

Order of Worship

6th Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2018 Palms/Passion

Plymouth-Trinity United Church

Prelude

Procession: All glory, laud and honour

VU 122

Welcome and greetings

Acknowledging the land

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We are gathered on the traditional territory of the Abenaki and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

***Introit: God of the Bible**

MV 28 (2)

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
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***Call to worship / Opening prayer**

***Hymn:** I danced in the morning

VU 352

Children's time

Announcements and sharing in the life of the Community

OT: Old Testament

NT: New Testament

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

* the congregation standing, as able

Prayer of confession and affirmation of grace

Response:

MV 90

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.

N'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort,
il est plus fort que votre peur.
N'ayez pas peur, mon amour est plus fort;
je vous ai promis, promis d'être toujours là.

***Affirmation of faith**

VU p. 918

***Hymn: What wondrous love is this**

VU 147

Prayer for illumination

The Palms and Passion narrative

Mark 11

NT 47

Psalm 118

VU p. 837 (1, 2, 4)

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

OT 681

Psalm 31: 9-16

VU p. 758 (2, 3)

Mark 14: 1 - 11

NT 51

Hymn: Be still, my soul (verse 1)

VU 652 (1)

Mark 14: 12-25

NT 51

Be still, my soul (verse 2)

VU 652 (2)

Mark 14: 26-43

NT 52

Be still, my soul (verse 3)

VU 652 (3)

Mark 14: 44-65

NT 52

Hymn: My faith looks up to Thee (verse 1)

VU 663 (1)

Mark 14: 66-72

NT 53

My faith looks up to Thee (verse 2)

VU 663 (2)

Mark 15: 1-20 NT 53
My faith looks up to Thee (verse 3) VU 663 (3)

Mark 15: 21-47 NT 54

Hymn: Were you there VU 144

Offering

***Offertory / Prayer of dedication** VU 506 (1)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, all for thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Prayers of the people followed by the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn:** When I survey the wondrous cross VU 149

*** Benediction**

***Response: Amen!**

Postlude

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Announcements

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. On this sixth Sunday of Lent, which is Palms and Passion Sunday, may the Spirit inspire us and show us how to hold firm in our faith, no matter what.

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 or a cold drink after the service.

We thank our volunteers:

Readers: Denis Ashby, Michael Eby, Ann Fowlis, Vivienne Galanis, Janet McBurney, and Kristi Roht.

Ushers: Val Rawlings & Carol Smith

Sexton: Jim Innes

Happy birthday: Sandrine Tameu (celebrating on March 30), and Shanna Bernier (March 31).

Bulletin covers this week are donated by Jack and Pam Eby, in memory of Jack's father, John E. Eby.

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

This week

Thursday, March 29: P-T hosts an **interfaith Passover Seder** at 6 p.m. It's a potluck, but please do not bring leavened bread or pastries; no pork, and no shellfish. The evening will be led by

our guest, the Chicago-based rabbi Laurence Edwards. Please RSVP with the church secretary at 819-346-6373 or PlymouthTrinityChurch@gmail.com or via EventBrite.ca (so we know how many to expect). And please spread the word, and bring your friends, your neighbours, your children...! Everyone is welcome. If you're not sure what to bring, there's a list in the Secretary's office with some ideas. Pick something and RSVP at the same time... We'd like to know how many are coming by March 27. If you want a few posters to put up, just ask!

Lenten Share Calendar, for March 30: Have you ever been asked for money to buy food? Either way, donate 75 cents. This is the last week of Lent! Pick up your copy of the calendar at the back of the sanctuary; proceeds to La Grande Table.

Friday, March 30: Plymouth-Trinity joins Lennoxville United and St. Andrew's Presbyterian churches for our traditional joint Good Friday service; at Lennoxville United Church at 10:30 a.m. NOTE this a change from what was published in last week's Bulletin!

Next week

There are changes to the schedule that was published last week; apologies, and please read carefully!

Sunday, April 1, Resurrection Sunday, Easter Day

Lectionary readings

Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; John 20: 1-18

A bilingual service, with Communion and Sunday school, will be held at 10:30 a.m.; Culte bilingue, avec Sainte Cène et école du dimanche, à 10h30. (The 6 a.m. sunrise service has been cancelled.)

There will be bilingual Sunday school during the service, a fun and educational programme for children aged 3-12.

Please let the minister know if somebody needs to receive Communion at home or hospital.

And one last note for next week: The wooden **Benevolent Fund** box is 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.

Upcoming

Youth Forum at Plymouth-Trinity: There will be a Presbytery youth weekend, led by Shanna Bernier, at P-T from the evening of Friday, April 13 to the afternoon of Sunday, April 15. The approximately 30 youth and their leaders will lead worship at 10:30 and join us for the Mission & Service luncheon afterwards. Any food contributions to their other meals: cookies, muffins, fruit... would be appreciated. For further information, talk to Shanna or any other member of E&O (Denis, Inge, Lois, Val or Vivienne).

Outreach

Mitten tree: Today is the last appearance of our Mitten Tree after 25 years! The items received will be given to Mental Health Estrie for their HUGS packages (Hats, Underwear, Gloves, and Socks/Scarves) and toiletries for homeless people, mostly adult men.

Moisson Estrie: There are boxes marked Moisson Estrie at the front and back of the sanctuary. The food bank especially appreciates pasta, flour, sugar, oil, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables.

In the community

The St. Francis Valley Naturalists' Club will meet Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. The topic is Hereford Community Forest: Conservation & Future Projects, by Dany Senay (director) and Francois Bouchy-Picon (president), at the Centre

Communautaire Amédée Beaudoin, 10 rue Samuel Gratham, in Lennoxville.

Georgeville Dinner Theatre invites you to a supper of chicken and biscuits and decadent desserts, plus a performance of Star Wars 1977- A tribute, a special edition radio play performed in English, live at the Murray Memorial Center in Georgeville. Silent auction, too. April 6 and 7 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25, by reservation only, at 819-847-4264 or info@cerfargente.com . To benefit the United and Anglican churches of Georgeville.

Income tax clinics: Yes, that time of year is coming around again. If you are in a low-income tax bracket, two organizations offer inexpensive tax preparation services. Solutions Budget Plus is located at 79 Wellington St. N., Suite 100, in downtown Sherbrooke, open Monday to Saturday. The cost is \$10 (cash) per person, and you can check your eligibility by calling 819-562-8656. For service guaranteed in English, check in with Literacy In Action. This English-language community group is located in Lennoxville, at 7 Connelly St. (J1M 1L8). Call for an appointment, and check if you qualify, at 819-346-7009.