

## Service of Worship - April 13, 2014 PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY

### Reflecting on the Word

As you hear the events of Holy Week being told today, place yourself in the story, at a number of different points, and reflect on:

*-what do you experience with each of your senses?*

*-if Jesus were to look at you, what might you experience?*

*-what traditions or customs for observing Holy Week have been most meaningful for you?*

*(\*indicates, those who are able to please rise)*

### **Prelude & Welcome**

**\*Hymn and Palm Parade** - 122 "All Glory, Laud and Honour" (*everyone is invited to join as we march around the sanctuary*)

**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 blessed 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**

**1) Reader: Entry into Jerusalem** (based on Luke 19:28-40)  
(hammer three times, place palm branch)

**Sing: 144 vs 1 *Were you there when they crucified my Lord.***

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord,  
O sometimes, it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord.*

**2) Reader: Jesus cleanses the temple** (based on Luke 19:45-47)  
(hammer three time, place coins)

**Sing: *Were you there when he overturned the tables...***

**3) Prepare the Passover** (based on Luke 22:7-14)  
(hammer three times, place red cloth)

**4) Reader: The Last Supper** (based on Luke 22:14-23)  
(hammer three times, place bread)

**Sing: *Were you there when they shared the bread and wine...***

**5) Reader: Warning of things to come** (based on Luke 22:31-34)  
(hammer three times, place goblet)

**6) Reader: Praying in the Garden** (based on Luke 22:39-46)  
(hammer three times; place flowering branch)

**Sing: *Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God...***

**7) Reader: Arrest** (based on Luke 22:47-53)  
(hammer three times, place lantern)

**Sing: *Were you there when Judas kissed his cheek...***

**8) Reader: Peter's Denial** (based on Luke 22:54-62)  
(hammer three times; place rooster)

**Sing: *Were you there when his friends betrayed and fled..***

**9) Reader: Trial** (based on Luke 22:63 to 23:25)  
hammer three times, place crown of thorns)

**Sing: *Were you there when they screamed for him to die..***

**10) Reader: Crucifixion** (based on Luke 23:26-42)  
(hammer three times; place nails and hammer)

**Sing: *Were you there when they nailed him to a tree..***

**11) Reader: Jesus' death** (based on Luke 23:44-49)  
(cloth is ripped in two; placed on table)

### **Musical Interlude**

**12) Reader: Looking to Resurrection** (based on Luke 23:50-56)  
(anointing oil)

**Sing: *Were you there when the women stayed and cried...***

### **Silence**

### **Offering & Offertory - 540**

Grant us God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**\*Communion Hymn - 457 "As we gather at your table" vs. 1, 3**

### **Congregational Prayer**

One: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

#### **Distribution of the Elements**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn - 149 "When I survey the Wondrous Cross" vs. 1,3,4**

### **\*Sending Forth**

One: We have heard and seen and experienced the passion of our Lord.

**All: We have followed him and witnessed his death.**

One: Now let us hear and see and experience and follow Christ into our own lives.

**All: We will follow.**

One: And let us go, knowing that death could not contain him.

**All: Amen.**

### **Sung Benediction** (*sung while seated*)

422 (verse 1 & refrain) "God be with you until we meet again"

*Sources: Passion Story, Communion Liturgy and Sending Forth, **Whole People of God**, 1999-2000 curriculum.*

### **Announcements**

A warm welcome to everyone this morning. If you are visiting, please be sure to sign our guest book located in the entranceway of the church. Our thanks go out to all who participated in today's service. .

### **Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

A week ago a number of people from Toronto Conference attended the final national gathering of the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission. One of the highlights was a worship service at McDougall United Church. Joe Matyas produced a five-minute video that gives highlights of the service, and a longer video of the full sermon by the moderator. The sermon is an excellent

description of the harm done to aboriginal people by “settlers”, along with the hope we bring to the work of developing right relations.

<https://vimeo.com/90796242> (highlights) <http://youtu.be/49zKd6q-hc0> (sermon)