This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of Minnie Tremblett, March 25, 1921 - October 29, 2008 From Janice, Jennifer and Claire

# St. James United Church

March 24, 2013 11:00 am

### Palm/Passion Sunday

Rev. Bill Bartlett Minister:

Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard Organist/Choir Director: Dr. Philip Roberts

**Assistant Organist:** Gillian Burry Choir: Senior

Gillian Sheppard **Project Grace:** 

## **Organ Prelude**

#### Welcome

#### Introit

## Call To Worship (responsive)

- (L) Jesus is about to approach Jerusalem.
- (P) Our journey of Lent is nearly over.
- (L) A colt will be waiting for him.
- (P) He is about to enter the city.
- (L) The crowds will gather around him, crying out......
- (P) "Hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!
- (L) Waving their palms in the air.....
- (P) The crowds will celebrate the arrival of the one they await. Are we ready for what will happen next?

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## **Prayer for Palm Sunday**

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#### Meditation

### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn:** Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 127

### **Commissioning:**

Grace to you, and comfort and peace and hope and gratitude from God our Maker, who formed us in the womb; for Jesus our Brother, who walks with us on our life's journey; and in the everlasting embrace of the Holy Spirit, who is with us in life, in death, and in life beyond death.

#### Choral Benediction

## **Organ Postlude**

## The following services will be held during Holy Week at 7.30 pm:

March 25 Topsail UC 1<sup>st</sup> United Mount Pearl March 26

Cochrane UC March 27

March 28 Pouch Cove UC (Communion)

Good Friday Wesley UC (noon until 3pm)

St. James Neighbourhood Prayer Walk at 10am

St. James Service at 7pm

Easter Sunday St. James Communion at 8.30 am

St. James Easter Breakfast at 9.30 am

St. James Easter Celebration at 11 am

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**Prayer of Approach** (unison)

Ground of all being, our purpose is found in the relationship that exists between you and ourselves. However, we sometimes struggle to seek your way. In the struggle, give us glimpses of your Kingdom, for you know the way in which we are called. Inspire us to join the palm parade of life, walking once again beside you and all your disciples on this day of feasting and song. Amen

**Project Grace** 

**Hymn:** All Glory, Laud and Honour 122

Time with the children

**Hymn:** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus 357

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

We are all participants in the parade of palms today.

We are caught up in the excitement of the moment! It is wonderful to hear and see the children in Project Grace and the smiling faces of children who gather for story time. What gifts will we bring to the parade and offer to Jesus, so that ministry might continue with the children and youth entrusted to our care? Let us joyfully present our offering today!

Offering: Project Grace

**Offertory Hymn:** Dance in the Spirit 156 MV

Dance with the Spirit early in the morning, walk with the Spirit throughout the long day. Work and hope for the new life a-born-in, listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Offertory Prayer: (responsive)

- (L) "As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road....the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice....." Luke 19:37
- (P) As we journey toward our Jerusalem, we remember that we also can "spread our cloaks" by giving our time, talents and treasure so that we may praise God joyfully—not with our voices alone, but also with our actions.
- (All) We shout "Hosanna" as we spread our cloaks of doubt and fear and pain. We shout "Glory be to God!" as we offer our gifts of self and possessions. Thank you God, for your gift of grace in life, death, and resurrection to eternal life. Amen

Life and Work at St James

**Prayer of Confession:** (responsive) back page of bulletin

**Words of Assurance:** 

Jesus came that barriers might be broken down, and all flesh see the glory of God. Hosanna! Unite us with all those who seek your way, O God.

### The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118 837

1-4, 19-29 (Parts One, Three & Four):

The Stone that the builder rejected.

Solo

**Gospel**: Luke 19: 28-40

Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds.