



## Kincardine United Church

### Palm/Passion Sunday

April 5, 2020 10:30 a.m.

**Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.**

\*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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**PRELUDE** Largo

*Vivaldi/Bach*

### **WELCOME**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

Kincardine United Church takes seriously  
the commitments made to First Nations communities  
through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,  
especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

**Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,  
that we gather for worship**

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,  
and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –  
the original nations of this land –  
and we acknowledge, with respect,  
their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### GOD GATHERS US

INTROIT St. Peter

*Healey Willan*

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11 in the New Testament page 23

### TWO PARADES THAT DAY

#### PRAYER OF APPROACH

Before the parades, let us pray together, re-membling our relationship in God:

**Living, loving God, we need a parade right about now.**

**We need a reason to celebrate, to throw off the chains of our confinement,  
to let loose and have a party, to feel fully human in the company of others.**

**In our new and lengthening reality, show us we are never alone,  
breathe into us the life, the colour, the sound and the connection  
for which we long.**

**Open our hearts to one another across the distance,  
uniting us in your love and by your transformation as we sing. Amen.**

\*VOICES UNITED 123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

### TWO PARADES IN JERUSALEM

VOICES UNITED 126 Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right (verse 1 only)

### CLOTHING MAKES THE PERSON

VOICES UNITED 126 Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right (verse 2 only)

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

VOICES UNITED 126 Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right (verse 3 only)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

VOICES UNITED 126 Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right (verse 4 only)

### ONLY ONE PARADE?

**VOICES UNITED 126** Ride On, Ride On, the Time Is Right (verse 5 only)

**THIS PARADE DID NOT START THIS DAY**

**GOD INVITES US TO SHARE A TABLE OF GRACE**

**INVITATION**

To this table and all our tables on this day of two parades, Jesus invites us all.  
 To the table he prepared in the Upper Room,  
     Jesus welcomed Judas who would betray him with a kiss,  
     Jesus welcomed Peter who would deny him three times,  
     Jesus welcomed all his disciples who would abandon him out of fear.  
     Jesus welcomed all of them with no hesitation,  
         welcoming us with the same expansive love.  
**We gather at this table, separate yet one, to be fed by the living Christ.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give God our thanks and our praise.

**It is right to give God our thanks and our praise.**

We remember that the story of faithful covenant had many sides,  
     many perspectives, many conflicting messages.

**Adam and Eve tasted of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil,  
     banished from the garden to wrestle with greys of life.**

Yet Noah learned the rainbow promise carried within God's grace.

**Moses, with Miriam, led oppressed slaves to become a people of faith.**

Yet those same people grumbled and protested every step of the way.

**David and Solomon helped create a mighty kingdom in God's name.**

Yet the prophets decried as faithless the corruption of the powerful,  
     the selfishness of the wealthy

    and the neglect of those most on the margins.

**John the Baptizer heralded the coming of one greater than he.**

In response, Jesus modelled the embodiment of the Way of self-giving –  
     the light of the world, the living water, the bread of life.

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

Just as Jesus gathered around him disciples – a community of believers –  
     so, too, we take the time to lift up those in our family of faith,  
         as well as in the wider community and around the world.

Hear, O God, our silent prayers for healing, for hope, for transformation:  
*(Silent Prayer)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (We sing)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
     thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses**

as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION**

### **PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S BLESSING**

Let us pray for the Spirit's blessing upon what we say and do:

**Living Spirit, who guides our living and inspires our journey of faith,  
bless the bread we hold in many households connected electronically,  
bless the wine or grape juice that has been prepared.  
Transform us by our partaking as we commune in you. Amen.**

## **PARTAKING**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us join once more in prayer:

**Though we are separated by neighbourhoods and by miles,  
though we are physically distant one from each other,  
we thank you for your grace poured out into our cups,  
for the life restored in the bread we have eaten,  
for the unity in spirit and in truth through this sacrament.  
We are one, as we share, grateful for love embodied.  
Thanks be to you, O God. Amen.**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 26:36-46 in the New Testament page 30

**DOXOLOGY** Glory to You, My God #440 Voices United verse 5 only

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
in heaven above and earth below;  
one God, three persons we adore –  
be praises given forevermore.**

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 26:47-56 in the New Testament page 30-31

## **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

### **OFFERING INVITATION**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

**While there are two parades, loving God, we choose the one Jesus led.  
Unlike the 30 pieces of silver buying power over others,  
bless us and what we give as our discipleship of self-giving.  
We pray this in the name of the one who led with humility and with love.  
Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 135** Beneath the Cross of Jesus

**\*COMMISSIONING**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT** I Have Called You by Your Name #161 More Voices

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** A Meditation

*George Oldroyd*