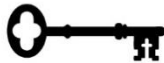




TO WORSHIP GOD,
to grow as disciples of Jesus,
TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER,
to take God's love to the world.



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165 Charlton Ave. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 2C8

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAMILTON

March 24, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Palm - Passion Sunday Worship Service

Minister - Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis

Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

Guest Choir - Cantilon Chamber Choir from Edmonton

Call to Worship - Kelvin Olumide

Responsive Psalm Reader - Jim Evel

Lector - Giselle Swanepoel

Greeters - Tom & Ingrid Scott

A Warm Welcome to Worship at Central this morning!

* Indicates standing, as you are able.

PRELUDE *Laudate Dominum* - W.A. Mozart Cantilon Chamber Choir; Cleo Harcus, soloist

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT - *Filled With Excitement*

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*Filled with excitement, all the happy throng spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.
There in the distance they begin to see, riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.*

*Refrain: From every corner a thousand voices sing praises to him who comes in the name of God.
With one great shout of acclamation loud triumphant songs break forth:
Hosanna, hosanna to the King! Hosanna, hosanna to the King!!*

*As in that entrance to Jerusalem, we sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,
To the living Saviour who still calls today, asking us to follow him with love and faith. Refrain*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest! (Psalm 118:26)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey. (Zechariah 9:9)

We open our eyes to see his glory.
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.

**We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love.
He is Lord!**

HYMN - Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you; **and also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANTILON CHOIR - Cantate Domino

Heinrich Schutz

GOD SPEAKS TO US

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 118:14-29 in the Red Book of Psalms, **Refrain I**

SCRIPTURE READING (pg. 47)

Mark 11:1-11

SERMON: *Hosanna: "O Lord save!"*

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

* HYMN - My Song is Love Unknown

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1. 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?

2. 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.

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

4. 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.

THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERTORY *Fac ut ardeat cor meum (Stabat Mater)*

G.B. Pergolesi

* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

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**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,
As we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

GOD SENDS US

* HYMN - All Glory, Laud and Honour

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Refrain:

All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one.
(Refrain)

2. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we resent.
(Refrain)

3. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.
(Refrain)

4. You didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

* THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Gabriel Fauré

Hosanna, loud hosanna

ELLACOMBE 7 6 7 6 D

(A) A/C# F#m D6 A/C# A D A D6 E A

1. Ho - san-na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang;
 2. From O - li - vet they fol - lowed a - mid the shout-ing crowd,
 3. "Ho - san-na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

(A) A/C# F#m D6 A/C# A D F#m Esus4-3 A

through pil-lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant-ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

A E/G# A D E F#m A E/G# A D E

To Je - sus, who had held them close fold - ed to his breast,
 Mes - si - ah, God's a - noint - ed, rode there in hum - ble state,
 Oh may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

(A) A/C# F#m D6 A/C# A D F#m Esus4-3 A

the chil-ren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 "Ho - san-na, in the high - est!" rang out their prais-es great.
 and in God's joy - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

See also: Ellacombe 249 801

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We extend a special welcome to the **Cantilon Chamber Choir** who is participating in our worship service this morning.

Central Presbyterian Church is here to offer sacred space for worship, a safe space for community groups to gather, and a generous space to **Hamilton Out of the Cold** serving meals to those who need them. Your presence with us today and your support of our work means so much. May God bless you richly!

For any pastoral concerns, please contact Rev. Lois Whitwell (905-522-9098 ext. 2 or lois@cpchamilton.ca). Central's Prayer Team is available to receive needs in confidence. Contact Pam Carpenter at 905-526-0631 or carpenterfamily@sympatico.ca.

If you would like to get to know Central better, please introduce yourself to an usher and/or spend some time going through our Website (www.cpchamilton.ca). If you would like to be added to our email list, please inform Helena (helena@cpchamilton.ca or 905-522-9098 ext. 0).

Statement of Welcome and Inclusion Central Presbyterian Church **God's Love Includes Everyone**

We strive to be a welcoming, nurturing, loving, and supportive community unified in Jesus Christ. As an inclusive congregation, we joyfully affirm and honour the diversity of God's creation. Our community is richer when we include people of all ages, gender identities, racial and cultural backgrounds, sexual orientations, abilities, economic circumstances and family configurations. We proclaim this statement of inclusion to all who have experienced the pain of exclusion or discrimination by the church and society. All are invited to join a body of believers, to participate fully in the life, leadership, witness and ministry of Central Presbyterian Church. We acknowledge we are imperfect and in different stages of our faith journey. **No matter who you are, how you identify, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey: know you are welcome here, and you are loved by God.**



CPC Statement of Welcome: www.cpchamilton.ca/welcome-statement/

Congregational Givings

OFFERING in support of the worship and mission of Central

You can support this good work by donating in various means. You can place a gift on the offering plate, use pre-authorized remittance (PAR), donate online, send money via Interac E-Transfer, or send a cheque to bookkeeper@cpchamilton.ca. Please make sure to include your envelope number or mailing address for tax receipt purposes. For ways to give, visit cpchamilton.ca/giving

Please ensure your information is up-to-date with your elder or the church office, if you have moved, are moving, or have changed any of your contact information.



