



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,
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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

WELCOME!

**We are so glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!**

Service for the Lord's Day April 01, 2012, 11 a.m.
Palm/Passion Sunday

**All who are able are asked to stand.*



Our Vision:

A Worshiping-Sharing-Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Pie Jesu by Faure

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *"Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem." Our Lord is on a journey, and the way leads through opposition and misunderstanding. **Jesus invites us to follow him.** This journey leads through the shadows of betrayal, the night of Gethsemane, the afternoon darkness of Golgotha.*

"Then Jesus told his disciples, If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Our Lord is on a journey. May we have the grace to follow this Christ, and to give to him our very lives. For in giving away our lives, we find them, and in dying we live.

*Hymn: Ride on, Ride on in majesty

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Lenten Liturgies (concludes verse 6 We lay our broken world 202)

Prayer of Confession: *Good Lord, we are like the people who welcomed you to Jerusalem, we are happy to be with you when things are going well and inclined to run away when the going is tough. **Lord have mercy.** Sometimes we are even ashamed to confess that we know you: **Christ have mercy.** We know that you are a special friend to people who know sickness and suffering, but we do not always love your friends: **Lord have mercy.***

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: *Isaiah 50: 4-9a*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 31:9-16 *Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. **For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I***

have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many- terror all around!- as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Hosanna, loud hosanna 218

Conversation with the young people:

Sunday school leaves for classes

Gospel: *Mark 15: 1-39*

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ

*Hymn: O dearest Lord 221

Sermon: **THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST**
We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Were You There? Traditional Spiritual

Soloists: Adam Skinner, Andrew Lappin, Sophia Nickel and Ian Gilmore

*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* 830

Affirmation of Faith: *Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus. We believe in Jesus Christ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.*

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (sung unannounced) 449

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: We lay our broken world 202

*Benediction:

Choral Amen:

*Irish blessing (Please be seated for the blessing)

Postlude: Postlude in G by Matthias

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Welcoming Elder this morning is Jamie Campbell. Our scripture reader for this morning is Sophia Nickel. Our hosts for Refreshments today are Anne Sommerville. The Lenten reader is Jack Stewart.

Lenten Chowder Luncheons: Thanks to all who have helped in any way. Any questions please call: Don Knox (423-2067) or Colin MacPherson (434-1674). Continue to support this effort – and come and enjoy the chowder!

Regular activities THIS WEEK - (April 1- April 8)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am. Thank you for the members of Sunday who are leading our Palm Sunday parade!

The **Mission and Outreach** Committee meet after Refreshments.

Monday: Worship and Church Life Committee meets at 2 pm

Monday to Friday See Easter schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

Wednesday Noon: Lenten chowder luncheon

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)

Sunday See Easter schedule

We would like to put some special flowers in the church for Easter. If you are able to contribute to this please let Vanora Haldane (429-7134) or Phyllis Morrison (429-4353) know. You can buy the flowers yourself and bring them to church or give a donation to the above and we will do the shopping. Many thanks.

ECUMENICAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

2-5 APRIL 2012; 7:30 - 8:00 A.M.

Continental Breakfast after each Service

MONDAY, APRIL 2 Cathedral Church of All Saints
1330 Martello Street Host: Very Reverend Paul W. Smith, Dean
TUESDAY, APRIL 3 St. Andrew's United Church Corner of
Robie St. and Coburg Rd. Host: Rev. Dr. Russell Daye
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 First Baptist Church Halifax
1300 Oxford St. Host: Rev. John E. Boyd
THURSDAY, APRIL 5 Presbyterian Church of St. David
Host: Rev. Kenneth Stright

Easter Services

April 5 St. Vincent's Communion at 1:30 pm Thursday
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion joint service at Calvin
GOOD FRIDAY April 6 Ecumenical service St. John's United
(at the Maritime Conservatory of Music) 10:30 a.m.
EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service with First
Baptist congregation at the lower parking lot of Point Pleasant
Park. 9:00 a.m. Early Service
9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Easter Service

The internment of Jennifer Fong will be on Saturday, April 14th from 11:00 to 11:30am at Fairview cemetery. A reception will be held at the Waegwoltic Club from 1:00pm to 4:00 PM Saturday afternoon. This will be the celebration of life. All those who wish to attend are most welcome.

Ladies Guild Spring Luncheon and bake Sale at Calvin Presbyterian April 14 starting 10:30 am (\$8.)

The King's College Chapel Choir, under the direction of Paul Halley, will perform J S Bach's great masterwork, the Mass in B Minor, on Saturday, April 14, 7.30 PM, at All Saints Cathedral.

PASTORAL CARE



Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



...the mighty God chose to come into this world in weakness. In Christ, God entered most deeply into our suffering. (from Living Faith)

MISSION CAPSULES: HUNGARY: Educational scholarships for youth Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Mary Gorombey as she serves the Hungarian Reformed Church in Budapest. Mary is coordinating a program that provides financial aid to help young people from Serbia, Romania and Ukraine access education. Mary writes, "I was fortunate to meet some of our supported young people in Romania and Ukraine. It was a heart-warming and touching experience." Although no longer working directly with refugees, Mary still serves them at St. Columba's church in Budapest. Let us pray for Mary and the Hungarian Reformed Church as they help make education accessible to young people.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray that our Canadian Forces members will experience the love and grace of the Risen Christ this Easter. Pray for music directors and choirs as they prepare for Easter services.

STEWARDSHIP The starting point in the journey of the Christian steward is—must be—a realization of the reality of God's love. Yet it is just that—a starting point, not an ending point. *Ronald E. Vallet, Stepping Stones of the Steward*

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility. If desired a **nursery room** is available with an audio link.



The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.