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Lent Six

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement: *We respectfully acknowledge that Lakefield United Church is located on the Treaty 20 Michi Saagiig territory and in the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as Williams Treaty First Nations, which include: Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Alderville, Scugog Island, Rama, Beausoleil, and Georgina Island First Nations.*

Lakefield United Church respectfully acknowledges that the Parties of Williams Treaties are the stewards and caretakers of these lands and waters, and that we all must take responsibility and work together to ensure their health and integrity for generations to come.

We gather with Praise
*(asterisk * indicates please stand as able)*

Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by
Johann Sebastian Bach

Palm Procession

*** Hymn: VU 123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

Welcome

Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

You, O God, are light shining in the darkness of the universe,

Guiding us onwards from what was to what can be.

Your Light from heaven shines out to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Call to Worship

In ancient Israel,
a long time ago,
along a dusty road,
they came.

With expectation drumming in their hearts,
they came.

They lined the road and waited.

Whispers rose,
the first murmurs as Jesus approached the ancient city.

Whispers turned to chatter
and chatter to shouts of glory as he came riding.

This day,

along a paved county road,

we come.

With expectation drumming in our hearts,

we come.

And as our whispers die away, may our
chatter

turn to shouts of glory as we gather together
to remember,

as we gather to wonder,

as we gather to worship.

The First Reading: LK 19:28-40

Entry Into Jerusalem

**Anthem “Hosanna”, The People
Cried by Mark Weston and Henry Hart
Milman**

The Second Reading: JN 13:1-17, 31b, 35

Jesus Washes the Feet of the Disciples

*** Hymn: VU 593 Jesu Jesu**

The Third Reading: MT 26: 47-56

Jesus Arrested

*** Hymn: VU 133 Go To Dark Gethsemane**

The Fourth Reading: MT 27: 1-26
Jesus Before Pilate

*** Hymn: Taize Refrain Come and Fill Our Hearts**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace
You alone, O Lord, are holy
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,
Alleluia!
(Repeat)**

The Fifth Reading: LK 22:54-62 Peter Denies Jesus

*** Hymn: VU 132 Bitter Is The Night**

The Final Reading: MT 27:27-31
Soldiers Mock Jesus

*** Hymn: Taize Refrain Bless the Lord
Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life
(Repeat)**

Offering

The crowds offered you their coats to walk on,
They waved palm branches, honouring your presence.
Today, we honour you, Lord,
With our faithful tithes and offerings.
We lay these gifts before you,
Humble tokens of our love,
A public display of affection our love for the Christ.
Amen.

Prayers for the People

***Commissioning & Benediction**

So the week begins – will you walk with Jesus this week?
Will you dare to follow where he leads?
Will you welcome the outcasts and sinners as he did?
Will you stay, after the palm branches are swept off the road,
And the fickle crowd has gone home to a proper supper?

Will you stay awake with him and all those in the garden

Who pray for deliverance from heavy burdens?

Will you acknowledge him when he is ridiculed,
Or will you say, “I don’t know him”?

Will you resist the urge to sleep through till next Sunday?

Will you carry your corner of the cross,
And be willing to bear the weight of it?

Will you stand and tremble with all of creation when the heart of God is broken?

For it is only in walking with Jesus this week

That we will truly understand the power of the resurrection

To transform and make of *us* a new creation.

God grant us courage and compassion for the journey.

Amen.

Choral Benediction VU 182 Stay With Us

Stay with us through the week.

Stay with us through the pain.

Stay with us, blessed Saviour,
till the morning breaks again.

Postlude Today's Postlude is the 1st and 2nd movement of Gordon's Young "Easter Suite".

The movements are based on Matthew 26:36-45 "Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray. And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled."

Please reflect on this scripture passage as the music is playing. Once the Postlude is finished, please exit the **sanctuary in silence**. The postlude is approximately 9 minutes long.