



The United Church of Canada

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 2026 – 10:30am

Centennial United Church-Stayner

Minister: Jennifer Irving

Pianist: Megan Arksey

Organist - June Flynn

Words to Ponder: *“Holy joy gives us courage in this broken world—what if we let that joy be our identity?”* ~ Catherine Faith MacLean

Gathering to be Fed

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Announcements & Sharing our Joy & Concerns

Lighting of the Christ Candle

First Lesson: Matthew 21:1-11 *The Triumphal Entry*

Palm Sunday Gathering Song

Call to Worship

One: This day brings with it joy and celebration,
uncertainty and anticipation.

**ALL: This day brings us to a new place
of discernment and preparation.**

One: This day leads us into the realities of Holy Week, into the truth
and challenges of living the promise of faith and hope.

**ALL: This day leads us beyond the past
and into a future that is yet to be revealed.**

One: This day we are led into worship with palms and hosannas.
Let us worship.

Bill Steadman, Gathering, LE 2026. Used with permission.

Prayer of Approach & Confession & The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

**Hosanna! Come save us! Blessed are you, the One who comes in
the name of the Lord, meek, yet all-powerful; lowly yet given a
name above all names. It is you, Jesus, who alone can welcome,
heal, call us friends, and forgive all our sin. Hosanna! Come save
us! For you are: Our Father... Amen.**

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Feasting on the Word—Lessons & Hymns

The Second Lesson: Matthew 26:6-13 *The Anointing at Bethany*

Hymn VU #506 “Take My Life and Let It Be” (vs. 1, 4, 5)

The Third Lesson: Matthew 26:14-16 *Judas’ Betrayal*

Hymn MV #67 “Kyrie Eleison” (*Bridget*) – to be sung repeatedly

*Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.***

*Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.***

*Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.***

The Fourth Lesson: Matthew 26:17-19 *The Lord’s Supper is Prepared*

Hymn VU #130 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare” (vs. 1, 2)

sung to the tune of O Waly Waly #372 “Though I May Speak”

Sharing the Nourishment

The Fifth Lesson: Matthew 26:26-29 *The Lord’s Supper is Shared*

Hymn of Invitation VU #457 “As We Gather at Your Table” (vs. 1, 2)

Service of Communion (*see insert*)

Going Forth to Feed the World

The Sixth Lesson: Matthew 26:30-46 *Gethsemane*

Hymn VU #950 “Stay with Me” (*repeatedly*)

Time for Thanksgiving, Gratitude & Stories of Generosity

Offertory Hymn VU #541 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn VU #950 “Stay with Me” (*repeatedly*)

Prayer for Entering Holy Week (in unison)

O God, in Jesus Christ you triumphantly entered Jerusalem,
thus beginning a week of pain and sorrow.

In these days of defeat and victory, you have brought together
humiliation and exaltation, death and resurrection.

Be with us now, as we follow in joy and in sorrow the way of the
cross, in the footsteps of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Sung Invitation to Holy Week VU#133 “Go, Now to Gethsemane” v1

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Thank you to Neelah Irving for running our live-stream & tech support.

Thank you to Greta Horton and Jayne Coutts for reading scripture

Greta Horton for reading the M&S Story

Thank you to June Flynn for joining us on the organ.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship in the CE Hall.

Join us Good Friday at 10:30am as the story unfolds

Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We gather to worship and witness within the boundaries of Treaty 18 of 1818. This is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati, Wendat, and home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples as part of an intricate nationhood that reaches across Turtle Island. We acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages and our desire to seek a new relationship with the Indigenous Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

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On-Line & In Person Worship: Sundays: 10:30am

SERVICE OF COMMUNION FOR HOLY WEEK

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: May God be with us.

ALL: God is here among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

ALL: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

ALL: It is right to give thanks and praise.

One: Thanks and praise be to you, O God, for you create life out of the dust,... pilgrims praising you along the way:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable God.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

One: As we take this holy food, we take courage—
... God most holy, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Filling the Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

One: The bread of Life. Response: Thanks be to God.

One: The cup of Love. Response: Amen.

All are invited to come forward in quiet, personal, meditative contemplation and take the bread and eat and then take the cup and drink before heading back to your seats.

Please signal to the servers if you wish to be served in your pew along with the choir and music leaders.

During Communion you may join with the Choir singing VU #466

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the Life and Love of Jesus Christ.**

May this meal strengthen us

to continue to follow him in all our living and loving.

**May our hosannas echo long after this meal is ended,
even to the foot of the cross. Amen.**

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

**Worship in person or on Zoom: 862 4551 6433 pwd: WORSHIP*

We welcome you to worship in our Sanctuary and thank you for not wearing scented products to church for those who are scent sensitive

THE FAST WE CHOOSE—A Lenten Invitation join us in living out our faith and sharing food with those who are hungry this Lent

- Week 6-March 29: Individually packaged snack foods

CALLING READERS FOR APRIL AND MAY! See sheets at the back of the church for reading scripture and the M&S Stories, as well as bulletin sponsorship.

SIP 'n' SERVE Join us Monday mornings at 9:00 AM. All cleaners are rewarded with coffee and conversation!

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY HOUR Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:00am

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP – Thursdays at 2:00pm join us for Lenten discussions on the Daily Devotional “**Bless, Break, Share**”.

HEADS UP! Save the date for a Craft Supplies and Bake Sale on April 11. More details to follow. The Spring Clothing Swap will be April 17 and 18, 10 AM – 1 PM with collection to begin April 13.

APRIL 22 Centennial Women meet at 7:30 PM at the church. Myrna Whitley will be speaking about regenerative grazing. All welcome!

SUNDAY MAY 10 Centennial hosts a Mother’s Day Spring Community concert at 7 PM, sponsored by the Clearview Ministerial. Community Choir practice begins Thursday, April 9 at 7 PM at Centennial.

This week’s regional prayers are for St John’s United Church in Elmvale. Learn more about St John’s here <https://www.unitedchurchelmvale.org/>

EASTER SERVICES

Good Friday Service - April 3, 10:30 AM

Easter Sunrise Service - April 5, 6:45 AM (hosted by David Reid and Maxine Coutts Reid 259 Christopher St, Stayner. Bring your own lawn chair & coffee!)

Easter Sunday Service - April 5, 9:30 AM. Gather before church in the CE Hall for hot cross buns & conversation followed by Worship at 10:30am!