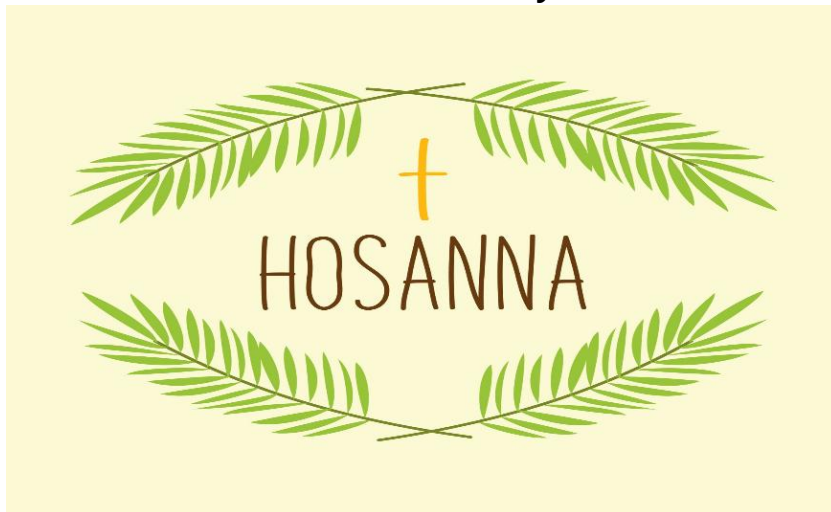




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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



*(Remember to pass this bulletin to someone else
You never know how you will Bless them)*

Welcome:

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive, Accessible and
an Affirming Congregation



*Welcome, to the Spa for the Soul as we gather
for worship this Sunday morning. If you are a visitor or a
newcomer to this Community of Faith, either in person or
virtually, we extend a warm welcome. May you come in as a
stranger but depart knowing you are part of the family.*

Welcome Home!



WE GATHER AS FOLLOWERS OF THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Opening Words: *Rev. Takouhi*

***"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!"***

(Please Stand as Able)

Processional Song of Praise: Voices United #122

"All Glory, Laud and Honour"

(Please be seated)

Land Acknowledgement

Announcements: Community in Action

Introit: *"Hosanna!" (Lloyd Weber)*

Spiritual Focus: *"Lent: The Path Of Love..."*

Lighting of the Lenten & Christ Candle



Gathering Call (Responsive) Ps. 118:26a

One: Beloved, Awake for the day of Entry is here.

All: We enter with Jesus,

with Thanksgiving and Praise; with Courage and Bravery.

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

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

(Please stand as able)

Gathering Song of Praise Voices United #124

"He Came Riding on a Donkey"

(Please be seated)

A Prayer for Palm Sunday (All): Voices United # 125

We praise you, O God,
for your redemption of the world
through Jesus Christ.

Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches
along his way.

Let these branches be signs of his victory,
and grant that we who carry them
may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him,
we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)



WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

Gospel of Luke 19:28-40 (NRSV)

Reader: Here ends today's reading.

For the Sacred Story is God's story,

All: For the Sacred Story is Our Story

Reader: Thanks be to God.

Meditation: *"I Don't Know How to Love Him" (Lloyd Weber)*

Life Lesson: *"Which Parade Would You Follow?"*

*As the country goes to the polls on April 28, The United Church of Canada urges you to vote with your values. **General Secretary, the Rev. Michael Blair**, emphasizes the importance of advocating for equity, inclusion, diversity, and care for vulnerable communities, particularly the marginalized and those displaced or suffering due to global crises like escalating wars.*

This election, we encourage voting with compassion, equity, and the pursuit of justice. Let's foster bold belonging and contribute to God's dream of justice and peace.

Read the full news story and statement: <https://ow.ly/p8PY50VsRNa>

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



(Please stand as able)

Song for Baptism: Voices United # 644

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"



(Please be seated)

Baptism Liturgy: (Responsive)

Minister: *(Mark 10:13-16)*

People were bringing little children to Jesus. The disciples rebuked those who brought them.

Jesus saw this and said to them

All: "Let the little children come to me..."

Minister: Members and friends in and through Christ,
today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism through
the Gift of Grace. An Ordinary element such as water
helps us experience a Sacred moment through The Spirit.

**All: We are one body and one spirit. Our Hope is rooted in the
Creator, who continues to create in, through and with us.**

Minister: There is One God, One Faith, One Baptism,
One Creator of us all.

