

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

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

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, March 24, 2013 LENT 6

Holy Week

Holy is the week... Holy, consecrated, belonging to God... we move from the hosannas to horror with the predictable ease of those who know not what they do. Our hosannas sung, our palms waved, let us go with passion into this week! (Ann Weems)

*All who are able are asked to stand.

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Ride On, *Grayston Ives**The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship

Palm Sunday Parade Sunday School enter as we sing... *Hymn: All glory, laud and honour **214**

Lenten Liturgy (see insert)
Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

Introit: Hosianna dem Sohne Davids, *Bartholomaus Gesius (c. 1560-1613)*

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

One: The Word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29** *O give thanks* to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. **The stone that the** builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name **of the LORD.** *We bless you from the house of the LORD.* **The** LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I **will extol you.** *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his*

*Hymn: Hosanna, loud hosanna

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Conversation with the young people:

steadfast love endures forever. Gloria Patri (sung)

(Young people leave for Sunday School)
From the letters: Philippians 2: 5-11
Gospel: Luke 19: 28-40

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

*Hymn: At the name of Jesus <u>340</u>

Sermon: COVENANT OF THE CROSS

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Anthem: Were You There?, *Spiritual, arr. Bob Chilcott*

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

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside back

cover of the Book of Praise)

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

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

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Ride on, ride on <u>217</u>

*Benediction: *Choral Amen:

Postlude: O Mensch Bewein, J.S. Bach

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Flowers are placed in loving memory of mother, Ellen Dunlop, by Alex, Johannah & Lesley Roberts.

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.

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 Greeter this morning is Shelley MacDonald Parsons. Our scripture reader for this morning is Colin Roop. Refreshment Host is Nancy and David Tindall.

Total offering

Giving Goal for February: \$9,003 Amount given in February: \$7,157

Thank you for your generosity. What you give to Saint David's helps us move on with our missions, programs and property development in 2013 and beyond.

Presbyterians Sharing...

Giving Goal for 2013: \$26,000 Given up to February 28th: \$5,789

Ecumenical Holy Week Services 25-28 March; 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

(Continental Breakfast after each Service)

Monday, March 25 Cathedral Church of All Saints Tuesday, March 26 Presbyterian Church of St. David Wednesday, March 27 Fort Massey United Church Thursday, March 28 St. Andrew's United Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY service at St David's – 7 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at First Baptist – 10:30 am EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE meet at Point Pleasant Park Lower parking by 6:45 am.
Easter Early Communion service 9 am
Easter Breakfast at 9:45
Easter Communion service combined with the NS Korean Church at 11 am

Easter luncheon at noon

Easter Sunday will be a busy day at St. David's. We will start the day with a joint sunrise service with the congregation of First Baptist Church. Hopefully the weather will co-operate this year and we will be able to gather at 6:45 a.m. in the lower parking lot of Point Pleasant Park. After a brief interlude we will gather in the sanctuary for our usual early service with communion at 9 a.m. Following that at 9:45 we will enjoy breakfast organized by Michael de la Ronde and his band of merry men. Then at 11 the members of the Korean congregation will celebrate Easter Communion with us. Plan to join us for a wonderful celebration of Easter with music and liturgy in English and Korean, and then stay around for an international lunch. We are asked to provide the sandwiches and sweets, so please plan to bring your favourite food item.

Music Note: The Anthem today is a traditional spiritual set by famous Kings Singer's British composer Bob Chilcott. His settings and compositions have been sung around the world and he is still a highly sought after clinician and music educator. The Introit is by German composer Gesius who set this anonymous text which is translated as: "Sing Hosanna, sing we now to the Son of David! Now praise we him, who is come, the Saviour of all men. Sing Hosanna in the highest!"

THIS WEEK - (March 24-31)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
J		Circle of Prayer
		Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
	12:30	Lenten Study concludes
Tues&T	hurs 9:30	Exercise class
Wednes	day Noon	Last Lenten luncheon
Thursda	ay 7:00	Maundy Thursday service followed
		by Choir practice
Friday	10:00 am -	1:00 pm David's Place (Hall).
Easter Sunday schedule – see note above		

Isaiah 50:4-9a The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Philippians 2:5-11 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 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 deatheven 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.

Luke 19:28-40 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it." So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is March 24, 2013 Year C, the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION MOMENTS: Opening Hearts to Refugees

Fearing danger in her home country in Central Africa, "Alice" fled to Canada seeking peace and security. Through Action Réfugiés Montréal's Twinning program, she found friendship, support and compassion with Bianca, her Canadian twin. After over a year in Canada, Alice was granted refugee status, and thus protection from harm. While it took Canada more than a year to officially open its doors to Alice, Bianca had opened her heart in welcome long before that. In 2013, a new refugee determination system was put in place, making it much more difficult for refugees to receive a full and fair hearing. Through education in churches, the media and with MP's, Action Réfugiés hopes to bring about change.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP As this holy week begins, pray for a spirit of humility that will enable new understandings of Jesus' path of sorrow. **STEWARDSHIP** The measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you.

Our Vision

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