

St. James United Church

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday/Communion

Minister:	Rev. Terrie Burry
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Choir:	Youth & A.O.T.S.
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James



Introit: *Sing, Hosanna!* Youth & A.O.T.S.

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Let all creation shout!

All: Let us wave the palm branches high. Jesus is coming!

One: He comes in humility to claim God's own.

All: May He claim us this day and heal our hearts!

One: Hosanna to the Son of David.

All: Hosanna to the blessed Son of God.

Opening Prayer: (together)

Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus who comes in God's name! We stand at the gates of our Jerusalem and wave our branches high. We get caught up in the excitement of the parade. Jesus sits astride a donkey, a beast of burden bearing a most precious gift. Let the joy fill your hearts this day as we shout our Hosannas. Praise God for the wondrous ways in which our lives have been touched. Prepare our hearts to worship and celebrate this day!

Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 123

Celebrating Relationships: Circle Song, Passing the Peace, Children's Time

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

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Offering Invitation

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121, v5
*Christ You lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our step may be,
One with You in joy and sorrow, we the river, You the sea,
We the river, You the sea.*

Offertory Prayer: (together)

The crowds offered Jesus their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honouring Your presence. Today we honour You, God, with our faithful offerings. We lay these gifts before You, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of Kings. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 118 (parts 1, 3, and 4)

Anthem : *Song of Zechariah* Youth

Gospel: Mark 11: 1-11

Hymn: *He Came Riding on a Donkey (v.1&2)* 124

Meditation

Hymn: *He Came Riding on a Donkey (v.3)* 124

Holy Baptism/Confirmation

Introduction

Presentation of Candidates:

Adam Andrews, Kaitlyn Brown, Emma Clarke, Kennedy Collins,
Liam Evans, Louis House, Richard Jackson, Chelsea Masterson,
Laura Mayo, Benjamin Oates, Andrew Osmond

Transfer: Venessa Nichols, Geraldine Matthews, Arthura Squires

Profession of Faith and Promises

Congregational Commitment:

One: Let us pledge to these persons our continued support and care:

All: We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed 918

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of Water
Laying of Hands
Presentation of Bibles and Certificates*

Prayers for the Candidates: (together)

Gracious God, giver of life, You have called us by name, and pledged to each of us Your faithful love. We pray today for Your blessing on them, watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in You. Strengthen us to do Your will, and to serve You with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessing:

This day you have confirmed yourselves as Christ's followers; may you experience the fresh winds and energizing fire of the Spirit, and dedicate your gifts to serve God in the world all your days. Amen.

Communion

Hymn: *Bread of Life* MV194

The Invitation

The Story:

One: We are reminded again of the tradition that surrounds this story. Long ago, on the night of His arrest, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it;

All: "This bread is broken, as my body will be."

One: And He handed it to His friends, inviting them to eat:

All: "Remember all that I have been to you."

One: Long ago, on that same night, Jesus poured a cup of wine, offered thanks for it, and gave it to His friends:

All: "This wine is poured out, as My life will be. Remember Me and give thanks for all I have given."

Thanksgiving:

One: Creating God, Source of Life, we offer our thanks. For all gifts, simple and profound, we give thanks.

All: We give thanks.

One: We, who hold all such good things in trust, join in the praise of all people:

All: Holy! Holy! Holy! Heaven and earth are holy and good.

One: Holy is peace.

All: Holy is truth. Holy is love.

One: In this season of transition, as the snow melts, the sun returns, and our hearts sing to the warmth as the days lengthen,

All: Once again we are reminded that new possibilities can rise from our failures or disappointments or what has come to an end.

One: We give thanks for all the influences in our lives.....that sustain us when we are in need.

All: God loves in us; God cares through us; God laughs in us; God cries in us, nowhere else.

One: Especially we give thanks for Jesus of Nazareth.....to call forth love, care and respect for one another.

All: And we believe the same Spirit of God that came to visibility in Jesus yearns for visible expression in us.

Bread and Wine

Communion

Prayer after Communion (together)

May the bread and the wine and the sharing and the remembering be a blessing on us all. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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Blessing and Sending Forth



Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Jean Thompson

Greeters & Ushers: Mary Daya, Sandra Thistle
Linda Babstock, Audrey & Ruby Hill



Communion Servers: Madeline and Ben King
Jennifer, Allison and Kate Bartlett
Daniel and David Penney
Nicholas Adams

Holy Week Services

Good Friday's Service is from noon to 3pm

Monday, March 30	7:30 pm	Wesley UC
Tuesday, March 31	7:30 pm	First UC, Mount Pearl
Wednesday, April 1	7:30 pm	Pouch Cove UC
Maundy Thurs, April 2	7:30 pm	Cochrane Street UC
Good Friday, April 3	noon	Gower Street UC

Offerings for these services will go to the East District Chaplaincy Fund

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