Spiritual Leadership Team (SLT) Member: On behalf of the
congregation of **Trinity United Church**, I present **Charlotte
Elizabeth Maloney**, the daughter of **Patrick Douglas Patriquin
& Daisy Mary Maloney**. Also, **Nora Elizabeth Rose Garrett** the
daughter of **Cody Nicholas Garrett & Lindsay Jessica Moulton**,
and the **great granddaughter of Gloria & the late John "Bud"
Fawcett**, for initiation into the Body of Christ.

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS

COMMITMENT OF GODPARENTS

COMMITMENT OF CONGREGATION

Minister: As a baptized and baptizing church let us covenant
with these families, with one another, and with God.

**All: As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves
anew to nurture and support one another.**

Minister: Let us stand as able and say together the New Creed

All: 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.

A New Creed - The United Church of Canada, General Council, 1968

(Please be seated)

Pouring of Water

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

Minister: Creator God, you formed this world out of the dark waters of chaos. And time and again you have saved us as we have passed through the dark waters of life.

All: We remember the flood and your gracious promise sealed in the rainbow.

We remember Jesus, and the way he was protected by the waters of Mary's womb.

We remember John, and the way he baptized.

We remember the disciples, and the way in which they shared in the ministry of Jesus, his death, resurrection, and the sharing of the Gospel throughout the world.

Minister: So we come before you today, grateful for the promise and the power of water. We pray that your Holy Spirit blesses this gift and this child who will receive it. Embrace them in your Love and Cover them in your Peace.

All: Amen.

Baptism in the Name of the Triune God

Blessing / Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Laying On of Hands – Prayer



PRESENTATIONS

SLT Rep. Presents the *Baptismal Candle & Certificate*

Minister: Presentation of a Bible

INTRODUCTION TO CONGREGATION

Minister: Members of **Trinity United Church** I introduce to you,
Charlotte Elizabeth Maloney and Nora Elizabeth Rose Garrett children of God, members of the Body of Christ.
We welcome them into the Household of Faith, with
deep Joy and Thanksgiving.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.



Song after Baptism: Voices United #: 452

"You Have Put On Christ"

You have put on Christ,
In Christ you have been baptised.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.



Our Offerings – Supporting God’s Ministries: *Mindful of the*



abundance we have received from God, we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world that God Loves so much. For all those joining us virtually, on YouTube or Cogeco's YourTV please go to our website and find out the many ways you may contribute and partner with us in carrying the Work of Jesus...

“Our offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary and aren’t passed hand to hand since COVID and they aren’t brought forward.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication - Rev. Takouhi

YouTube:

How To Invite Your Neighbor To Easter Services

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE THE CHURCH

(Please stand as able)

Hymn of Going Forth: Voices United #211

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"



Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: *"Were You There?" (arr. Young)*

Hosanna!

Announcements

† Trinity's building is **open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday - (Closed on Statutory Holidays)**

† Please remember that **Rev. Takouhi's weekend** is Monday and Tuesday. If Monday or Tuesday is a Statutory Holiday, the weekend includes Wednesday.

† Rev. Takouhi's office hours are **Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** However, as a minister's schedule is always changing, and they might have private pastoral care meetings in the minister's office, it is therefore imperative to make an appointment. Please connect with her directly at: **613-777-0880** or by e-mail: revtakouhi@terrautopia.ca

✚ **Trinity United Church** endeavours to be scent free environment for the well-being of ALL people. There are many who are sensitive to scent. Help us keep the air we share healthy for everyone.



✚ **Please join us for Social Time after Worship in the Fellowship Hall** – If you wish to volunteer to help with Social time, the sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Individuals or groups are invited to sign-up.

✚ Please remember **Trinity United Church's Samaritan (Benevolent) Fund**. This is a discretionary fund to reach the most vulnerable of the wider community of Smiths Falls.

Offering Options - Thank you for your generosity.

There are many ways you can partner up with **God's Dream** for this world through **Trinity United Church** and help make a difference. You may share your **gifts, time and talent**.

If you choose to make a financial gift you may do:

- ✚ by cheque. Deliver in Person or mail cheque to church office:

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- ✚ by E-transfers to **secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca**

- ✚ by Credit Card through **CanadaHelps**.

○ <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/28301>

- ✚ by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) Forms are available at the entrance of Sanctuary.

Trinity Name Tags

Name tags: Help folks know your name...