Come Sing With Us . . .

Add your voice to the chorus of praise that lifts our songs in worship at Central! The choir of Central Presbyterian Church seeks singers with good music reading abilities to join our regular weekly ministry.

We also welcome additional singers to join us temporarily for special events in the Christmas and Easter seasons. For information, please contact Dr. Marcus Scholtes, at music@cpchamilton.ca

Please mark your calendars!! We will be hosting a **Spring Rummage Sale** on Saturday, May 4, in the church hall.

But first, we need your help! We will be accepting donations of the following items:

- jewelry and accessories
- cookbooks
- children's toys
- board games
- small appliances or tools
- sporting goods
- lamps and small furniture items
- picture frames, artwork, and decor
- kitchen items and housewares



We will **not** be accepting clothing, books other than cookbooks, or large furniture items, such as beds or couches. All donations will be accepted at the church the week of April 29 - please watch for further details closer to the date.

All proceeds will be directed into our church budget. Thank you for your support in this ministry!

- ~ Sunday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Monday, March 25, 10 a.m.-noon
- ~ Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.- noon
- ~ Tuesday, March 26, 10:00 a.m.- noon
- ~ Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, March 28, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, March 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Thursday, March 28, 8:00 p.m.
- ~ Friday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Wednesday, April 3, 1:00 p.m.
- ~ Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.

- ~ Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Saturday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.
- ~ Sunday, April 21, 3:00 p.m.
- ~ Saturday, May 4

- Palm - Passion Sunday Worship Service**
- Hamilton Out of the Cold Café**
- Search Committee Meeting (Alan Room)**
- Knit and Knatter Group**
- Income Tax Assistance Program (Allan Room)**
- Central's Book Club (Allan Room)**
- Hamilton Out of the Cold Meals to Go**
- Income Tax Assistance Program (Allan Room)**
- Maundy Thursday Service**
- Choir Practice**
- Good Friday Choir Concert**
- Easter Sunday Worship - Christ is Risen!**
- Prime Time online**
- Fellowship Gathering**
 - Guest Speaker: Alzheimer's Society
- Rev. Cap. Zimmerman, Guest Preacher & Lunch**
- The Knitting Pilgrim**
- Music @ Central: Charlton String Quartet**
- Spring Rummage Sale (Fellowship Hall)**

Central Presbyterian Church - Land Acknowledgement *

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that Central Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnaabek and Haudenosaunee peoples. This land is protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to share and care for the lands, air, and waters around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We recognize that we must learn about the rich history of this land to better understand our role as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers. We are all treaty people.

* Our website has a guide explaining Central Presbyterian Church's Land Acknowledgement

<https://www.cpchamilton.ca/land-acknowledgement/>

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Director of Music Ministries - Dr. Marcus Scholtes

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Holy Week

March 24, 10:30 A.M. Service of Worship Palm-Passion Sunday

All Ages Worship with Central choir, children and youth, & special guests the **Cantilon Chamber Choir**, widely recognized as one of Canada’s leading choral ensembles. Founded in 1999 by conductor, Heather Johnson, the choir of 33 singers ages 12-20 will perform compositions by Mozart, Schutz, Pergolesi and Faure – as we move liturgically from Palm Sunday into Passion Week.



March 28, 7:00 PM Service of Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, Maundy from the Latin *Mandatum*, meaning commandment. Jesus said, *I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another*’ (John 13: 34-35).

This night is a time to remember Jesus’ vision of beloved community—to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. This night, we remember the events of Jesus’ last night with his disciples.



March 29, 7:00 P.M. Concert Featuring Howard Goodall’s “Eternal Light” Requiem

Concert presented by the Central Presbyterian Choir and Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Marcus Scholtes. Freewill offering at the door.

On this, a most faithful and a most fateful day in the long history of God's people, we reach the climax in the unfolding drama of the life and ministry of Jesus.



March 31, 10:30 A.M. Service of Worship

The Hamilton Brass Quintet

We celebrate the resurrection!

Early on that morning, the first witnesses tell us: their alarm subsided, their courage deepened, their trauma healed, and their amazement grew. They learned how to choose hope.



Word of the Day:

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!' (Mark 11: 9-10)

Prompts for Reflection



*Loving and meek, no power would he seek,
as he sat on the donkey so humble.
Soon enough on that road he'd be bearing a load:
a cross that would cause him to stumble.*

*So in Jesus came, and the strong and the lame
tossed their palm leaves and shouted their praise.
"Hosanna!" they cried. "The King has come by!
Hosanna! God grant us new days!"* -- Andrew King