



Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Progressive in Approach:
Christ-like in Action!

Online Worship: April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

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Welcome

Prelude: Ride on King Jesus
Music: Traditional

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 - reader Andrew Slonetsky

As they approached Jerusalem, entering Beth-Phage at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent off two disciples with the instructions, "Go into the village straight ahead of you, and immediately you will find a tethered donkey with her colt standing beside her. Untie them and lead them back to me. If anyone questions you, say, 'The Rabbi needs them.' Then they will let them go at once."

This came about to fulfill what was said through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Your Sovereign comes to you without display, riding on a donkey, on a colt—the foal of a beast of burden.'"

So the disciples went off and did what Jesus had ordered. They brought the donkey and her colt, and after they laid their cloaks on the animals, Jesus mounted and rode toward the city. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while some began to cut branches from the trees and lay them along the path. The crowds—those who went in front of Jesus and those who followed—were all shouting, "Hosanna to the Heir to the House of David! Blessed is the ONE who comes in the name of the MOST HOLY! Hosanna in the highest!"

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred to its depths, demanding, "Who is this?" And the crowd kept answering, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee!"

Procession: ***All Glory Laud and Honour***

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, 760-821; trans. John Mason Neal
Music: Melchior Tescher, 1584-1685

Invocation

Prayer of the Day

Reading: Luke:19:38-40 - reader: Jane Winstanley

Coming within sight of Jerusalem, Jesus wept over it and said, "If only you had known the path to peace today! But now it has been hidden from your eyes. Days will come upon you when your enemies will encircle you with rampart, hem you in and press you hard from every side. They will wipe you out, you and your children within your walls, and will not leave one stone on top of another within you because you failed to recognize the time of your visit from God."

Music:

Hosanna Come and Deliver

Text & Music: Ray Makeever

Refrain:

Hosanna! Come and deliver, come and deliver your people from death.
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Blessed is the ONE, the ONE who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna!
Blessed is the ONE, the ONE who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna!

refrain

Who is this that comes? Is this the ONE whose might will finally set us free—
Hosanna!
Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the prophet from the land of Galilee.
Hosanna!

refrain

“Those who walked before him and the ones who followed after cried aloud:
Hosanna!
Jesus Son of David come deliver!” was the hope of this great crowd.
Hosanna!

refrain

Daughters of Zion, your king is coming on a humble beast—
Hosanna!
Servant of humanity, greatness clothed in raiment of the least.
Hosanna!

refrain

Gospel:

John: 12:12-16

...the great crowd that had come for the Passover feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, so they got palm branches and went out to meet him. They shouted joyfully, “Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God—the ruler of Israel!”

Jesus rode in sitting upon a donkey, in accord with scripture: “Fear not, O people of Zion! Your ruler comes to you sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

At the time, the disciples didn’t understand all this, but after Jesus was glorified they recalled that the people had done to him precisely what had been written about him.

Reflection:

Stay Home! Stay Safe! Protect Your Neighbours!



Music:

We are LOVE

Text: adapted from Gretta Vosper

Tune: Let Us Break Bread, traditional African spiritual

Traditional Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together

When we stay home together, we are LOVE.
When we stay home together, we are LOVE.
When we all love our neighbours, ev'ry woman and every man,
When we stay home together, we are LOVE.

When we all strive for wisdom, we are LOVE.
When we all strive for wisdom, we are LOVE.
When we share the truths we know, all humanity then might grow
When we all strive together, we are LOVE.

When we all walk for freedom, we are LOVE.
When we all walk for freedom, we are LOVE.
When we open wide our eyes, bear the truth that around us lies,
When we all walk together, we are LOVE.

When we love one another, we are LOVE.
When we love one another, we are LOVE.
When love wears our barriers through, you see me and I see you, too.
When we all love together, we are LOVE.

When we dream of tomorrow, we are LOVE.
When we dream of tomorrow, we are LOVE.
'Til we wake and all is true, we have much more that we must do.
When we all dream together, we are LOVE.

Prayers of the People: Jane Winstanley, Andrew Slonetsky

Interpretation of the Prayer Jesus taught...

**LOVER of us all, most holy one,
help us to respond to you
to create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs;
forgive our weak and deliberate offences,
just as we forgive others
when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil
and to do what is good;
for we are yours,
endowed with your power
to make the world whole.
All praise and honor is yours forever. Amen.** (adapted from Greenham Common)

Blessing

Postlude: ***Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right***
Music: John L. Bell

Please stay tuned to the end of the video for a special appeal from Council Member Eric Schultz!

OFFERINGS:

There are several ways to ensure that we are able to continue meeting our commitments.

You can mail in your offerings:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
Newmarket, On. L3Y 2W9

You can sign up to our Preauthorized Remittance Program PAR
contact our Treasurer Sharon Smyth who will guide you

You can go to Holy Cross' **CanadaHelps** page to donate just follow the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131691727RR0001-holy-cross-lutheran-church/>

CARE TEAM:

We are doing our best to connect with our HC Family. We are grateful that at the moment we have more volunteers than we need. This will serve us well in the coming weeks. Soon, we will be creating a phone chain to ensure that we all stay connected. If you need help, or simply a conversation, **PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE** to leave a voicemail on the church phone: 905-898-1682 – we are checking these messages 3 times a day. So, someone will get back to you ASAP.

