STITTSVILLE UNITED CHURCH Growing - Together - In Spirit Palm/Passion Sunday March 28, 2021

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WE JOIN THE PARADE OF PALMS

Gospel: John 12:12-19 (Video of Palm Sunday.)

Palm Parade Song:

Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the Chosen One. Sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna, sing Hosanna to the King.

WE SHARE IN THE LAST SUPPER

Gospel: Luke 22:7-12

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving:

One: The Lord be with you!

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord. One: Let us give thanks to God.

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

One: O Eternal our God, we give thanks that from the very beginning your Spirit breathed life and love into all creation... And so we join our voices with the faithful through the ages to offer you our praise:

All: (#932) Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

One: (Concludes the prayer.)

Sharing the Bread and Cup:

(We invite you to have your own bread and cup ready to share in Communion.)

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Welcome & the Life and Ministry of Our Church

WE GO TO THE CROSS

Gospel: Mark 15:22-24

Message: "Palm Sunday to Good Friday."

Musical Offering:

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Hymn: "In Suffering Love"

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- 1 In suffering love the thread of life is woven through our care, for God is with us, not alone our pain and toil we bear.
- 2 There is a rock, a place secure within the storm's cold blast; concealed within the suffering night God's covenant stands fast.
- 3 In love's deep womb our fears are held; there God's rich tears are sown and bring to birth, in hope newborn, the strength to journey on.
- 4 Now to our hearts your joy commit, into our hands your pain; so send us out to touch the world with blessings in your name.
- 5 In suffering love our God comes now, hope's vision born in gloom; with tears and laughter shared and blessed the desert yet will bloom.

Call to Prayer: (The singing bowl and quiet reflection)

Prayers for Healing and Transformation

The Lord's Prayer:

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts

Song of Dedication: (#579 Verse 2)

The church is wherever God's people are helping, Caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing, The words of the Bible in gift and in deed. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication:

O God, by the love of Jesus, teach us how to love; by the life of Jesus, teach us how to live; by the giving spirit of Jesus, teach us how to give; by the cross of Jesus, teach us how to grieve; by the new life of Jesus, teach us how to hope. Receive, use, and bless these gifts that those who will receive benefit from them may know the strength of your love, as we do. Amen.

WE GO FORTH IN SERVICE

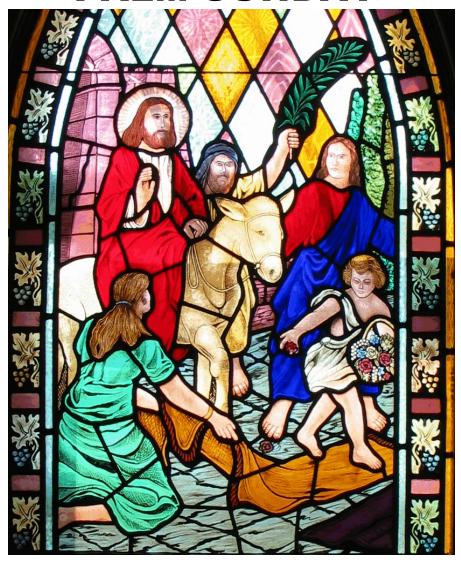
Commissioning and Blessing:

Hymn: "Were You There" (3 selected verses)

- 1 Were you there when they waved the palms and sang? Were you there when they waved the palms and sang? Oh, oh, oh, oh.
 - Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they waved the palms and sang?
- 2 Were you there when he shared the bread and wine?
- 3 Were you there when they crucified may Lord?

Music For Departing:

PALM SUNDAY



"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

March 28, 2021

(Stained Glass Window in Stittsville United Church)