

# St. James United Church

March 20, 2016/Palm Sunday

Minister: Rev. Terrie Jackson  
Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald  
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM  
Choir: Senior  
Music Directors: Amy Dalziel  
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**Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.**  
**Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.**

## Musical Prelude

## Welcome & Life and Work of St. James



## Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: You are invited to share in signs of peace with your neighbours.

## Call To Worship (responsive)

One: Gates, open wide! Greet the Anointed who comes in the name of our God.  
Welcome the humblest of saviours and the meekest of kings.

All: Let voices be raised -- hosannas of praise. Gates open wide!

One: Church, open wide! Trust in the Spirit that dares to imagine God's reign.

Welcome outsiders once banished, now cherished, set free.

All: Remove every fence. No need for defence. Church open wide!

One: Hearts, open wide! There is a master whose service is freedom and peace.

Join in His journey, through death's shadow, to light.

All: Sing out in this joy. No grief can destroy. Hearts open wide!

## Opening Prayer: (together)

Great Spirit, Lover of life, Creator of beauty and wonder, we come with our praise and our hopes, waving our palms and celebrating the joy of spring. We know what lies ahead: we know that we will forget to love our enemies; we know that we will overlook Your commandments. We will lose heart with ourselves and others as the way gets harder. Great Love of Life, Holy Teacher, help us to open ourselves to Your presence, so we can remember You when the day of rejoicing is done. May the challenges of sharing in the way of the cross lead us even closer to Your heart. Amen.

Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* 123

## The Circle Song & Children's Time

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

## Minute for Mission and Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory Anthem:** *He Came Riding on a Donkey* Choir (124)

**Offertory Hymn:** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery* 121a v.1  
*Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live Your word, give us faith to live Your word.*

**Offertory Prayer** (together) Receive our gifts as You have received our hosannas and praise. Bless both what is given and those who give it. Bless most deeply of all those whose lives will be touched by what we offer here. Amen.

## Scripture Readings

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 118, parts 1, 3, 4 837  
Refrain: *Hosanna! Hosanna!*

**Anthem:** *Ave Verum Corpus* Choir

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

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

## Sermon and Time of Prayer

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

## Blessing & Sending Forth: (responsive)

One: Hosanna! We praise You, O Christ.

All: Hosanna! We lift our voices with joy.

One: Hosanna! We have welcomed You among us.

All: Now we continue the journey beside You.

One: As the shouting dies and the way grows hard and the outstretched arms of the cross beckon You forward,

All: We continue by Your side. Amen.

## Musical Postlude

**Please join us** for one of the following educational and sharing circle-sessions to prepare for a decision on same sex marriages at St. James:

Sunday, April 3 following the 11am Worship Service

Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm

The same information will be presented at all four sessions. The congregational meeting concerning the decision will be on Sunday, April 10. Please mark your preferred dates in your calendar and join us in learning and sharing

**Funerals:** Due to recent demand, St. James has developed a Funeral Reception package that families may choose. We are asking for members to volunteer to add their names to a list whereby they may be called upon to assist with setting up and serving pre-ordered refreshments, making tea and coffee and cleaning up. Instruction can be provided for use of the dishwasher! Please let SuAn know your interest – 722-1881, ext. 200 or [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

**Trail of the Newfoundland Caribou** - 2016 Tour Escorted by Faith March-MacCuish: As part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since Beaumont Hamel, religious leaders from this province have been invited to tour the region and participate in a wreath laying and ceremony of remembrance at the site. Newfoundland and Labrador Conference Executive have endorsed the participation of the Executive Secretary in this significant spiritual and historic event. Please see a copy of the brochure and enrolment form on the notice board, and let SuAn know if you wish to have your own copy. Please note that the registration deadline is March 23, with travel dates June 25 – July 4.

**Accessibility at St. James United Church:**

Hearing Devices

Wheelchairs

Enlarged Bulletins

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Ushers in Charge:** Jean Thompson

**Ushers:** Katelyn Mayo, Kennedy Collins, Sarah Collins,  
Katie Vardy, Chelsea Skanes, Sylvia Snelgrove