

# WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

**April 2, 2023**

We are an Affirming Congregation, offering welcome and companionship to all, inclusive of age, ethnicity, gender identity, differing abilities, and sexual orientation.

For thousands of years, this land has been the traditional home of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit, covered by Treaty 13. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

♪ indicates “please stand as you are able.”

## CARILLON PRELUDE (*outside, ending with:*)

All Glory Laud and Honour

Guest Carillonneur: Naoko Tsujita

ST THEODULPH

## HARPSICHORD & ORGAN PRELUDE

A Running Fantazia or Prelude; Pavane

Fantasia in Four Parts; A Fancy or Voluntary

Orlando Gibbons, 1583-1625

## WELCOME

## INTROIT *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Orlando Gibbons

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord...

## ♪PROCESSIONAL HYMN 122 *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

ST. THEODULPH

*(The congregation is invited to follow the choirs in the Palm Sunday Procession. **Please join the procession from the side aisles**, follow around the church, then return to your seat via the centre aisle.)*

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. *Refrain*

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. *Refrain*

*Repeat from verse 1 as necessary*

## ♪INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes. May the rivers of justice run.**

One: Children singing, families dancing,

**All: The elders give a shout! Even the stones cry out!**

One: May our refrain never cease.  
**All: Not by power nor by might, but the way that makes for peace.**  
One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us pray. *(please be seated)*

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

**READING** **Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29**  
The stone which the builders rejected.

**GOSPEL READING** **Matthew 21:1-11**  
Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem  
One: This is a witness of the good news of Jesus Christ.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *Ride Through Jerusalem* Michael Bedford  
Metropolitan Choristers, directed by Dr. Jennifer Martyn

## LIGHTING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LANTERN

**SERMON** **“Counter-triumphal Triumphalism”** The Rev. Jason Meyers

**HYMN 123** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

## PEACE GREETING

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ. *(please greet each other with a bow)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. *(please be seated)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANK YOU TO WINTER MEAL VOLUNTEERS

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY *The Palms*

Nicholas Higgs, baritone

Jean-Baptiste Faure, 1830-1914

#### OFFERTORY HYMN 518, v.3

FOREST GREEN

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,  
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours too.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

#### DEDICATION OF OFFERING

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.

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

One: Let us pray. (*please be seated*)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN 127 *Ride on, Ride on in Majesty*

WINCHESTER NEW #20

### READING

**Matthew 26:1-16**

#### LENTEN CONFESSION

Iona Community

One: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness, to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, the life of the world.

**All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you & the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

One: Amen.

**All: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness, to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, the life of the world.**

One: May God forgive you, Christ renew you and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

## SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

## TENEBRAE WORDS OF LAMENT

One: As we extinguish the final Lenten candle, we recall the times when we have not followed where Christ seeks to lead us.

**RESPONSE** *More Voices 85 Take, O Take Me as I am*

John Bell, Iona Community

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Passion, op. 145 no. 4*

Max Reger, 1873-1916

*As we now enter the solemnity of Holy Week, please withhold your applause. There is no coffee hour this week.*

Leading in worship are **The Rev. Jason Meyers, Jim Harbell** and **The Rev. Alana Martin**. The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee**, the **Metropolitan Choir**, the **Metropolitan Choristers** (dir. **Dr. Jennifer Martyn**) and Guest Carillonneur **Naoko Tsujita**. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Dehghani, Nishaanth Siva** and **Alastair McDonald**. Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.

## MUSIC NOTES

Palm Sunday is a fraught moment in the Church Year, in which the giddy crowd's enthusiasm is underpinned with a sense of foreboding about the imminent trials of Holy Week. We begin this morning's musical programme with jewels from the pen of **Orlando Gibbons**, one of the greatest English composers in the generation following William Byrd, Thomas Tallis and co. While still a master of counterpoint, Gibbons wears his craft more lightly than Byrd, with a rather more indulgent and sensuous approach to keyboard and vocal textures. In *Hosanna to the Son of David*, we hear the crowd as distant trumpets at the opening; the celestial choirs at "peace in heaven", and finally the great heavenly trumpets "in the highest places". **Jean-Baptiste Faure** was a celebrity baritone in 19th-c France, and his popular sacred song "The Palms" is the Palm Sunday pendant to Adam's "O Holy Night", or Adams' "The Holy City". **Max Reger**, whose 150th birthday we celebrate this year, was a physically and emotionally over-dimensional Bavarian composer with a prodigious work ethic. His 250+ organ works are the pinnacle of late-Romantic German writing for the instrument. The Seven Pieces, op. 145, are among his last and purest expressions; *Passion* is a symphonic tone poem in miniature that is based upon the famous *Passion Chorale*, found at no. 145 in *Voices United*.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

