**Lafleche-Limerick Pastoral Charge**

**April 13th, 2025**

**Palm Sunday**

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*When you see an asterisk ( \* )*

*you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

*Congregational responses are in the plain, bold text.*

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*VU = Voices United (Burgundy) MV = More Voices (Spiral-bound)*

***Acknowledging the Territory***

As we gather in this Lenten season of reflection and renewal, we respectfully acknowledge Treaty 4 territory, as well as the Lakota Nation and the Métis people who call this land home. We honor this land, beloved by those who have cared for Turtle Island through generations. In this season of repentance and journeying, we commit ourselves anew to the sacred work of justice, reconciliation, and right relationship, trusting that transformation is possible. May it be so.

***Call to Worship:***

We see him coming in the distance.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

He comes not on the horse of power but the donkey of humility.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

In front of him people place their cloaks and branches. Behind him people join the glad procession.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Yet even if there were no one to shout the praises, the rocks would shout for all to hear.

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

**kindred and may Your Light fill us all as we go from this time refreshed and renewed for the journey of life. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

***Offering***

***Offertory Hymn:*** MV #143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (v. 1)

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flow’rs growing,

for we are part of all that is within life’s river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation

that all may have abundant life in ev’ry earthly nation.

***Prayers of the People***

***Hymn:*** MV #92 Like A Rock

***Commissioning and Blessing***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* If you are interested in joining a Lenten Bible Study using the resources of Kate Bowler (we did her study in Advent and had good conversation), we will be gathering on Thursdays at 1:00 PM in the basement of the Lafleche church. Everyone is invited to come join in conversation and learning as we wrestle with the scriptures of the week.
* Easter is less than a month away! Mark your calendars for all the wonderful services in Holy Week.
  + Palm Sunday – April 13th – 9:30 AM and 11:30AM
    - Children’s Church and Communion
  + Maundy Thursday – April 17th – 6:00 PM
    - Supper Service at Limerick
  + Good Friday – April 18th – 10:30 AM
    - Service at Lafleche
  + Easter Sunday – April 20th - 6:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM
    - Sunrise Service – Ste. Radegonde Cemetery
    - Regular Services – Lafleche and Limerick
* Don’t forget to add the Spring Into Community Come and Go Tea at Lafleche to your calendars! It will be held on Saturday, April 26th from 2:00 – 4:00. Come enjoy fellowship with friends old and new. We will also be collecting donations for our Thrift Shop at this time, but donations are not required in order to enjoy tea and goodies. We hope to see you there!
* Lafleche is once again hosting their Pop Up Thrift Shop. It will be open from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 29th and May 6th and Saturday, May 3rd and 10th. Hope to see you there!
* Camp Woodboia is looking for staff! If you know anyone who would like to spend time at Camp this year as Director, Cabin Leader, Leader-in-Training, Cook, Nurse/Medical, or Chaplain, please have them check out our website at www.campwoodboia.ca/jobs for an application form. The sooner we have staff in place, the sooner we know we can run camps! Thank you for your support of Camp Woodboia over the years!
* The Food Banks need our help! It’s the time of year for our Spring Into Action Food Drive, supporting the Assiniboia and Gravelbourg food banks. If you are able, please put an extra item (or two, or more…) into your cart in the next few weeks when you’re shopping and then drop it off at either church on Sunday, May 4th from 12:30 – 2:00. Thank you for your generosity!

**KEEPING PEOPLE IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS**

- Rob Alspach - Maureen Feeney

- Brent Seebach - Donna (Nelson)Sewell

- Dorothy Reimche - Clarke Seebach

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Come, let us worship!

***Lighting the Christ Candle***

***Prayer of Approach:***

**O God of all Creation, we come in worship today allowing our spirits to soar and our hearts to sing. Today we remember your entry into Jerusalem and we celebrate with all those who followed you. We are all too aware that the next days will see us joining a different crowd, but for today we come in awe and wonder, in praise and worship. Enter into this space, we pray. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might cry out with all creation, “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Amen.**

***Hymn:*** VU #128 Sanna Sannanina

***Prayer of Confession:*** *(author unknown)*

**Great God, you love parades and parties. We know many Bible stories that celebrate exciting, happy times. Jesus loved to feast and celebrate with friends and he described God’s kingdom as a great banquet. Yet, sometimes, we imagine that life is supposed to be difficult for us and we can give the impression that it was wrong for our ancestors to welcome Jesus with shouts of joy. We forget that it was because he broke the rules by celebrating with outcasts and sinners that his enemies wanted to kill him. Forgive us when we put a damper on joy. Forgive us when only the stones are left to cry out your praise. Help us to be joyful about the life you give us through Christ. Amen.**

***Assurance of Forgiveness***

***Scripture:*** Luke 19:28-40

***Hymn:*** MV #124 He Came Riding on A Donkey

***Sermon:*** Even the Rocks Cry Out

***The Sacrament of Communion***

Invitation

Call to Give Thanks

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Song of Creation

And so with all Creation, we give you praise, O God. We let it rise from our very depths as we proclaim: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Remembering Jesus at the Table

Prayer of Self Giving and Affirmation of Memory and Hope

And so we proclaim the mystery of our faith: **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Prayer for Transformation and Concluding Praise

Lord’s Prayer

And now, as children of God, let us pray together the words that Jesus taught us. **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

**Life-giving God, may this feast that we have shared not end with us. To all who are hungry, may we give the bread of life. To all who are thirsty, a cool cup of water in your name. May we know our place in your family as we call one another**

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