

Greg: Where is he from? Greece? Rome? Jerusalem?
Charlottetown?

**All: They say he comes from Bethlehem
and grew up in Nazareth and Galilee.**

Cathie: "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?"

All: Who comes this way?

Greg: Who is he? Why are we cheering him on?
Is he good or bad? He must be rich to get such praise.

Cathie: I need a higher glimpse of him.
I just want to see his face
and then I will know who he is. Let me see...

All: Wait!

Greg: Wait!

All: It is only a man.

Cathie: And he is just on a donkey, no conquering steed.

Greg: It is only a man, what is so great about him?

All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest!

Cathie: Hosanna means "save us" and "we pray",

Greg: but who is this man that will save us?

All: Who comes this way?

Procession of the Palms

***Hymn** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU #123

Opening Prayer

God of love and compassion,
we celebrate your disruptive entry into Jerusalem.

Hosanna in the highest!

In that same way we anticipate,
with expectant hearts,
your presence in this place.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, knowing your love has arrived
and is made real in Jesus the Christ.

Hosanna in the Highest!

We come, prepared to be changed by the grace
we receive in your love.

Hosanna in the highest!

We come, with our whole being to prepare the way
for the coming of love incarnate.

Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Amen!

***Hymn** He Came Riding on a Donkey VU #124

*Children and Youth, please make your way to the Richmond Street
Hallway during the singing of this hymn.*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Loving God,
we have journeyed through
the long Season of Lent
in the hopes of drawing closer to you.
Today, Jesus enters Jerusalem
mocking the powers of oppression,
but the week ahead
will bring the full force of the Roman Empire
where there will be torture, trial and death.
God, we know there are times when we have
betrayed you,
denied you,
and turned away from you.
We recall the times when we have behaved
like the crowd that shouts their praise today,
but will shout "Crucify him" later this week.
We humbly ask your forgiveness.**

Silent reflection

Words of Affirmation

**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.

The Word

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 VU #837 Parts 1, 3 & 4 John Enman

Mark 11:1-11 Rev. Greg Davis

Anthem When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming MV# 128
Soloist, Suzanne Campbell

Sermon A Dangerous Joke

***Hymn** Be Still, My Soul VU #652

Response to the Word

Offering Invitation

Offertory A Sacred Song for Palm Sunday DeLong

***Presentation of Offering** VU #149 vs 4
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***Offering Prayer**

**We offer these gifts
in gratitude for healing love,
strengthening presence,
and hope when things seem hopeless.
May these, in some small way,
communicate your love with those around us,
and with those around the world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

Pastoral 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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Sending Forth

***Hymn** Ride On! Ride On! in Majesty VU #127

***Commission and Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

Postlude Gavotte from Otho Handel

Portions of this morning's liturgy are adapted from **Seasons of the Spirit:** (Lent/ Easter 2018) and **Gathering, Resources for**

Worship Planners: Celebrating 50 Years with A New Creed
(Lent/Easter 2018, Year).

Greeters:

Head Greeter: Austin Bowman

North Side: Mark Richardson, Susan Willis, Harry Kielly

South Side: Mary Cowper-Smith, John Enman, Harry Hibbs

Balcony: David Younker, Kevin Jenkins

Ministers: All of Us

Clergy Team: Rev. Cathie Crooks & Rev. Greg Davis

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Announcements

Today's bulletins are presented in loving memory of Fremont & Phyllis Archer, presented by Judy Irwin and husband Bill.

Happy Birthday to Marven MacDonald, Lori MacDonald and Clair Gidney on Mar. 27, to Viney Simmonds on Mar. 28, and to Greg Davis on Mar. 29.

Easter Flowers: If you wish to make a monetary donation (\$20) towards the purchase of Easter flowers in honour of, celebration of, or in memory of someone, please contact our church office before Mar. 27.

Our office will be closed on Fri., Mar. 30 to observe Good Friday.

Financial Results: The following is our month-end financial results to Feb. 28, 2018 with comparative figures for the previous comparative period.

Month Ending	February	
	2017	2018
Offerings – PAR	22,254	20,818
Offerings – Loose & Envelopes	20,385	18,615

Total Revenues	53,381	50,318
Total Expenses	(83,083)	(73,068)
Net Income (Loss)	(29,702)	(22,750)

Loblaw \$25 Gift Card Collection: Please consider applying for your \$25 Loblaw gift card. It will be used to offset expenses for Camp Abeqweit, Prince Street School Breakfast Program & local Food Banks - to name a few. The extent of this support depends directly on the number of applicants we can reach – so please, extend this invitation to your friends and family. To be eligible, you need only to be an adult who has purchased packaged bread products at a Loblaw grocery store (aka locally as Superstore or No Frills) prior to March 1, 2015. To apply, register online at www.LoblawCard.ca or pick up an application form available at the church. Receipts will be issued for all donated cards. The deadline for registration is May 8, 2018 and please note, this offer APPLIES to “One Per Eligible Adult” and is NOT Limited to “One per Household”!!

Upcoming Trinity Events

Maundy Thursday Worship on Mar. 29, 7 pm.

Good Friday Worship on Mar. 30, 10:30 am.

Easter Sunday Worship with Communion on Apr. 1, 10:30 am.

