

Tsawwassen United Church

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2009, 10:00 AM

*Palm Sunday ushers in the most turbulent week in the Christian year,
the week of Jesus' Passion "suffering."*

*Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked "*****", those who are able are invited to stand.*

SERVICE OF THE PALMS

PRELUDE: And He Set His Face Toward Jerusalem

~ Colin Curtis

INTROIT: Crown Him, Hosanna!

~ Cindy Berry

THE ENTRANCE:

We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.

(louder)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus' followers were excited, filled with anticipation.

Yet, within a few short days,

they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened,

unwilling to follow as far as Christ would have them go.

(softer)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Hosanna in the highest!

We, too, long to join the triumphal procession,

only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future,

reluctant to accept the way of the cross.

(softer)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Yet this Palm Sunday, we receive palm branches,

a reminder of the welcome offered to Jesus

as he travelled toward the cross.

(louder)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Like the crowd in Jerusalem 2000 years ago,

we take our palm branches and greet Jesus, shouting:

(very loud)

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!

Hosanna in the highest!

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

PRAYER:

Merciful God,

as we enter Holy Week

and gather in your house of prayer,

turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,

to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Bring us at the last with him and all the faithful

to your new Jerusalem,

your kingdom of peace and justice for all.

We ask it in the name of Jesus. Amen.

STORYTIME WITH THE CHILDREN *(with Brenda Miller)*

FIRST READING: *(Reader: Geri Pryputsch)*

Psalm 118 *(read responsively)*

VU 837

GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1–11

pew Bible N.T. page 45

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*HYMN: He Came Riding on a Donkey

VU 124

SERMON: "As We Enter Jerusalem"

THE OFFERING IS COLLECTED

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM: As We Gather At Your Table ~ *Carl P. Daw & Lloyd Larson*

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

VU 127

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 2:5–11

pew Bible N.T. page 185

*COMMISSIONING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE: He is King of Kings

~ *Colin Curtis*

Communion Prayers

May God be with us.

God is here among us.

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Child: Why do we give thanks and praise at this table?

Presider: We give thanks because God is always with us.

We thank you, God, Creator of us all;
from the beginning you made the world and all its creatures.

You made people to live for you and for one another.

We praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden;

you showed Noah a rainbow;

you gave Moses strength to free your people

and taught Miriam to sing;

you gave courage to Esther

and loyalty to Ruth;

you gave David a harp to sing your praise,

and helped him defeat the giant.

We praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Yet, even they turned away from you

and forgot about you, as we do too.

But you did not forget.

You sent Jesus to the world

to show how much you love us

and to bring us back to you again.

We praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

He came as one of us,

first an infant, then a child,

later a youth, then an adult.

He rejoiced with those who rejoiced,

and wept with those who wept.
To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope.
To the sick, he gave healing.
To the hurting, he was a friend.

Still, people turned away from you.
They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross.
But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life,
that he might be with us and we with him,
alive for evermore!
Therefore with all the saints of every time and place,
we join the angels in their praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Child: Why do we eat bread at this table?

We gather at this table to remember that
on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends,
he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it,
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me.”

Child: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying:
“Drink. This cup, poured out for you,
is the promise of God.
Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Child: What do we remember at this table?

We remember Jesus' death and celebrate his resurrection;
we await with hope his coming again
to bring peace and justice to the earth;
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Child: For whom do we pray at this table?

Presider: We pray for God's world

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here,
that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit,
may be signs of life and love to one another,
and to the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forever.

Amen.

The prayer continues with The Lord's Prayer (VU 921)

*Please return this insert to the basket on the table in the narthex for use
during a future communion service.*

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 5, 2009

Emilio, Catarina and Bruno da Silva have lovingly placed flowers in the sanctuary this morning in memory of their Avo, Bruno Tavares da Silva, who passed away on April 4, 2008.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT T.U.C.

TODAY Palm Sunday Worship Service with Communion – at 10:00 a.m.



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C.

