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JESUS' LAST WEEK: Lent III: Palms and Cloaks and Riding Into Jerusalem

Welcome and thank you for joining in our worship this sacred morning! We hope you feel at home in our midst. Let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples—predominantly the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in friendship with its people. Grace and peace to you all!

Thought for Meditation:

*Soon...morning
will rise from the east tangled and brazen,
and before that difficult and beautiful
hurricane of light,
I want to lose myself
on the black and silky currents.... Mary Oliver*

T H E G A T H E R I N G

*Please rise in body or in spirit for sections marked with an asterisk.

***WELCOME & LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES**

***Introit: Don't Be Afraid, (#90 MV)**

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
My love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
and I have promised, promised to be always near.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you!
Leader: Let us worship together!

***HYMN # 127 VU Ride On! Ride On In Majesty (alt tune #100)**

OPENING PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Our Lenten journey continues, O God: The last week of Jesus' life, when time stood still,

People: When events rushed by, out of control.

Leader: The more they praised his power,

People: The more they feared his power.

Leader: The more they lifted up his name,

People: The more they sought to crush him.

Leader: Courage then, O God, that we might follow him into Jerusalem, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #400 VU Lord, Listen To Your Children

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN: Lenten Story Boxes

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T H E W O R D O F G O D

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11: 1-11

ANTHEM: Open Wide The Gates

Mary Kay Beal

SERMON: *After The Loud Parade: Into The Quiet Dark*

***HYMN #278 VU In The Quiet Curve of Evening**

THE RESPONSE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: When We Are Living (#581 VU, v.2)

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering

When we are giving, or when receiving,

We belong to God we belong to God.

THE LENTEN PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN #95 VU Born In The Night, Mary's Child**

***THE LITANY OF THE DIMINISHING LIGHT**

Leader: Jesus' death was a long time coming. Between those who were out to get him, and those who didn't get him, he was still alone, even among throngs of adoring fans.

People: How much courage must it have taken for Jesus to stay the course?

Leader: People flocked to see his miracles, but bristled at his hard sayings.

People: They lined the street to cheer him, but could not stand beside him at the end.

[The third purple candle is snuffed]

Leader: Let us pray:

ALL: Even from the cross, you call us to return to you.

Even from the cross, you offer us forgiveness, a chance to start again.

Even from the cross, you make room for us to stand.

Even from the cross.

ALL SING (VU. 144, adapted):

Were you there, when they lined the streets with palms? (Were you there?)

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Oh-oh-oh-oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,

Were you there, when they lined the streets with palms? (Were you there?)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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If you know of someone in hospital please notify the Church. Please forward items of prayer and celebration to the Minister. For emergencies, you may call Rev. Dr. Kelly Burke at 470-9634.

Greeter Today: _____

Trustees On Duty (Mar): Jim Merrill and Ann Urquhart

Tellers On Duty: Lloyd Penney and Meg Simms

Sunday School: Sheila Power and Amy Nelson

Nursery: Emma Geneau

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., Mar. 16th - 8:00 am - Outreach to Christ Church Cathedral
1:00 pm - Lenten Study (see below)

Tue., Mar. 17th - 7:00 pm - Official Board Meeting

Sun., Mar. 22nd - 11:00 am - Worship Service – Lent IV

Wed., Mar. 25 - 6:00 pm - Men's Club Chili Night

LEANING INTO LENT: Sharing Our Stories, Our Questions, Our Wonder. Mondays, March 2nd -30th from 1:00 -2:30 pm at the church Throughout this season of Lent I'd love to have you come and join in the conversation: because we do not do this thing called faith alone. Here is a time to wonder and ask: What do I believe? What shapes and challenges my faith? Has it changed over time? What gives my soul sustenance?

AFTER-CHURCH-LUNCHEON: Due to concerns about the corona virus (COVID-19), we will unfortunately be cancelling the After-Church-Luncheon fundraiser for this Sunday, March 15th. We are hoping to re-schedule at a later date. Thank you to everyone who offered to help! It is very much appreciated. Sheila Power

EASTER PLANTS – The **Worship Committee** is taking orders for Easter tulips, daffodils, and hydrangea. The purpose of this project is threefold: to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday; can be placed as memorials; or to take home or give to a friend or shut-in after the service. Cost is as follows: tulips and daffodils are \$15 and hydrangea is \$25. To order your Easter flowers, contact **Loraine Ward at 455-8208**. Last day to order is **March 22nd**.

MEN’S CLUB CHILI NIGHT – The Men’s Club is planning their annual “**Chili Night**” on **Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 pm**. (**Menu:** chili, including vegetarian chili, rolls & garlic bread, dessert will be served. Guest speaker will be someone from York Sunbury Search & Rescue speaking on “**Project Life Saver**” [for people with Alzheimer’s and autistic children, where the person wears a bracelet with a GPS – manned 24 hrs a day – to rescue in case they wander off]. Free will offering. Monies will be given to York Sunbury Search & Rescue.

GREENER VILLAGE COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE
For the month of **March**, we will focus on **dried legumes (beans, lentils, chickpeas)**. However, as always, everything is deeply appreciated.

OUTREACH: Sign up schedules are out for both the **Community Kitchen Volunteers and Christ Church Sandwiches**. They are found on the Outreach Committee bulletin board in the main foyer by Lorna’s office. The Outreach Committee is very appreciative of all the support we receive from the congregation either through donations or helpful volunteering.