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\*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

CALL TO THE GATHERED

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN VU #123 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

PALM SUNDAY RAP

Response: **Ho Ho Sanna**

**Jesus is a comin' to town.**

OPENING PRAYER: (responsive)

One: Holy One, Jesus wanted us to live passionate, justice seeking, God-centred lives. As we move closer to Good Friday, we feel the excitement of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We thank you for his faith, courage and love. He dared to live Your way in the presence of his enemies. May we too proclaim our faith bravely in the face of all opposition.

ALL: **Be with us in our worship.**

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS (today the offering will not be brought forward)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Hosanna"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*(Children 0-7 are invited to leave for Discovery Kids,  
older children are invited to remain for the service)*

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

**THE UPPER ROOM & SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

VU# 932(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are filled with your glory,  
Hosanna in the Highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

VU# 933(sung)

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come, come again.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

COMMUNION ANTHEM: "Gathered in the Upper Room"

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Reflection

Hymn

VU#133 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

**Go to dark Gethsemane,  
you that feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see;  
watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his grief away:  
learn from him to watch and pray.**

COURTYARD AND PETER'S DENIAL

Reflection

Hymn

VU#132 "Bitter Was the Night" (verses 1,2,3,6)

**Bitter was the night, thought the cock would crow forever.  
Bitter was the night before the break of day.**

**Saw you passing by, told them all I didn't know you.  
Bitter was the night before the break of day.**

**Told them all a lie, and I told it three times over.  
Bitter was the night before the break of day.**

**Bitter was the night, thought there'd never be a morning.  
Bitter was the night before the break of day.**

JESUS ON THE CROSS  
AND THE RESPONSE OF THE TWO THIEVES

Reflection

Hymn:

VU #148 (3X)

**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

JESUS DIES

Reflection

Solo:

There is a Green Hill Far Away

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (unison - a Paraphrase by Phillip Yantz)

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver  
Source of all that is And all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come  
on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN VU #135 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"  
COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

Please allow the choir to recess before leaving the Sanctuary.

POSTLUDE

**LENT/EASTER SERVICES  
AT ST. PAUL'S**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
MARCH 29 - 7PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
MARCH 30 - 10 AM**

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE  
SUNDAY APRIL 1  
LITTLE LAKE PARK - 7 AM  
FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST  
AT  
ST. PAUL'S AT 8 AM**

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE  
APRIL 1 - 10 AM**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
March 25, 2018  
[www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://www.stpaulsmidland.org)



Easter Food Drive: St. Paul's food drive continues today and on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please leave your donations on the 2 small pews in the corner of the Sanctuary, near the organ console.



The church office will be closed on March 30<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday) and on April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Easter Monday). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, a "United Fresh Start Workshop" is being planned by Presbytery. The workshop will help people to recognize the changes coming to the United Church and develop strategies to give churches a fresh start. If you are interested please register at <https://torontoconference.ca/guest-registration-united-fresh-start-workshop/> and let the church office know, so that carpooling can be coordinated.



**St. Paul's Youth Group** will meet again on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Bring Your Own Utensil". Friends are always welcome. For more information, contact Colleen at: [cgareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cgareau02@gmail.com)

The next **Observer Reflections** meeting will be on Monday April 9 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**St. Paul's Handchime Choir** will be ringing at a fundraising event for Sistema Huronia on April 14 at 1:30 p.m. The event is being held at the Midland Alliance Church. Please join us for an afternoon of family entertainment.

**Auction of Talent and Beautiful Things** is on Saturday April 28 in the Great Hall. Viewing is at 9:30 a.m. followed by the auction at 10:00 a.m. A light lunch will be available for purchase. Your donated items can be dropped off at the church between April 16 and April 20.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**2018 Toronto Conference** of The United Church

Volunteers are still needed for this year's event on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, with set up day on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications for volunteers are available on the back window in the Sanctuary, or on our website under "Getting Involved" at

<http://www.stpaulsmidland.org/>

You can also contact Zena at [zenapendlebury@hotmail.com](mailto:zenapendlebury@hotmail.com) or call (705) 527-6789.



The **Property Committee** is always looking for volunteers to help with normal maintenance issues and with gardening around the church. If you have a green thumb or are handy with a hammer or paint brush and can help us out, please contact the church office.

## **CAMP AWESOME -**

July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at St. Paul's. **SAVE THE DATE!** Kitchen help will be needed, so if you're able to assist, please contact Colleen at: [cgareau02@gmail.com](mailto:cgareau02@gmail.com)

