

# Christ Church Gabriola

## A Collaborative Anglican – United Church

### Open to All

*We gather on the ancestral lands the Snuneymuxw people.*



## Palm Sunday

### April 14, 2019

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\* Please stand if you are able  
**VU** is Voices United Hymn Book

**Bold print in bulletin – congregation**  
**MV** is More Voices Hymn Book

## We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

### ***All Are Welcome To Worship Together***

We welcome you, whoever and wherever you are, to join us on a journey. We strive to accept each other as we are and welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance.

We hope that in all that we do, in our worship and community life, that the Creator's unconditional love is experienced.

We do this trusting The Creator is with us on the journey.

### **\*Gathering & Call to Worship**

*with The Pattern of Our Days & BAS*

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You gather us O God from the corners of the world

**All: from the confusion of life**

One: from the loneliness of our hearts

**All: to see Jesus coming on the road, riding on a donkey.**

One: Give us ears to hear, eyes to see and a clear heart to receive the news of Jesus' arrival and what it means for our lives, as we shout . . .

**All: Hosanna, Hosanna, God Save Us!**

**\*Processional Hymn: *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

**VU #123**

**\*Collect:**

*Bruce Prewer*

Holy God, **your love goes beyond all limits. In the passion of your true Son, you take us beyond our highest ideals and beneath our deepest fears. We thank you for the sweet-sour celebration of Palm Sunday; for both the joy and the tears. Foster in us the desire and the will to follow Jesus without reserve, that we may be led into a peace that holds in time of trouble, and into a love that persists far beyond the outer rim of our present understanding. In the name of Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen!**

**Call to Confession:**

Let us bring our whole selves before God most loving . . .

**Confession:**

*with Gathering UCC*

Great Spirit, **Lover of life, Creator of beauty and wonder, even as we wave our palms, we know what lies ahead: we know that we may fail to be present with you through this week, we may leave out the truth that we know you, we may look away from the cross. We may lose heart with ourselves and blame others as the way gets harder. When we buckle under the weight of our brokenness, Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy.**

*Silent Confession*

**Assurance of Grace:** As we follow the narrative of this week, let us know the lengths to which God will go to love us and claim us as God's own. God loves you beyond measure and pours out God's healing grace to you! Thanks be to God!

**\*Passing of the Peace:**

One: The Peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding be with you all!

**All: And also with you!**

*Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

**Choir Anthem:**

***Hosanna to the Son of David***

*David Halls*

with hand bells and organ

**We Listen to the Word**

**Reader:** By the gift of your Spirit, calm and quiet our souls that we may hear your Word today and be lifted up to walk with you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

**First Reading:**

***Isaiah 50:4-9a***

**Psalms:**

***Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 Parts 1,3,4***

**VU p.837**

**Second Reading:**

***Philippians 2:5-11***

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** (stand or sit as is your custom)

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you**

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***Luke 19:28-40***

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise be to Jesus Christ**

**We Engage the Story**

**Reflection**

*Silent Reflection*

**\*Hymn:                    *The Church's One Foundation*                    **VU #331****

**Affirmation of Faith:        Apostle's Creed                    **VU p.918****

**We Respond to God's Love**

**Prayers of the People** (stand or sit as is your custom)

**Lord's Prayer** (sung)                    **VU #959**

**Invitation for Offering:**

With hearts full of gratitude for the abundance we know in God, let us collect our gifts and present them as an offering to God.

**Doxology:**                    **CP #669**

**Praise God the Source of life and birth,**

**Praise God the Word, who came to earth.**

**Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.**

**All glory, honour to God's name.**

**\*Offering Prayer:**

**Receive our gifts as you have received our hosannas and our praise. Bless both our gifts and our lives given to your service; may they be a blessing to those who need them most.**

## We Celebrate Communion

### Invitation to Communion:

*Iona Abbey Worship Book*

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who haven't been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have stopped trying. Come. This is the table of grace and radical love; it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

### Invitation to Thanksgiving:

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up you hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### Great Thanksgiving:

*UCC Book of Worship*

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

**We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation who have given themselves to your will, and especially for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent from your own being as our Saviour.**

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection, and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world. Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit, we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices with the entire family of your faithful people everywhere:

### Sanctus:

**MV #203**

**Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.**

**All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace**

**Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

Merciful God, as your children in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. **Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, "this is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

After supper, Jesus took the cup and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said, “**drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and all, for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.**” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Acclamation: MV #204**  
**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**  
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Come, Holy Spirit, come. Show forth among us in the presence of your life-giving Word and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us in your entire church through these holy mysteries. Grant that all who share in this communion may be one in Jesus Christ as we call out Hosanna! May we remain faithful in love and hope until the perfect feast with our exalted Saviour in the joy of your heavenly realm.

Gracious God, accept with favour this our sacrifice of praise, which we now present with these holy gifts. We offer to you ourselves through Jesus Christ: by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, eternal God, now and forever.  
**Amen**

*Lay Assistants please come forward*

One: We break this bread,  
**All: Communion in Christ’s body once broken.**  
One: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

*We have bread, wafers, and gluten free wafers available, as well as the chalice of wine on the left and cups of wine, juice and water on the right.  
Please indicate if you would like a wafer or gluten free.*

**Communion Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together* VU #480**

**\*Prayer after Communion: Eternal God, you have called us from every direction to feast at your table. We thank you for refreshing us here with spiritual food. By the work of your Holy Spirit keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of work and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be clear as servants of the church and servants of Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

## We Go Into the World

**\*Hymn:**

*All Glory Laud and Honour*

**VU #122**

**\*Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Commissioning:**

**Let us go with good courage to keep awake and remain close to Jesus as we accompany him through this week.**

**\*Benediction:**

May the mystery of God go with you; may Christ bless your steps and may the Holy Spirit sustain you on your way. Go now, carrying God's blessing. Amen.

### **Musical Postlude**

*Please remain seated to reflect on the worship service or leave quietly  
This service is over and our service begins*



### **Mission Statement**

We follow Jesus Christ  
Worshipping and Serving with Love and Joy  
We open our minds, hearts, and doors to the world.

October 2016

## Church Announcements



### **Karen's Drop In Office Hours**

Tuesdays 11:00-1:00 and Wednesdays 1:00-3:00.

If these times don't work for you please phone the church or email [RevKarenHollis@gmail.com](mailto:RevKarenHollis@gmail.com) to make an appointment.



### **Rev. Karen Invites you to the Maundy Thursday Potluck Thursday April 18**

Gathering is at 6:00 pm to begin the meal at 6:30 pm.

After there will be a short communion service and then we will strip the chancel of all cloths and candles in preparation for the Good Friday Service. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by either signing up on the sheet in the church hall, phoning the church at 250-247-8633, or emailing [cblackburn@telus.net](mailto:cblackburn@telus.net) Bring a potluck dish and a small donation  
Roasted ham and beverages will be provided

### **HOLY WEEK**



### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Maundy Thursday Potluck: Thursday April 18 6:30pm

Good Friday: Friday April 19 12:00pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise: Sunday April 21 8:00am

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