Conference – Today we pray for St. Stephen's Vancouver, the Reverend Rob Pollock & Youth Leader Philip Stephen.

WED. Junior Choir..... 3:30 p.m.

THURS. Maundy Thursday Service – at 7:30 p.m. The Maundy Thursday service remembers the Last Supper and the disciples' failure and betrayal; the sacrament of Holy Communion; Jesus' washing the feet of his disciples; the arrest, trial, and crucifixion. At the end of the service on Maundy Thursday, the church will be stripped by removing all banners and liturgical hangings in preparation for Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Come and join us in a solemn and moving evening service to end your Lenten pilgrimage and prepare you for Easter celebrations.

Choir..... 8:45 p.m.

NEXT SUN. Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – at 6:00 a.m.

Held at the 12th Avenue dyke on the beach. Sunrise is predicted at 6:26 a.m. A light breakfast at the church will follow.



Easter Sunday Worship Service (with baptism) – at 10:00 a.m.

Those to be presented for baptism: William Richard Sherritt, son of Minta and Mark Sherritt, and Monica Evelyn Elisabeth Shantz, daughter of Natalie and Mark Shantz. Scripture readings: Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24 (VU pg. 837 parts 1, 2, and 3); 1 Corinthians 15:1–11; John 20:1–18.

Kinsmen Service – at 9:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER

It's renewal time for *The United Church Observer*. The magazine reports on issues affecting denominational and congregational life, as well as covering a wide range of general-interest issues of concern to people of faith today. If you'd like to renew your 12 month subscription please write a \$15 cheque payable to "The Observer", put it in an envelope addressed to the church office, and place it in the collection plate on Sunday. You can also mail it to the church office, bring it into the office during the week, or drop it in the mailbox outside of the church front door. **The deadline is April 12th.** New subscriptions are welcome. The March issue of "The Observer" is available in the narthex for anyone who wishes to borrow it.



AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Come and have some fun in our spring clean-up! Your church needs you to help organize our annual half-day spring clean-up of the church grounds. Please let the office know if you'd be willing to do this.



BOOK REVIEW

The final book review of the seasonal books new in our library is of *40-day Journey*, by Parker J. Palmer. It is an excellent daily guide to a personal 40-day retreat. It could be studied by oneself or in a small group.

Palmer is a well known writer on spiritual matters and it is a very good devotional book for this Lent-Easter season, or really any time. It invites a serious commitment to a 40 day period of looking within and reflecting on God's presence and action in our lives.

~ Rose~Hannah

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 10TH

At 10:00 a.m., beginning at Ladner United Church — walking in a procession with the cross through downtown Ladner — finishing worship at All Saint's Anglican (Arthur and 47a Ave). All are welcome.

- **EASTER IN VANCOUVER**

WHAT: An evening with Rev. Ric Matthews, minister at First United, to help us begin the journey of Holy Week by reflecting on crucifixion and resurrection as they are experienced by the people in our city. Yes, pain and injustice in the Downtown Eastside, but how are all of us involved in what happens to this one part of our body? Yes, words of hope, but what do they really mean? What would it look like for us to follow in the Way of the Resurrected One in Vancouver? Ric speaks from his perspective of living and working in the Downtown Eastside. WHEN – **Holy Monday, April 6th, 7 pm**. WHERE – St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church, corner of Nelson and Burrard. In the Chapel (SE corner – Burrard and the lane). Parking free – accessed by the lane to the south; pick up a parking pass!

- **BRAHMS REQUIEM GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT**

The Amabilis Singers, Shaughnessy Heights United Church Choir, duo-pianists Ingrid Verseveldt and Catherine Bundt, soprano Jennifer Driscoll-Holmes, baritone George Roberts and conductor Ramona Luengen join forces for a very special Good Friday performance of Ein deutsches Requiem by Johannes Brahms.

