Quispamsis United Church

*Lent: Ashes & Promises*

*April 10th, 2022 - Palm Sunday*

*Liturgical Colour: Purple*

*Presider: Rev. Richard*

*Musician: Stephen Alexander*

*Reader: Cindy Millican*

*Centering Passage: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

*-Psalm 24:7-10*

## GATHERING TOGETHER

### Welcome

### Acknowledgement of Territories

### Celebrations & Announcements

### Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle to show us the way to the celebration! It shines brightly here, a reminder that Christ rules in our hearts and shows us the way. May this light lead the parade as we shout Hosanna to the king!

Opening Music Lift High the Cross - arr. Cindy Berry

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### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

### Call to Worship (Responsive):

We have been walking towards the cross experiencing the shadows gathering around us, we came to the cries for crucifixion, but now we jump back

We jump back to this moment, this moment in the sun, when spirits are high and joyful; we jump back to the safety of the parade.

We come and gather, to shout Hosanna

We come to celebrate, the promise that our Messiah will save us, and lead us on to brighter days.

We shout Hosanna in worship and in praise.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

### Prayer of the Day

We are excited today, O God. We see your son coming, and we are filled to bursting! Hosanna! Blessed is this one who comes in your name. Blessed is this one who humbly enters our hearts and rules with love. May we welcome him with such eagerness every morning, follow him throughout all our days, and give thanks to our king each night. Guide us in our worship this day O God, that the Hosannas drown out the anger and hate of the world, replacing them with joy and love. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of the one who rides into our lives on a donkey. AMEN

### Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123

Hosanna, loud hosanna

the happy children sang;

through pillared court and temple

the lovely anthem rang:

to Jesus, who had blessed them,

close folded to his breast,

the children sang their praises,

the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed

'mid an exultant crowd,

the victory palm-branch waving,

and singing clear and loud;

the Lord of earth and heaven

rode on in lowly state,

content that little children

should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"

That ancient song we sing,

for Christ is our Redeemer;

earth, let your anthems ring.

O may we ever praise him

with heart and life and voice,

and in his humble presence

eternally rejoice!

## LISTENING FOR TRUTH

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### Ash Liturgy (Responsive):

Throughout this season of Lent, we are all being asked to carry the ashes of last year’s Palm Sunday branches. When we waved those branches, we were declaring our faith, our trust, and our dedication to Christ.

We carried these ashes because they reminded us of the promises that we made at the foot of the cross, at the mouth of the empty tomb.

Promises to follow you more closely;

to love more deeply;

to transform ourselves.

The ashes remind us of how we have fallen short.

But today, we march boldly with you into Jerusalem, waving new branches: symbols of hope, of the light overcoming the dark. We need not carry these ashes anymore, because in you our burdens are lifted, in you our lives are made new, in you we have a way.

We will follow you to the cross,

and beyond.

For a moment, let us focus on these ashes, lifting our prayers for guidance and promises to follow to Christ.

*(moment for reflective silence)*

*\*\*\*Following the service, you are invited to pour out your ashes outside, offering a prayer, waving your palm branch high\*\*\**

### Sung Prayer of Illumination: Tree of Life VU 121 (vs 4) *QUC Recording*

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,

come inflame our hearts anew,

we may all your joy inherit

if we bear the cross for you,

if we bear the cross for you.

### Reading: John 12:12-27

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!’

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!’

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, ‘You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!’

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

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### Anthem The King is Coming

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### Message Sir, We wish to See Jesus

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

### Hymn: All glory Laud and Honour VU 122 *QUC Recording*

[Refrain:]

All glory, laud and honour

to you, Redeemer, King,

to whom the lips of children

made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel,

and David’s royal Son,

now in the Lord’s name coming,

our King and blessèd one. *R*

The multitude of pilgrims

with palms before you went;

our praise and prayer and anthems

before you we present: *R*

To you, before your passion,

they sang their hymns of praise;

to you, now high exalted,

our melody we raise: *R*

Their praises you accepted,

accept the prayers we bring,

great author of all goodness,

O good and gracious king. *R*

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4/ if you come for in-person worship, there is a plate as you enter the church where you can place your offering.

5/ mail or deliver your giving’s to our treasurer, Brion Crossman, 22 Country Crescent, Quispamsis, E2E 1T2

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### Offertory Dedication Hymn: For All Your Goodness VU 549

For all your goodness God, we give you thanks,

Thanks for the food we eat and for the friends we meet,

And each new day we greet, we give you thanks.

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### Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

We raise our Palms high, we lift our praise higher! We come before you, O Christ, King in our hearts, and we offer our whole selves joyfully as you stride into our lives. Receive all that we give as we celebrate your constant presence. Bless all that we offer as we strive to be your hands and feet in the world. Lead us on, O Christ, from cross to kingdom we pray. AMEN

### Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

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### Hymn: Ride on! Ride on In Majesty! VU 127

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;

O Saviour meek, pursues thy road

with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

O Christ, thy triumphs now begin

o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

The wingèd squadrons of the sky

look down with sad and wondering eyes

to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! Ride on in majesty!

In lowly pomp ride on to die;

bow thy meek head to mortal pain,

then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

## SENDING FORTH

### Commissioning & Benediction (Responsive):

The palms litter the ground, the crowd has dispersed,

But the joy and excitement of seeing Christ come to town is still in our hearts.

As the reality of this moment closes in on Christ, as the shadow of the cross begins to be cast,

we walk with Him into this week, not turning from His path and we see love in action.

So go now to proclaim Jesus’ love and presence through your words and action.

We go, knowing the love of God surrounds us, that Chris’s mercy is given to us, and the Holy Spirit will guide us on this path of faith. Amen.

### Choral Closing: Tree of Life VU 121 (vs 5)

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,

stumbling though our steps may be,

one with you in joy and sorrow,

we the river, you the sea,

we the river, you the sea.

### Closing Music Ride On, King Jesus - African - American Spiritual