



Leaside Presbyterian Church

***To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ,
so that we feel loved and share God's love with others.***

Palm - Passion Sunday

March 29 - 10:30 a.m.

**please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on Herzlich tut mich
erlangen (hymn 239) by Johannes Brahms*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF CENTERING

*This morning is **Palm Sunday**, the beginning of Holy Week. This Sunday observes the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds who were in Jerusalem for Passover waving palm branches and proclaiming him as the Messiah.*

*This Sunday is also known as **Passion Sunday** to commemorate Jesus's final journey to the cross.*

Pay attention to the shift in tone of the worship service as you listen to the scripture readings and hymns, from jubilation to lament to thanksgiving.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please see insert: Palm-Passion Sunday

***HYMN**

Hosanna, loud hosanna No.218

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we sing and praise you, happy of heart and strong of spirit, when we are among others who praise you too. But in times of stress, we seek scapegoats to be targets for our anger. We betray those we love and who have loved us, and we turn against you, too busy to seek you, too selfish to obey you. Your compassion is without bounds, O God, for you forgive us again and again. You restore us to a right spirit and bring us together to worship you again. God of steadfast love, teach us how to be steadfast; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news:

"Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave...

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6, 7a, 8b)

Through his obedience we are freed from whatever sin enslaves us.

Thanks be to God!

PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

Filled with excitement No.215

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**All: Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your word with joy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11 NT pg.23

One: The grass withers, the flower fades,

All: But the Word of the Lord stands forever.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Hosanna to the Son of David*
by David Halls

SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:14-27:66 (A dramatized reading)
*The congregation is invited to participate in the reading.
When you see "Crowd" projected on the screen, please
say the words together in one voice.*

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

MEDITATION

***HYMN** *To mock your reign, O dearest Lord No.223*
(alt. Tune: Kingsfold)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING

One: We offer our gifts to God in gratitude,

All: trusting God to multiply what we bring.

OFFERTORY *Zerfließe, mein Herze (Dissolve, my heart)*
by J. S. Bach; Olha Ponomarova, soloist

***DOXOLOGY** *Give thanks for life, the measure
of our days, NO.613 v.1 (tune of 611 SINE NOMINE)*
*Give thanks for life, the measure of our days;
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,*

*yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
hallelujah!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayers will conclude with the singing of hymn #206 sung by the choir one time followed by all several times.

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. AMEN

***HYMN** *O sacred head, sore wounded No.239*

There will be no benediction today, leaving our service open ended until the conclusion of Easter. Please remain in your seats and watch as the sanctuary gets stripped down and the Communion table is veiled as we take our first steps into Holy Week.

WORSHIP HOSTS

Vestry Elder: Caroline Scripture: Liz
Usher: Weida
Coffee Hour: Dan and Liz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Welcome** to Leaside Presbyterian Church. Whether you have come to worship in person or online, we are grateful to be connected as we worship together.
- Thank you to all members who voted in the elder elections. All four nominees received very strong congregational support. The session is pleased to announce that **Sylvia McLean, Alex Packman, Susan Rogers, and Peggy Van Dusen** will be joining the session as elders. An ordination of new elders will take place on Sunday April 19th.
- The final session of the **Lenten lunch-and-learn** is today at 12:30pm. Pizza will be provided.
- Please join us on Friday at 10:30am for our annual joint **Good Friday** worship service with Northlea United.
- An **Easter egg hunt** will take place next Sunday at noon for the young and young at heart.
- Please join **Mary** on **Sunday April 12th, 2026** at noon in the **nursery** to discuss bringing back the Merry Market. This is a community fundraising event held at the church next November (date TBA). This meeting is to plan and gather ideas as to who may be willing to help and what things we would like to offer at the event. If you are unable to attend but wish to help please let Mary know.
- Please save the date for our **LPC BOARD GAMES NIGHT!** Friday April 24 from 7 - 9 pm (doors open at 6:45) in the church basement. Join us for an evening of fun! Bring your favourite game or play one of ours. Meet new friends, learn new games, have lots of fun! Snacks and drinks provided.

Email LPC.gamesnight@gmail.com for more information or talk to Nancy or Liz.

- A reminder that **the service is being recorded** and will be available on the website and on Facebook
- Happy birthday to **Daniel E., Susan R., Bob E.** and those who will be celebrating birthdays this week. If we didn't know it was your birthday, please let the office know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday April 3, 10:30am

- Good Friday at LPC with Northlea United

Sunday April 5, 10:30am

- Easter Sunday - The Lord's Supper
- Easter Egg Hunt (12pm)

UNCEASING PRAYER

Every Sunday, you'll find an updated prayer for specific PWS&D programs and emergency responses, new prayers from PWS&D's global partners, Canada-wide volunteers and ecumenical coalitions, as well as prayers taken from the Bible or the Book of Praise. Thank you for continuing to pray for people affected by conflict, climate change, inequality and systemic cycles of poverty around the globe.

We give thanks to you, Loving God, that young women and men in Guatemala are learning how to stand up against gender-based violence with PWS&D's support. Be with the program staff of AMMID (the Maya-Mam Association of Research and Development) as they do their important work. Amen.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and humility this land on which Leaside Presbyterian Church ministers. Today, this meeting place is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship on this land. Wherever we are, we acknowledge the privilege of inheriting this land from those who have gone before us.

Wherever we are,

we recognize the responsibility of caring for this land to pass on to those who come after us. We are grateful for this gift of being on this land.