

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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March 28th, 2021

Palm Sunday

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 118: 29



Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship

Lenten Insert

Praise:

"Hosanna, loud hosanna"

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Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang. To Jesus, who had held them close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed amid the shouting crowd, the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud; Messiah, God's anointed, rode there in humble state, "Hosanna in the highest!" rang out their praises great.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. Oh may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, and in God's joyful presence eternally rejoice!

Prayer of Confession:

God of compassion, we confess that we prefer darkness to your light, and our ways to yours. We do what is easy rather than what is right. We have been dishonest with ourselves and each other. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and shallow commitments. As we witness again the story of Jesus confronting his enemies, strengthen our desire to follow him and serve you with courage like his.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"My song is love unknown"

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My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. Oh who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow, but we made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to their King; then "Crucify" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Mark 11: 1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"Hosanna"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Invitation to the Offering

Anthem:

"All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

setting by M.K. Beall

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

"Ride on, ride on in majesty"

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Ride on, ride on in majesty; hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry. O Saviour meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strewed

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 angel hosts beyond the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty; the last and fiercest strife is nigh. Thy Father on the sapphire throne expects thee, loved, anointed Son.

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.

Benediction and Sung Response

Amen, Amen, A - - men.

Postlude:

"Lamb of God"

Paris, arr. Hayes



Announcements

As part of our announcements this morning we will be watching a video from the Presbyterian Church in Canada defining the very important **Presbyterians Sharing** and **Presbyterian World Service and Development** funds. The video can also be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFnYUBILTGw>



Saskatoon St. Andrew's Coffee Hour at 12:30 pm Sundays:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81575438545>

CHURCH REOPENING UPDATE

As the leadership of St. Andrew's continues to monitor the ever-changing Covid-19 situation, we have identified **Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 as a potential date to reopen for in-person worship**. Your church leadership will continue to adhere to all Covid-19 guidelines and provide updates as the situation develops. Please note that Sunday worship services will continue to be available online up to and after the resumption of in-person services at (standrews-saskatoon.com). We hope to see you again soon!



HOLY WEEK SERVICES (All worship services ONLINE until further notice)

Palm Sunday – March 28th at 11:00 am

Good Friday - April 2nd at 10:30 am

Easter Sunday Kid's Service - April 4th at 10:00 am

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The latest "**These Days**", the daily devotional for April, May and June, has arrived in the office. If you would like a copy, please contact the office, and we can make that happen. The spring edition of "**Presbyterian Connections**" is also available.

COVID-19 Immunization Alert: Eligibility for Booked Appointments Expanded

COVID-19 vaccine booking eligibility is being expanded once again in Saskatchewan. Starting March 25 at 8 a.m., eligible groups will be expanded to include all individuals 62 years of age and older, individuals 50 years of age and older living in the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District, all remaining phase one health care workers, and people with underlying health conditions who are clinically extremely vulnerable through an eligibility letter.

Read the rest of this announcement on the Saskatchewan Health Authority

website: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news/releases/Pages/2021/March/COVID-19-Immunization-Alert-Eligibility-Expanded-March-24.aspx>

Community Engagement and Communications

Saskatchewan Health Authority



**Presbyterian World Service
& Development**

PWS&D Lenten Appeal

Malawi has seen a recent surge in COVID-19 after a period with very few new reported cases. In mid-January, the president

declared a state of emergency, temporarily closing schools, prohibiting gatherings of over 50 people and enforcing a nighttime curfew.

Food security is endangered, as farmers are seeing a reduction in income as a result of COVID-19, while still paying more for farm inputs. PWS&D supports rural farmers to strengthen farm production and market capacity, with all safety precautions being implemented for training and farm visits.

Prolonged school closures over the course of the pandemic have fueled teenage pregnancies and early marriage. Significant increases of domestic violence have been reported. Lengthy stay at home orders have decreased economic opportunities, leading to increased levels of abuse.

This surge in cases is being fueled by the highly infectious strain of coronavirus first discovered in South Africa. This surge is putting extraordinary strains on an already burdened health care system. Although not the primary facilities responsible for treating COVID patients, mission hospitals have converted parts of their facilities to COVID treatment—including those supported by the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Ekwendeni, Livingstonia and Mulanje.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Presbyterian Church in Canada (through PWS&D and International Ministries) has provided support to partners in Malawi, ensuring that project work could continue.

In order to ensure that activities can continue safely, partners have largely cancelled community meetings of over 20 people. Physical distancing is being enforced at any community meeting or training. Meetings are being held in large outdoor spaces, with facilities provided for handwashing and facilitators wearing face masks. Partners have increased community awareness sessions and messages about COVID prevention and management.

As we highlight PWS&D during this Lenten season—and stop to reflect on our own blessings—may we also prayerfully consider our offerings to this important work of the church.

COVID TOWN HALL

We are fortunate at St. Andrew's to have a member of our congregation who is part of Public Health. Dr. Tabien has been working through the past year helping with the province's response to the Covid pandemic and is willing to answer any questions that we might have by holding a town hall meeting by zoom. Because of her schedule, this would take place after April 18th, giving us a chance to come up with questions. A Zoom link will be sent out once a firm date has been set for all those who are interested.



Missed out on a worship service?

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit standrews-saskatoon.com
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin



SUNDAYS

09:30 AM - 09:45 AM

Sprouts – preschool and early elementary aged children

Meeting ID: 862 0953 1359

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Roots – older elementary and high school youth

Meeting ID: 867 4107 9007

NOW ON THURSDAYS

06:15 PM

Kids Klub Thursday Afterschool – ages 7 and up

Meeting ID: 884 2782 8650



Palm/Passion Sunday



*Adapted from the original
written by the Rev. Mary Whitson*

- L: Jerusalem, at last! We join the crowd streaming to the mountain.
We watch Jesus approach on a lowly donkey.
We hear the crowds cry "Hosanna!"
- P: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
- L: There is a joyful song in the air: the people cheer and the palms wave.
But the adulation of the crowd is shallow.
- P: Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the blessed of God.
Son of David, save us now.
- L: The crowd grows—
the people want to be part
of something important.
- P: "Hosanna! Blessed is he
who comes in the name
of the Lord!"
- L: Let us pray.
- All: God of all times, we have
followed Jesus into the
crowded city. We too want
to catch a glimpse of Jesus.
Reveal to us what true glory,
leadership and obedience
look like under your reign.
In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.



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A Long-Awaited Answer

In Nepal, Keshari Bohara wasn't sure why she felt numbness and had an ulcer on her hand. But one day the 58-year-old walked into the Shining Hospital and received the answers she had been waiting for. The hospital staff told Keshari that her symptoms were due to leprosy.

In Nepal, PWS&D's local partner, the Shining Hospital, ensures appropriate diagnosis and treatment for patients living with leprosy and tuberculosis.

Through their mobile outreach clinics, the project has served hundreds of patients in remote communities—mostly people like Keshari—living with undiagnosed skin conditions.

With the support of the Shining Hospital, Keshari is now taking the correct medication to treat her illness. She rejoices that her ulcer is getting better, thanks to the proper care and treatment she received at the hospital.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to provide more people like Keshari with access to proper health care that offers quick and accurate diagnosis.

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