You can also call Pastor Dawn directly on her cellphone 905-868-0897.

Please help us out: we hope to begin live broadcasts on YouTube after Easter. In order to do so, we need 100 subscribers. Pastor Dawn's channel currently has 84 subscribers.

Please go to her channel and click on "Subscribe"

Just follow this link:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pastor+dawn+hutchings

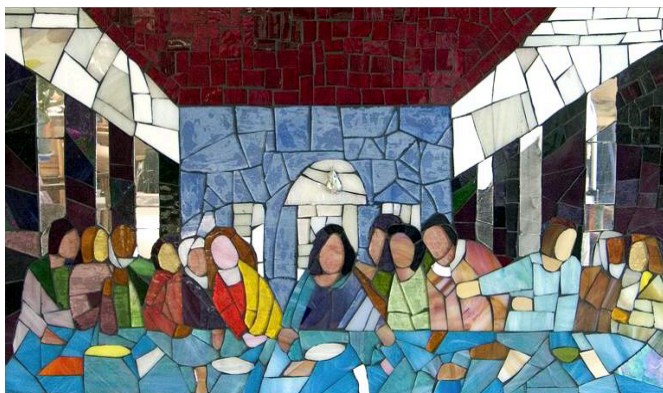
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Maundy Thursday Worship



Christians gather on **Maundy Thursday** to share in the holy supper. Though we lament our inability to communion with one another, we can remember the WORD spoken by Jesus that we LOVE one another.

The emphasis of this service is not so much the anniversary of the institution of Holy Communion, but rather the new commandment to LOVE; Maundy is an English form of the Latin word for commandment, mandatum. The overarching theme of the day is Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," a LOVE sharply focused by the contrast of the betrayal which followed. Jesus' love is demonstrated in the story of his humble act of washing the feet of his followers.



Video will be posted at
6:30pm Thursday April 9

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Imperfect World Feeling Honoured to Exist

William Cleary

How can we make sense
of a world of so much imperfection,
Holy Mystery, Evolutionary God?
Is there "a balm in Gilead" to heal our mystification,
an oasis of meaning
amid the desert sands of absurdity and heartache?
A shaft of light, of enlightenment,
emerges from the evidence of a cosmos-wide
evolutionary process
wherein trial and error,
randomness and improvisation, are the very way
of divine creativity.
Open our hearts to hear this news if there is guidance for us here.
Your creation, God of Light,
is not so much a battleground
as some myths would have it,
or a testing place of good against evil,
or of nation against nation,
It is fundamentally a colossal flower opening up,
a single family tree blossoming and growing,
a cosmic symphony unfolding into meaning and elegance,
where variation and dissonance are necessary
to our evolving process.
This is your beloved world, Enlivening Spirit,
and it is an honour to be an imperfect part of it.
Amen.

Good Friday



Video will be posted at
10:00am Friday April 10
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Stations of the Cross: A Way of Sorrows

On this Good Friday, we are surrounded by sorrows. However, like every Good Friday, even in the midst of sorrow we meet compassion. It is in this compassion that we experience the LOVE who is God embodied in compassionate flesh. It is in this flesh that our hope lies. Following Jesus, we walk the Way of Sorrows trusting that nothing can separate us from the LOVE that IS God.



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Easter Sunday



CHRIST Is Risen!
CHRIST Is Risen Indeed!

VIRTUAL EASTER BREAKFAST

**Zoom in to join us. Bring along your favourite beverage,
and Zoom into our Easter Video gathering.**

The best thing about our traditional Easter Breakfast is the conversation. So, let's not let physical distancing rob us of our celebration. Just grab you phone, tablet or computer, **click on the link at 9:30am on Easter morning** and you will be taken to our gathering.

<https://zoom.us/j/517600732?pwd=L2NpbDgvbGpZQTQ0WXloYVRQbmFvUT09>

Worship Video will be posted

at 10:45am

Sunday April 12

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CHRIST Is Risen In Us!
Alleluia!!!

Our Global Justice Team at Holy Cross Lutheran Church has been working closely with the York Region Outreach Van for many years. At the moment our volunteers have been asked to stay home and the limited staff working from the outreach Van is working 'flat out' in their attempt to serve the expanding number of clients. Requests for food, particularly, account for the greater number of clients being seen by Van staff.

We all know that there are folks in distress during this period of diminishing resources and fear over the pandemic. Contributing food items to the Van may be a way you would feel you could help with.

Items most needed are:

Peanut Butter

Tuna

Baked Beans

Canned Pasta Sauce (no glass)

Canned Soup



If you go shopping for yourself, or send someone shopping on your behalf, please consider buying some extra for the Van. Since there are no volunteers to go shopping for the Van, we appreciate food donations over monetary gifts.

Your donations will be picked up from your porch or we can arrange a drop off for you if you email holycrosslutheran@rogers.com



**To arrange pick-up or drop-off
of your donation: Email**

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