Among the most outstanding and frequently performed works in the sacred choral repertoire, Ein deutsches Requiem occupied Brahms over a period of many years and was deeply influenced by the tragic fate of his friend and patron Robert Schumann who attempted suicide in 1854 and died insane two years later. This two-piano version is not merely an arrangement of the orchestral parts, but a transformation of the work that allows for an unsurpassed degree of intimacy, precision and contrapuntal clarity. At **3:00PM Good Friday, April 10, 2009**, Shaughnessy Heights United Church, 1550 West 33rd Avenue (first block west of Granville St., Vancouver. All tickets \$15, available in advance by calling 604-437-9200, or at the door.

- **KATY HUTCHESON STORY**

Katy Hutcheson has a story of anger, forgiveness and reconciliation that is shocking and inspiring. Her story follows the Christian message in a way that few of us would like to be tested. The murder of her husband and her forgiveness of the killer are well beyond any normal expectation. Listen to her story from **2pm to 4pm** at First United Church on **April 15**. First United is at 320 East Hastings at Gore Street in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Some underground parking will be available. Price is \$25.00. (Katy will also share in the Celebration Service at 5.45pm). Please call (604)681-8365 for details and to reserve your place.

- **SONGS FOR THE HOLIEST SEASON: A rich intercultural exploration of the Spirit during the holiest time of the year.**

Local United Church musician Bruce Harding (www.bruceharding.com) will be touring April 4-19 with Neeraj Prem (www.ragamusicsschool.com), a United Church musician from Ontario who is one of Canada's finest players of the North Indian sitar. These will be wonderful events, worship and concert offerings which explore the intermix of cultures, as Neeraj and Bruce share songs from their repertoires and see what happens in the spirit of the moment. Details are still unfolding, but here is the schedule for the lower mainland at present:

- Sunday, April 5, 10:00am - Palm/Passion Sunday, Ryerson United Church, Vancouver
- Sunday, April 5, 1:00pm - Neeraj Prem and Bruce Harding in concert, Ryerson United Church, Vancouver
- Thursday, April 9, 7:30pm - Maundy Thursday worship, Como Lake United Church, Coquitlam
- Friday, April 10, 10:00am - Good Friday worship, Royal Heights United Church, North Delta
- Saturday, April 11, 7:30pm - Easter Vigil, St. Andrew's Wesley United Church, Vancouver
- Sunday, April 12, 6:30am - Easter Sunrise service, Pacific InterChristian Community, Vancouver
- Sunday, April 12, 10:00am - Easter Sunday, Royal Heights United Church, North Delta
- Friday, April 17, 7:30pm - Neeraj Prem and Bruce Harding in concert, Royal Heights United Church, North Delta
- Saturday, April 18, 7:00pm - Neeraj Prem and Bruce Harding in concert, Peace Lutheran Church, Abbotsford
- Sunday, April 19, 10:30am - Parish Eucharist, Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver
- Sunday, April 19, 7:00pm - Sunday Evening Worship, Shaughnessy Heights United Church, Vancouver

Visit www.evensong.ca website for event updates, and please help spread the word!

- **GOLF FORE THE HOMELESS**

A fund-raising golf tournament in support of the work of First United Church in Vancouver's downtown-eastside. Date: **Monday, May 4, 2009**. Place: University Golf Club, 5185 University Blvd., Vancouver. Time: 1:00 p.m. shotgun start (Texas Scramble). Fee: \$200 (registration fee includes light lunch, pull cart, golf, barbecue dinner, silent auction, tax receipt for \$60). **If you're interested in participating please contact Rick Soutar at 604-943-7524.**

- **VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY EVENTS**

- **May 10**, Free Lecture, 7pm, VST's Epiphany Chapel, '*When the Body Says No: The Cost of Hidden Stress*'
- **May 11**, ConEd Day, '*Living Well*', with Dr. Gabor Maté, Rev. Dr.s Wendy Fletcher and Martin Brokenleg. (fees apply, registration required, www.vst.edu)
- **May 12**, Free Lecture, 12:30 pm, VST's Epiphany Chapel, '*Wholeness and Completion: Healing of Mind and Body*'

For more information: http://www.vst.edu/pdfs/PeterKaye09_Final.pdf



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