

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 9, 2017 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Prelude

* **Processional : Hosanna, loud hosanna**

VU 123

Welcome and greetings

* Introit	I have called you by your name, you are mine
MV 161	I have gifted you and ask you now to shine. I will not abandon you; all my promises are true. You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine. <i>Je t'ap-pren-drai mon nom à cha-que pas. Lis-le en tous ceux que tu ren-con-tre-ras. En ver-sant l'eau en mon nom, pro-cla-me la com-mu-nion; et de Jé-sus, qui s'est don-né, suis les pas.</i>

* **Call to worshipⁱ**

For whom are you looking? **The great I AM.**

For whom are you looking?

The Good Shepherd who came riding on a colt.

* **Opening prayerⁱⁱ**

Loving God, on this Palm Sunday we remember the crowds who shouted “Hosanna to the Son of David!” We remember those who declared with joy, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

And yet we know that the road to Jerusalem is the way to the cross, to Golgotha and death. Be with us now, as we journey with the Christ, through his Passion, knowing that it is you who defends both Christ and us. Amen.

* **Hymn Soon and very soon**

Soon and very soon: we are going to see the King (X3)

Hallelujah hallelujah: we're going to see the King

No more crying there: we are going to see the King (X3)

Hallelujah hallelujah: we're going to see the King

No more dying there: we are going to see the King (X3)

Hallelujah hallelujah: we're going to see the King

Soon and very soon : we are going to see the King (X3)

Hallelujah hallelujah: we're going to see the King

Children's time

OT: Old Testament NT: New Testament VU: Voices United MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

Prayer of confessionⁱⁱⁱ

Merciful God, you ask us to endure suffering for your sake, but more often, we inflict it on others. You offer us dignity, and yet we take it from our neighbours. We reject the cornerstone as worthless, failing to see the world you are building.

Help us to regain the mind of Christ, that we too may empty ourselves and be filled with your Spirit. (time of silent reflection)

Affirmation of grace

*** Response** Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
VU 382 that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

*Souffle du Dieu vivant, viens purifier ma foi;
que ce soit ton vouloir puissant
qui s'accomplisse en moi.*

* Affirmation of faith

*** Hymn** My song is love unknown **VU 143**

Prayer for illumination

God of wisdom and peace, help us to hear the words
and open our minds and hearts to their understanding. Amen.

Readings Matthew 21:1-17 **NT 23**

Isaiah 50:4-10 **OT 681**

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon From a palm to the Cross

Personal reflection

*** Hymn** Tree of life **VU 121**

Minute for mission

Offering

* Offertory / Prayer of dedication

MV 85 Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Oh! Prends-moi tel que je suis; fais-moi vivre que pour toi.

Viens, mets ton sceau sur mon cœur; viens vivre en moi.

Announcements & sharing in the life of the community

Prayer of the people & the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn Let all mortal flesh keep silence

VU 473

* Benediction

* **Response** *Tu au-ras be-soin de moi en che-min.*

MV 161 *En tous lieux, sens ma pré-sence et mon sou-tien.*

*Com-me cet-te femme en pleurs qui a sur-mon-té ses peurs,
touche et laisse aller Jé-sus sur son chemin.*

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Postlude

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ⁱⁱⁱ *idem*, p. 34

News

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this Palm and Passion Sunday, may the gentle winds of the Holy Spirit blow on us all along our journey with Jesus to the Cross and beyond.

This week we pray for community workers and volunteers.

***Bienvenue** à l'Église Unie Plymouth-Trinity! Des **Bibles en français** se trouvent à l'arrière.*

If you are a visitor, please join us for fair-trade coffee, water or juice after the service and take a peace candle back to your congregation.

We thank our volunteers:

Reader: Vivienne Galanis

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Dave Fowlis

Welcome to Angelika Piché (Directrice, développements et formation, Ministère en français, Le Séminaire Uni) who is visiting with us this week-end. Angelika is the designated staff person with MIF who is accompanying in particular our MFS.

A big thank you to Pam Eby for filling in for Leslie last week and to Shirley Knutson for leading worship.

Happy birthday to Kim Bailey Elkas (April 12) and Meredith Rachel Lambie (April 15).

Happy anniversary to Caroline & Rhéal Bureau (April 8).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Brian Cullen and family in memory of his brother Douglas Cullen.

Easter holiday closure: The church office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 14 and 17.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to donate towards spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter season, please speak to Kristi Roht or call her at 819-566-6296. Please let Kristi know if you wish to have your name printed in the bulletin, along with the person or people in whose memory the flowers are given.

This week

UCW meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.

Good Friday ecumenical service with St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Green Ridge Baptist, Lennoxville United and Plymouth-Trinity: Friday, April 14 at 10 a.m. at Green Ridge in Lennoxville.

Concert of sacred vocal music at Plymouth-Trinity on Holy Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. Maude Fréchette-Gagné, Amélie Rheault, Jean-Yves St-Pierre and Leslie Young will interpret Renaissance music and repertoire by Purcell. Voluntary contribution.

Next week

Sunday, April 16 – Hallelujah Christ is risen!

6 a.m. Sunrise service, Kent Road (take Highway 143 S. from Lennoxville, turn left on Highway 208 to Kent Road), followed by breakfast at Hutley United church. Please use the sign up sheet or check with the minister for car pooling.

10:30 Bilingual service of resurrection. We will share the Lord' Supper, baptize four children and receive three adults as full members.

We will be sharing in Holy Communion. Please let the minister know if somebody needs to receive Communion at home or hospital.

The wooden **Benevolent Fund box** will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Each time we share in Holy Communion we have the opportunity to donate to this fund, which is used to purchase food vouchers for the minister to distribute to people in need, including our own members.

Outreach

Lenten share calendar: One week to go. This year, we're focussing on mental illness and raising money for Mental Health Estrie.

For example: Saturday, April 14: In honour of loved ones, especially those with mental illnesses, donate \$1.

Our donations are due on Easter Sunday and Sundays thereafter: please make out your cheques to Plymouth-Trinity and mark them "Lenten calendar".

Moisson Estrie: The food bank thanks Plymouth-Trinity for making a difference and reminds us cash is as appreciated as food. Our treasurers will credit all donations clearly marked "Moisson Estrie".