Order your new name tag **Sunday, April 13**. The tags have a magnetic clasp—no fiddly pin to worry about. The cost is \$10.50 each upon receipt. A sample will be on display. Order form: outside the sanctuary, in the vestibule—your name and phone number are required.

Contact person: **Sharon O'Neill 613-283-6923**.

Contact Information Required – If you have changed your main contact information in the past few years, especially phone/cell numbers, please contact the office at **613-283-4444** to update your file.

Casserole Ministry: April 22nd at 1:00pm (Pick up only). This month's offering is Beef Stroganoff. We start preparing at 9:00am if you want to come help.

Basic Income - Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 PM

A Pathway to Help End the Cycle of Intimate Partner Violence

Don't miss out! Join us at the Carleton Place Town Hall Auditorium (175 Bridge Street) for an insightful event exploring the intersection between intimate partner violence and economic vulnerability and how basic income could help reduce the incidence of this form of violence. Esteemed guest speakers include Senator Kim Pate and Erin Lee, Executive Director of Lanark County Interval House & Community Support ("LCIHCS"). Also joining our panel will be a person with lived experience who will share her personal experiences and insights. This event is hosted by the Lanark Basic Income Network in collaboration with LCIHCS. While there is no cost to attend, registration via Tickets Please (www.ticketsplease.ca) is required to manage attendance. All are welcome—please join us!

Children's Eco-Literacy Workshop: an exciting program is being hosted in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, April 25th from 10:00am to 11:30am**. This is an interactive workshop geared to 6yr to 12yr olds. This month's theme: Poetry and Poop – What's Eating You?

Farm Sunday: It's time to Bless, Thank and Celebrate our local Farm Families. **Please join us Sunday, April 27th** as the Outreach and Social Justice Team host local 4H clubs and local farmers from across Lanark, Leeds, Grenville counties and beyond. We have a

fun and informative service planned so invite your friends to come along. This is also Sunday School week so what's not to love?

Food Bank: Starting in May, Trinity United will be collecting items from the Smiths Falls Food Bank's wish list. Each month we will collect a specific item(s) and our goal is to collect 60 of each item each month. For May we will collect **NUT FREE Granola Bars and Pudding Cups**. Let's see if we can meet our goal of 60 of each item. We can do it!

Red Dress Sunday: On **May 4th** We will be observing the day by giving a voice to those who no longer have one. The goal of the day is to honour and bring awareness to the thousands of Indigenous women and girls, and two-spirit people who have gone missing or who have been murdered. Flora Riley will be here to honour her sister who is one of these women.

Annual Mushroom Compost Sale–It's that time of year again!!
Cost: still \$10 per 25 L bag. On sale starting **Saturday, May 10th** at the REAL DEAL parking lot, 85 William St. Smiths Falls. Trinity volunteers on site Saturdays, May 10th and May 17 and Long Weekend Monday, May 19th. Proceeds will go to the Life and Work of Trinity.

New to You Sale – The new date for the sale is **Saturday, May 17th – 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m.** We are looking for donations of clothing, books, shoes, purses, jewellery, trinkets, glassware, linens, puzzles, games, etc. No furniture or large items. Please submit your items to the stage in the Church Hall, preferably during office

hours, but if you need another time, please call the office to arrange. Many thanks!!

Centennial Celebration – Sunday, June 15th at 11 am:

Plan to attend this once in a lifetime service at the EY Centre in Ottawa. Trinity United has reserved a coach bus for those wishing to attend. The bus will depart at 9:15 am. Please R.S.V.P. no later than May 25, 2025. Space will be limited so don't delay. There is a sign-up sheet at the rear of the sanctuary or you can contact the office at 613-283-4444 to reserve your seat.

This Week at Trinity...

Monday, April 14 – Office	9 am – 1pm
Chair Yoga	11:00am – 12:00pm
Tuesday, April 15 – Office	9am – 1pm
Wednesday, April 16 – Office	9 am – 1pm
Bible Study – All Are Welcome	9:30am – Downstairs Parlor
Thursday, April 17 – Office	9 am – 1pm
Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, followed by Potluck	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Friday, April 18	Office Closed
Good Friday Service	10:30 a.m.
Ecumenical Walk of the Cross	Noon – Starts @ St. Francis Church – Concludes @ St. John's Anglican Church.
Saturday, April 19	Office Closed
Sunday, April 20 – Easter	Office Closed
Sunrise Service with Communion Followed by Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
Resurrection Day Worship Celebration with Communion	10:30 a.m. Leader: Rev. Takouhi