

Oromocto Pastoral Charge

The United Church of Canada

March 24th, 2024

The people of the Oromocto Pastoral Charge welcome you. May there be a blessing for you in this house today.

Please Stand as you are able, sit as you prefer

Greeting:

Jesus proclaims, "You are the light of the world."

Thanks be to God

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Introit:** Holy, Holy, Holy **VU 315 Vs1**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn** All Glory, Laud and Honor **VU 122**

Call to Worship

They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered them:

"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Our Minister, **Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles**, is in her Office this week: **By appointment** She is available outside of these hours by chance or by appointment. Rev. Lori Beth can be reached in the following ways:

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If you know of someone who is ill, in hospital or who would like a visit from the Minister, please talk to Reverend Lori Beth.

Next Week's Scripture:

We follow the Revised Common Lectionary for our services. Our service next week will be based on the following scripture: Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 116, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-35

Our Good Friday Service will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday. All are invited to attend.

Our Easter Sunday Service on Sunday March 31st at 10:30 A.M. with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Covid 19 Policy Revisions

As part of living in the changing world our policy has changed. Masking, Hand Sanitizing are now optional. You are welcome to wear a mask if you wish or encouraged to wear one if you feel ill.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever.

Let us pray in the words Jesus taught us saying...

Our Father

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn He Came Riding On A Donkey **VU 124**

Scripture and Verse

"If Life's a Party, Who Cleans Up?"

-Adapted from the Gathering 2017

*Hymn And on this Path **MV 8**

Offertory

*Dedication Verse **VU 541**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

Offertory Prayer

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Bless these gifts and our lives, O God, for we offer them in the name of Jesus, our Lord. He emptied himself that we might be filled. He humbled himself that we might be lifted up. We pray that these gifts be used to proclaim the gospel which fills lives that are empty and lifts up those who need help. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

*Hymn Lord Listen to Your Children Praying **VU 400 x2**

Our Prayers of Thanks and Concern

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*Hymn Ride on, Ride on in Majesty **Vu 127 (Tune 558)**

Commissioning and Blessing

Extinguishing of the Candles

*Musical Benediction **MV 213**

*Take up his song of love and go into the world.
Take Up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;
Lay them down in love, lay them down, and take up his
song.*