



Sydenham Street United Church



Reverend Catherine Elsdon
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
11:00 am

The lands on which we are meeting today are the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island. We deeply respect the many generations of people who have cared for this land, and whose spiritualities, teachings and ways of knowing are closely tied to it. We seek to build right relations with these Peoples, to learn from them, and to live together on this land with respect and gratitude.

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Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Introit Blessed Is He That Cometh In the Name of the Lord

– F.R.C. Clarke

Call to Worship_

On this Palm Sunday, we remember the prophecy:

**Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey.**

We join the crowds who greeted Jesus:

**Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of God!**

And we respond with praise:

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Let us worship God, waving palm branches and singing together.

Hymn Voices United 123 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture

Matthew 12:38-41

Matthew 21:1-11

One: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Time & Blessing of the Palms

Palm Parade Voices United 646 “We Marching in the Light of God”

Announcements

Invitation to the Offering

Dedicating our Gifts

by Elise Feltrin

Bless, O God, these gifts we offer,
shared with open palms rather than clenched fists
and given out of gratitude rather than out of obligation.
May they offer life and abundance to any in need
and inspire further generosity through the giving and receiving.
We are grateful for this opportunity to give
and do so in Christ's name. Amen.

Centering Music More Voices 16 "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Prayers of the People

by Annabel Shilson-Thomas (adapted)

Prayer of Jesus *A Paraphrase by Jim Cotter*

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

Sermon Series

"Unfinished: Out of the Depths"

Jesus & Jonah

Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David

– *Michael Praetorius*

Lent Candle Liturgy

Prayer:

God of creation and compassion,
As we enter into this Holy Week,
save us, hold us, and forgive us.
Through your Holy Spirit,
guide us in the days ahead
to remember our place
in your great and on-going story
of resurrection, redemption, and restoration
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance More Voices 62 “There Is Room for All” x2

Blessing

Postlude Were You There

Doug Andrews



Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

In need of prayer or support? Contact our Circles of Companionship or Rev. Catherine at 613-546-9616 ext 203 or minister@sydenhamstreet.ca

Thank You for Talents Shared Today:

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