

One: We come today with palms in our hands and praise on  
our lips.

All: **We come to join the parade and to feel the warmth of  
our faith community.**

One: From our busy lives we come to hear who this Jesus truly is.

**All: We come to celebrate this man who healed, accepted and loved everyone.**

One: When our expectations go unmet, when life doesn't unfold as we had hoped, we question. We falter. We turn away.

**All: Yet, Jesus comes. Into our disappointment, not as we expect but as we need. Hosanna in the highest!**

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

**Opening Prayer**

**All: 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 struggle because our expectations are not met. Remind us once more that Jesus died showing us all a better more compassionate way to live. Thank you for our yearning for a better world and for the confidence of knowing that change starts with us. In the name of our servant leader, we pray. Amen.**

**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.*

**Lenten Candle Extinguished**

One: Today, we extinguish our final Lenten candle as we begin Holy Week and our way to the cross. As we extinguish the light, let us reflect upon how our words and our actions may still hurt others today.

**Congregational Blessing**

Light Beamers: "May the peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you.**

**Choir Anthem:** "Don't Cry"

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIFE-GIVING WORD**

Our Scripture Reader today is Neil Thain.

**Prayer of Illumination**

Reader: Teaching God, 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 Reading:** 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:** "Expectations"

### **Brief Musical Reflection**

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LIFE-GIVING WORD**

### **Offering Invitation**

One: Let us give as Jesus lived with generosity, humility and love. With joy we wave our palms, now let us give with open hearts. Our morning tithes and offerings will now be received.

### **Offering Hymn:** "We are Pilgrims" (VU 595)

All: **We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road,  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you,  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let me be your servant too.

### **Offering Prayer**

All: **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.**

## **WE GATHER AT THIS TABLE**

### **Communion Hymn:** "Let Us Break Bread Together" (VU 480)

### **Invitation to the Table**

One: We come to this table of life as we stand on the threshold of Holy Week. We come in Remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper here on earth. May we strive to follow in the footsteps of our leader all the way to the foot of the cross. In Christ's life and death, we know hope is never lost and love is never conquered.

### **Greeting**

One: May God be with us.

All: **God is here among us.**

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: **We open them to God and to one another.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING AND THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

One: Holy God, in bread broken make whole our brokenness. In cup poured out, fill us with courage to be followers of Jesus. Come, the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready! The United Church of Canada and in turn Trinity United Church has an Open Table policy. All are welcome at Christ's table. Holy Communion is now served (*Servers please come forward to distribute the bread and the cup.*)

You are now invited to come to the front of the church and receive the body of Christ, the bread of life and the blood of Christ, the cup of blessing. Come, the gifts of God for the people of God. All is ready.

Thanks to our Servers of Communion: Sheila Petch (Head Server), Rob and Barb Dalziel, Rev. Diane and Judy Hall.

## Prayer following Holy Communion

All: **God, like a baker, you bring the leaven which causes our hopes to rise. We eat the bread of life for all who hunger and taste the cup of compassion for our broken world. Take our lives and touch them with your grace so we may nourish hope and joy among our families and in our communities. Pour your spirit upon us, like the wine was poured during the Last Supper, so we may be cups of love, peace and reconciliation in our world. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

All: **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:** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" (VU 127)

## Benediction

One: God of love, as we venture forth into Holy Week,  
May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with us.  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, stretch out  
our hands to serve.  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart, open our  
hearts to love.

## Postlude Choir: "All Praise to Thee"

*Following the Postlude, let us take a few moments to greet one another with signs of Christ's peace and blessing as we move into a brand-new week.*



Please join us in Trinity Hall following today's service where you are invited for a cup of tea or coffee and fellowship time.

Thank you to our Coffee Hour hosts today,  
Julie and John Brushey!



**Spiritual thought to go!**

*Our springtime world is filled with reminders of resurrection,  
but when we find it within ourselves everything changes.*

Come and be part of our growing spiritual community!

Trinity United Church- The Heart in the Heart of Huntsville!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

**The Outreach Team** thanks you for helping to collect food for the Corner Lighthouse Food Bank. **March is Macaroni and Cheese!**

**FundScript orders are due next week!!**



Order the amount you need for your month's groceries, gas and gifts and in doing so, Trinity benefits!

Thank you for your support of this fund raiser!

**Therapeutic Touch** – Monday March 30 at 1:30 pm in the Arnold Room. Everyone, members of Trinity or anyone from the community, is invited to attend for a free Therapeutic Touch session.



**Lenten Study Group (sitting at the Table of Love and Justice)**

Tuesday March 31 at 2:00 pm in the Arnold Room.



**God in the Dark - Movie Nights for Meaningful Conversation** (last one this session).

**Tuesday March 31** – Movie: **“The Impossible”** A couple and their three sons encounter terror, courage and compassion following the December 2004 tsunami that devastated Thailand.



**Cost:** \$5 admission (includes popcorn!). **Time:** 7:00 pm.

Following the movie, we will share relaxed, open discussions about themes like love, compassion, courage, hope and the moments that move us. No pressure, no expectations, just a welcoming space to reflect, connect, and explore life's bigger questions together. Come as you are, bring a friend or meet new ones here. Whether you're curious, reflective, spiritual, or just love good movies and meaningful conversation, you are warmly welcome.

**The Men of Trinity** – Wednesday April 1 at 9:00 am in the Arnold Room. Call Len Ross (705-349-2553) for details.

**The Knitting Circle** – Wednesday April 1 at from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Arnold Room. Questions, call Joan on 705-788-5838.



**Mug Up with the Minister!** – Join us this coming Thursday April 2 in the Arnold Room at 10 am and enjoy a cup of coffee with your church family. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new people and explore how our faith connects with our everyday lives. Bring your own mug and we will supply coffee!



Please remember the **Benevolent Fund Basket** in Trinity Hall at Coffee Hour after worship. Your donation for the coffee and goodies helps the Outreach Team to help others in our community who are going through a difficult time in their lives.

Thank you for your support!



## Easter Memorial Flowers 2026

### In Loving Memory:

Murray: Husband, Dad, Papa

Ruth Young (Lynda's sister)

"Forever in our hearts ..."

Members of the Booker and  
Tufford Families

Marguerite Little, Rose Wuksinic

Roberta Moss, Doris Monahan

"We think and speak of you often ..."

Nan Rorke, Richard & Patricia Rorke  
(Diane's parents)

Rob Attfield

Roy Montgomery and  
Maureen Newton

Ron and John Litchfield

"Missed every day ..."

Mum & Dad

L. D. Tusz, M.D. (Bette's husband)

Hermann Waxl &

Raymond Wagg

### Remembered by:

Lynda & Family

Lynda and Shane Baker

Jane & Gord Booker

Jo-Anne Briggs

Diane, Marc, Joshua  
& Rebecca

Lynn McGregor &  
Nicole Attfield

Lynn Montgomery

Diane Litchfield

Suzy, Ray, Megan

Molly & Nathan

Bette Tusz

Nancy Waxl, Alison,

Andrew, Graham & Janice

