

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **online** worship this Sunday. The service will be available through our website at chalmerslondon.com. The video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us by filling in the short response form.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: MARCH 28—APRIL 4

SUNDAY	Palm Sunday Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
MONDAY	Holy Week Morning Prayers (on Zoom)	8:30 am
	Online Lent Bible Study	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Holy Week Morning Prayers (on Zoom)	8:30 am
WEDNESDAY	Holy Week Morning Prayers (on Zoom)	8:30 am
	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	* No evening prayer this week	
THURSDAY	Maundy Thursday Worship (on Zoom)	7:30 pm
	Online Coffee Hour to follow	
FRIDAY	Good Friday Online Worship	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Easter Sunday Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

The church building and office remain closed to the public. Wendy is once again working from HOME. We urge you to call ahead before dropping by the church. Email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or needs.


Rev. John can be reached on his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, www.chalmerslondon.com. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Celebration

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday



“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your *King* is coming to you;
He is just and having salvation,
lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt,
the foal of a donkey.” Zechariah 9:9

Chalmers' Ministry

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Music Director
Office Administrator
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS&D Insert—Palm Sunday

One: Jerusalem, at last! We join the crowd streaming to the mountain. We watch Jesus approach on a lowly donkey. We hear the crowds cry “Hosanna!”

All: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

One: There is a joyful song in the air: the people cheer and the palms wave. But the adulation of the crowd is shallow.

All: Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna to the blessed of God. Son of David, save us now.

One: The crowd grows— the people want to be part of something important.

All: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

One: Let us pray.

All: God of all times, we have followed Jesus into the crowded city. We too want to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Reveal to us what true glory, leadership and obedience look like under your reign. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Praise: *All glory, laud and honour* (Lyrics on p. 3) 214

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Pardon

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
God’s steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

All: “God’s steadfast love endures forever.”

One: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

All: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

One: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

All: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

One: This is the Lord’s doing;

All: it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the lord has made;

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

All: O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, who has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

All: you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Message: *Questions for Lent: Who is This?*

Special Praise: *The Old Rugged Cross* (lyrics on p. 3) Bob & Rose Marie Finlay

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers’ Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

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Offering Prayer & **The Lord’s Prayer**

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The Blessing

All glory, laud and honour

Tim Hughes

Refrain:

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

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

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

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Hosanna, loud hosanna

Jenette Threlfall

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had held them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed
amid the shouting crowd,
the victor palm branch waving
and chanting clear and loud;
Messiah, God's anointed,
rode there in humble state,
'Hosanna, in the highest!'
rang out their praises great.

'Hosanna in the highest!'
that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
the Lord of heaven, our King.
Oh may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in God's joyful presence
eternally rejoice!

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Hosanna

Carl Tuttle

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord my God!
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!

Lord we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;
Be exalted, O Lord my God!
Glory to the King of kings!

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My song is love unknown

Samuel Crossman

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?

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.

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

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.

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SPECIAL PRAISE

The Old Rugged Cross

Allan Jackson

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
Its shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull** as she has recently returned to her home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jo-Ann Marshall** as she recovers at home from leg surgery. May God give her strength and peace during her time of convalescence.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.
- ◆ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole.**

Holy Week Worship & Prayer

Morning Prayer (on Zoom)
March 29, 30 & 31 at 8:30am
(Link available on our website)

Maundy Thursday Worship
Join us on Zoom at 7:30pm
(Link available on our website)

Good Friday Online Worship
April 1 at 11 am

Easter Sunday Online Worship
April 4 at 10 am



March 28

Providing Clean Water and Sanitation

Today, there are 4.2 billion people in the world who do not have access to sanitation services and 2.2 billion people who do not have safe, clean water to drink. Consequently, many people are at risk for waterborne diseases, such as cholera and diarrhea. The COVID-19 pandemic has made us even more aware of the importance of clean water, as handwashing is a crucial way to help curb the spread of disease. Presbyterian World Service & Development works with local partners to bring clean water and sanitation services to vulnerable communities. Clean water allows people to harvest crops, care for their families, expand their livelihoods and lead healthy, productive lives.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

March 28

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now."

Chinese Proverb

CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE

HOUR: Join us Thursday evenings at 7:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship. We are meeting on Zoom, meeting ID 350 336 4073 (this will remain the same each week) and there is no password. Contact Sue at 226-663-4735 if you have any questions! ***NOTE:** coffee fellowship will follow Maundy Thursday worship (on Zoom) on Thursday, April 1.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Sugar Baron's Daughters – by Lisa T. Bergren

Book 2: Verity

Verity – the middle sister, has worked alongside her sisters trying to make a good life for themselves amid a great deal of problems and animosity. Did I tell you that Verity is a falconer? Yes she has a falcon called Brutus who is trained to come to her when she calls. Actually Verity has a way with almost every animal she comes in contact with, and even trains a monkey to be a constant companion to her little friend Abraham. But Verity has fallen in love with the captain of the ship that brought them to the Island, and the feeling is mutual. As she waits for Duncan to come back to the island she starts to plan her life with him. But Duncan seems to be a long time coming. She can't decide if he has just forgotten her, or if something has happened to him, so she decides to go looking for him.

Again – I mustn't go any farther with this story, but Verity has all kinds of adventures – some good, some not so good, but again – an exciting, keep-those-pages-turning, story!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING:

Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We will meet on Webex, every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about an hour. All Welcome! ***NOTE:** There will be no evening prayer Wednesday, March 31 during Holy Week.

CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL : Join us online Sundays at 11am following worship. All kids welcome! For login information, chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com.

COVID-19 UPDATE: At their meeting on February 16 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of April 2021.** All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church and office are **closed.** Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

OFFICE HOURS: The church office remains closed, however Wendy is at the church Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9am—noon. Please call ahead before visiting the church. Wendy can be reached at 519-872-0003 (call or text) or chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca. Messages left on the church voicemail will be returned on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

