

**SEEKING GOD TOGETHER**



**PRELUDE** Gelobet seist du, Jesus Christ (*J.S.Bach*)

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

***Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/  
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion*** Louise Procter Maio

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN & PALM PARADE**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day for Hosannas!

**Hosanna!**

This is the day to wave our palms and shout—

**Hosanna!**

Today our senses are heightened.

**Hosanna!**

Today we worship in the fullness of God's love.

**Hosanna!**

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

**Hosanna and hosanna!**

**INTROIT** Sanna, Sannanina

*(Traditional South African arr. Nicholas Williams)*

**LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY**

Sylvia, Peter & Emily Gilpin

We have gathered here, week after week, sharing a common quest for a deeper faith and a deeper experience of the divine. As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the broken places in our world where

people struggle every day to find meaning and purpose for their lives.

*(Sixth candle is extinguished.)*

*Let us pray...*

Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day—choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the wellbeing of the earth, ourselves and our neighbours; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.

**SUNG RESPONSE** Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121

**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.**

**FINDING GOD TOGETHER**

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm p.7 pt 1,3&4

(Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.)

Bill Newman

**ANTHEM** Ride On, King Jesus (*arr. Moses Hogan*)

Janice Nolan, Soprano Soloist

**GOSPEL** Luke 19:28-40 p.83 *Pew Bible NT*

(Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds.)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection*

**SERMON** Prelude of the Palms

**\*HYMN** We Gather Here p 7

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

**\*THE NEW CREED** p. 918 *Voices United*

**\*THE PEACE**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY** What Wondrous Love Is This? (*C.Dobrinski*)

Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble with Joanne Banfill, violin

**\*DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (*Bell/Maule*)

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.**

*(sing twice)*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (*on insert*)

**\*HYMN** All Glory, Laud and Honour p 8

**\*COMMISSIONING**

And now, with the shadow of the cross before us,

**and the memory of this meal behind us;**

in the presence of God—

**let us leave this time and place**

**to journey with Christ and one another**

**into this Holy Week.**

**\*SUNG BLESSING** Go and Tell the World *(B.Wren)*  
**Go and tell the world how Jesus lived and died.**  
**Go and show the love of Christ, the crucified.**  
**Many have not heard the liberating word,**  
**then go, and tell, and show how God is glorified.**

**POSTLUDE** Festive Voluntary on 'St.Theodulph'  
*(Arthur Frackenhohl)*



Walk the final steps of the Lenten Journey

Good Friday—

April 18th, Trinity Historic Chapel, 11 am

Easter Sunday—

April 20th Trinity Sanctuary 11 am



## MISSION AND SERVICE

"Now I can help provide the support I had."

Mission and Service partner Wesley in Hamilton, Ontario, operates safe programming for teenagers. Beasley Community Centre is one of the two main life-changing locations, offering resources, social opportunities, nutrition, and more.

For Cyris, Beasley's meaning and purpose have gone through many seasons of change, starting as a young child and continuing today as he works as a summer student with the After School Program. In 2010, when Cyris was nine years old, Dr. J. E. Davey Elementary School and the connected Beasley Community Center opened. ... Programs run by Wesley gave Cyris a place to spend his afternoons with his friends, particularly on the basketball court. "I loved being at Wesley. It gave me a place to be where I felt safe and comfortable," says Cyris. "I got in trouble in school a lot; it was somewhere I could just play and not think about the stuff going on at home or at school." It was at Beasley that Cyris' natural drive to help others began to flourish into a fierce dedication to serving his community in meaningful ways. "I love being in my community," he proudly states.

Now, Cyris is 22 years old, and is attending the University of Ottawa to study Criminology with a goal of becoming a police officer. With this career, he feels he can give back and make a positive difference in his community while working in his hometown of Hamilton. When his school break rolls around, you can find him right back at Beasley working as a summer student at the same after-school program he participated in. "I love working with the kids, interacting with them, inspiring them, helping them," he says.

When asked about what motivates him to help others and work with kids, Cyris credits the influence of the mentors he had at Beasley and his mother, who has spent her life working with young children. He had older friends who started working at Wesley. In high school, while he was still attending the recreational drop-in programs, he decided that he would follow their lead.

"I love helping people; that's my biggest motivation," he says. With the kids at Beasley, "it's a full-circle moment, I was them at one point. Now I can help provide the support I had, and it feels pretty cool."

Through his work at Beasley, Cyris hopes to help the children he mentors see that they, too, can overcome obstacles and achieve their dreams. "Just follow your dreams, do what you want to do, do what makes you happy," he reminds them often...

He'll be there too—"I'll always be around. I can't see myself not being here. I'll keep my hand in it somehow. I love it here."

Your gifts to Mission and Service support programs that help children and young adults grow and thrive. **Thank you.**



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## PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025—11:00 AM

*From the village of Bethany to the city of Jerusalem was scarcely half an hour's walk. Moving from the village across the Mount of Olives, a twist in the road revealed as if by magic a panoramic view of the dun-brown city with its fortified walls...all along the valley and all across the lower slope of Mount Olivet stirred the masses of pilgrims who had come for the Passover Festival. (Shusako Endo)*

**Psalm 118** *pt 1,3,&4*

**R Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Part One**

Let Israel now say:

**“God’s love endures for ever.”**

Let the house of Aaron say:

**“God’s love endures for ever.”**

Let those who fear God say:

**“God’s love endures for ever.” R**

**Part Three**

Open to me the gates of the temple, that I may enter and give thanks to God.

**This is the gate of God, through it the righteous shall enter.**

I thank you for you have answered me; you have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is God’s doing, marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! R**

**Part Four**

Save us, O God, we pray,

**God, we pray, give us success.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

**We bless you from the house of God.**

God, our God, has given us light;

**with palm branches in hand let us march to the altar.**

You are my God, and I will thank you;

**you are my god, and I will extol you.**

**We Gather Here**

We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame; for through the loving son God fashions us as one:

Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord. No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs; finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead; the One we love the most is now our gracious host:

Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which Christ is the head;

though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:

Come take the bread, come drink the wine,

come, share the Lord.

**All Glory, Laud and Honour**

**All glory, laud and honour  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel, and David's royal son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one. **R**

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went; our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **R**

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise; to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **R**

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring, great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. **R**