*\*Zoom links in Met Connect and at [metunited.ca](http://metunited.ca)*

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 a.m. Lenten Daily Office\* (repeats until Sunday)

8:00 p.m. Centring Prayer\*

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 4**

7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band

7:00 p.m. Affirm Committee\*

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**

8:45 a.m. Celtic Morning Prayer (Zoom/chapel)

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Congregational Care\*

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 6**

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study\*

12:00 p.m. Footcare Clinic

4:00 p.m. Chop Chop

6:00 p.m. Kids Bedtime Stories\*

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (in person only)

8:15 p.m. Metropolitan Choir

## **FRIDAY, APRIL 7**

11:00 a.m. Good Friday Service

6:30 p.m. Pre-Concert Talk

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Concert

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

8:30 a.m. Saturday Bible Study\*

9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

## **NEXT SUNDAY: APRIL 9 - Resurrection of the Lord**

9:30 a.m. Choristers

10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)

10:30 a.m. Nursery

11:00 a.m. Worship - The Rev. Jason Meyers preaching

Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT**

This Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. the Metropolitan Festival Choir & Baroque Orchestra present Handel's *Brookes Passion*. Soloists include Michael Colvin, Geoffrey Sirett, Jacqueline Woodley and several of our own lead singers. Attend in person or view online (live or on demand) - visit [metunited.ca/Handel](http://metunited.ca/Handel) for tickets, or

purchase at the door. A pre-concert chat with conductor Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm takes place at 6:30 p.m. followed by an organ prelude (J.S. Bach's mighty partita on *Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig*) at 7:10 p.m.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING APRIL 16**

There will be a special congregational meeting to hear from the Search Committee after the worship service at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday April 16. This meeting will be held in person in the sanctuary and on Zoom.

## **REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP: IFTAR DINNER APRIL 14**

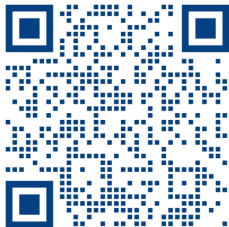
On April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Met Centre a traditional Iftar Afghan meal will be held in support of our Refugee Sponsorship program. To purchase your ticket, visit [metunited.ca/Refugee](http://metunited.ca/Refugee). If you can lend a helping hand, please contact Jonathan Miles ([jonathanrossmiles@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanrossmiles@gmail.com)).

## **TO THE GLORY OF GOD — EASTER MEMORIALS**

Met invites you to make a memorial gift of any amount for Easter, 2023. Your name and the name(s) of those you wish to remember will be listed in the bulletin and online for Easter Sunday worship. All gifts to our Memorial Fund are divided equally between sanctuary restoration and our congregation's endowment fund. You may make your gift in the following ways:

- Online: Visit [metunited.ca/donate](http://metunited.ca/donate), click "Donate" and select "Easter Memorials"
- E-transfer: Send an e-transfer to [donations@metunited.ca](mailto:donations@metunited.ca)
- By credit card: Contact Elena at (416) 363-0331, ext. 229
- Weekly offering: Include your gift as part of the offering, clearly marked "Memorial Fund"
- By mail: To the church office (details on back of bulletin)

After making your gift, please forward the names of person(s) you would like memorialized to Sheela in the church office at [sheelat@metunited.ca](mailto:sheelat@metunited.ca) or 416-363-0331, ext. 210 and copy Doug Flanders at [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca) no later than noon on Tuesday, to have it included next Sunday.



## **CONTINUED GIVING**

Scan the code to the left to be directed to our giving page. You can continue to mail in envelopes and/or cheques to the church, or arrange a pre-authorized remittance for regular giving (PAR) from your bank account, or credit card - forms at [metunited.ca/donate](http://metunited.ca/donate). Please contact Elena Pejcinovska, Financial Manager at [elenap@metunited.ca](mailto:elenap@metunited.ca) or 416-363-0331 ext. 229 with any questions.

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