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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning through live stream. We pray that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship.

St. James United Church, Woodstock, N.B.
Order of service for March 28, 2021 10:30 a.m.
Palm/Passion Sunday

Prelude

Introit: VU# 392 "How Sacred Is This Place"

Welcome and Announcement

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Jesus is coming.

Hosanna!

He comes to us riding on a donkey.

Hosanna!

Open wide the gates!

Hosanna!

Let us welcome him with branches and songs of praise.

Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the King of kings!

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of my sister, Kim Buckingham Green by Gail and Frank Lipsett.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund. in loving memory of Betty Wilson by Mary Cox Price, John and Mary Wheelan, Janet MacElwain, Ruby MacNabb, Mary Leigh Webb, Jeannie and Kevin MacAulay, Doug and Lynda Swan, Donna Opie,

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund and the Kirk Cemetery in loving memory of my parents, Mary Dimock and Arnold Dimock by Janice Dimock, Blair Fry and Lauren Cummings.

A memorial donation has been made to the Building (Roof) Fund. in loving memory of Betty Wilson by Phyllis Robinson.

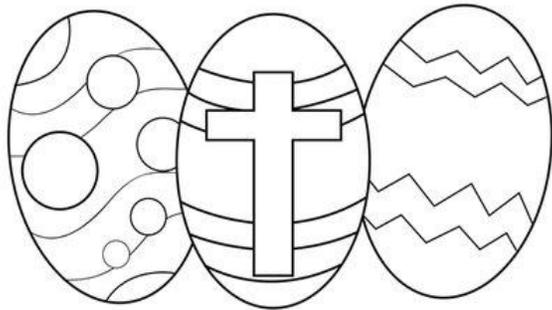
A memorial donation has been made to the Children's Health Fund in loving memory of Betty Wilson by Lana McKay.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Jocelyn Dundas, sister of Marg Beattie by Jeannie MacAulay and Mary Leigh Webb.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Mary Dimock by Mary Leigh Webb.

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of mother, Alice Webb, by Mary Leigh Webb.

Easter Treasure



Colors of Easter

Green – is for the branches of palms they waved at Him, as Jesus rode a little donkey into Jerusalem.

Purple – is for the kingly robe that soldiers made Him wear, a contrast to the rugged cross that Jesus chose to bear.

Blue – is for His mother and friends who watched Him die, and for the tears they shed, as they sadly said good-bye.

Pink & Yellow – are for the dawn that resurrection morn, when the dark and empty tomb meant hope had been reborn.

White – is for the angels at the door of death’s stone prison, who gave the joyful message, “He is gone...for He Has Risen!”

Opening Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. In our worship today visit us and reveal yourself to us anew. Amen.

1st Reading Mark 14: 1 – 26 Gail Lipsett

Opening Hymn: VU #123 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

2nd Reading Mark 14: 27 – 52 Carolyn Drake

Celebrations

Please share your celebrations with us as we give thanks together.

Offertory prayers

Lord Jesus, the crowds offered you their coats to walk on, they waved palm branches, honouring your presence. Today we honour you, Lord, with our offerings. We lay these gifts before you, humble tokens of our love, a public display of affection for our King of kings. Amen.

3rd Reading Mark 14: 53 – 72 Randy Leonard

Hymn: Reflection: VU #124 “He Came Riding on a Donkey”

4th Reading Mark 15: 1 – 20 Eleanor Leonard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Thank you, God, for your triumphal entry into our world each and every day. The slow-motion explosion of buds on the trees proclaims,

“Hosanna!”

We long to join this chorus, giving you thanks and praise for who you are, for all you have created, all you are creating. Thank you for sending Jesus, who showed us your love for all creation, your love for us.

He opened our eyes to see your kingdom come here on earth.

Forgive us for the times where we have gone about our own business, concerned with many things, oblivious to the needs of those around us, oblivious to the call of your love in our heart.

God of grace, equip us to be your servants, listening, eager, and ready.

Thank you for your presence in our world, even in war-filled places. We hear of bombs dropped, children killed, the needy betrayed. We are tempted to despair, and to think that you have forsaken us. We are tempted to think that you are powerless. Give us a vision of your entry into our world as the Prince of peace, changing hearts, changing our hearts, one by one, creating an army of peacemakers who say no to violence.

God of great deeds, open our hearts to be your hearts, and your loving arms for all who need your presence.

You know the people in our congregation with pressing needs: we pray for...those with new diagnoses, those waiting for tests, those coping with chronic pain. We grieve with those who are grieving, and we ask you for comfort and healing. We pray for marriages that are in trouble, and relationships that are strained, walk with us, and show us the way. **Amen.**

Now we pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father who art...**

5th Reading Mark 15: 21 – 47 Vanessa Belyea

Closing Hymn: VU#122 “All Glory, Laud and Honour”

Closing Prayer

Dear God, you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction and Send forth. (Ephesians 3:20–21)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Choral Benediction:

The bulletin has been dedicated in loving memory of our mother, Mary Dimock, by the Dimock Family.

MISSION STATEMENT The congregation of Saint Jam

es United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.

We endeavor to respect each other's differences and abilities, to follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith, our community and our world.

Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

This is one I can honestly say I have never seen circulating so; if this touches you, you may want to forward it.

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this....

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see.. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!

Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it...

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.'

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

He is Coming Back!

So; if this touches you, you may want to forward it. And praise the name of Jesus!

BIBLE READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: Luke 19: 28 – 40 Psalm 118: 25 – 26

Monday Psalm 22: 1 – 18

Tuesday John: 12: 20 – 36

Wednesday: Isaiah 53: Psalm 129: 1 – 3

Thursday: Luke 22: 7 – 62

Good Friday: John 18: 1 John 19: 42 Hebrews 2: 9 – 18

Saturday: Psalm 40: 6 – 8 Hebrews 10: 1 – 12

Easter Sunday: Mark 16: 1 – 8 Romans: 6: 3 - 11