Good Friday, Mar. 30, 7 pm. at Trinity United Church, The Confederation Singers present Choral Music on a Holy Day featuring the moving Mass in C Sharp Minor by Louis Vierné, the Cantique de Jean Racine, and selections from the Fauré Requiem. Conducted by Donald Fraser, the concert will be accompanied by organist Frances McBurnie. Admission \$25.00. Tickets available at the door.

Tuesday Night Church Supper: We will gather on Tues., Apr. 10, 6 pm to hear from Anne Atkinson from Unit 7 – Hillsborough Hospital. Cost is \$10 and tickets must be purchased before the event. They are for sale at the Richmond St. doors after today’s service or in our office during the week. Everyone is welcome!

Men of The Harvest, a multi-denominational men’s four-part harmony choir will be performing at Trinity on Sun., Apr. 15, 7 pm. Since its inception, Men of The Harvest has shared the unique strength and power of the male voice with audiences throughout PEI

and beyond, so for a wonderful evening of gospel and contemporary music we invite you to plan to attend. Tickets are available through the Eastlink Centre on line or by phone. They will also be on sale the next three Sunday's here following Sunday services Apr. 1, 8 & and 15. Ticket price is \$15

Other Church and Community Events

The Charlottetown Area Christian Council invites you to participate in a "Cross Walk" on Thurs., Mar. 29, 11 am. We will be congregating at The Salvation Army (Corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets) and leaving at **11:00 am** to take a solemn walk of witness, carrying the Cross throughout downtown Charlottetown. Christians of all denominations are warmly welcomed. Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable footwear. We will conclude our walk, arriving at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral for the Maundy **Thursday Noon** Lenten service.

Charlottetown and Area Christian Council Holy Week Services at St. Peter's Cathedral

**March 26th - March 29th
12:10 - 12:40 PM**

Holy Monday, March 26th - Park Royal United Church
Rev. Kevin MacKenzie and Rev. David Campbell

Holy Tuesday, March 27th - Zion Presbyterian Church
Rev. Douglas Rollwage

Holy Wednesday, March 28th - St. Dunstan's Basilica
Rev. Martin Carter

Holy Thursday, March 29th - St. John's, Milton
Rev. Ralph Moore

Lunch following worship services will be served by St. Peter's ACW in support of the orphanage they sponsor in Jamaica.

Fundscrip – Gift cards for gas, groceries, movies, books, clothes and more can be purchased with cash or cheque before and after our service each Sunday or in our church office during the week. Use them yourself or give as gifts – a great way to help our church as we receive a percentage from the sale.

Available Cards:

Gas - all stations **Groceries** - all stores **Office** - Staples
Health - Lawtons, Shoppers **Entertainment** - Indigo, Cineplex
Apparel - Payless Shoes, Claires, Aldo, Marks Work Wearhouse, Old Navy, GAP, Le Chateau **Children** - Toys R Us, Children's Place
Department Stores - Hudson Bay, Winners, Walmart
Electronics - Best Buy, The Source
Home and Garden - Home Furniture, Stokes, Home Sense, Home Hardware, Canadian Tire, Home Depot
Restaurants – Tim Hortons, Pizza Hut, Boston Pizza, Wendys, KFC, Harveys, Starbucks, Swiss Chalet, Subway, Montanas
Other - Pet Smart, SportChek, Running Room, Best Western, Fairmont Hotels, Giant Tiger

Godly Play for Adults: Do you enjoy listening to a good story? Have you ever wondered how to get inside a Bible story so it speaks to you? Godly Play Storytelling helps us engage the old, old Scripture stories in a new way and find meaning for today. You are invited to participate:

Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., April 12, 19, 26

“Knowing Jesus in a New Way”

Hear and reflect on core Bible stories of the resurrected Christ. These stories take place between Easter and Pentecost. They include Mary at the empty tomb, the disciples in the Upper Room and on the Emmaus Road, Peter going fishing, and also the stories of the ascension, and Pentecost. Ponder how the Spirit of Christ is still with us and active in our communities.

Storyteller: Gail Hopkirk

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:15 a.m., April 15, 22, 29

“The Faces of Easter”

Hear and wonder about the core Bible stories of the life of Jesus. Through an overview of the life of Jesus, beginning with the birth of Jesus, his childhood, temptations, ministry, death and resurrection, hear how Jesus “...grew in wisdom, stature and in divine and human favor.” (Luke 2:52) Ponder how these stories are our stories.

Storytellers: Linda Mahood, Ellen Locke Doiron, Linda Lavoie

Parents and guardians please note that childcare will be provided.

Take this opportunity to hear and wonder about these core Bible stories. No Bible background is needed! You share only if you wish. If you plan to attend, please speak to or email gailhopkirk@gmail.com

Following an educational period of 2.5 years of discussions, study sessions, and with input from members of the LGBTQ community in PEI, Trinity-Clifton Pastoral charge voted to become an Affirming Ministry on Dec. 6, 2015, the first Affirming Ministry on PEI. As part of our congregational studies, Trinity-Clifton developed the Vision Statement, listed below, which was approved at a Congregational Meeting on May 24, 2015.

Vision Statement

We, the Trinity-Clifton Christian family, believe that God has blessed us with diversity, including diversity in sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, age, ability and faith. We believe that Jesus challenged boundaries by reaching out to all people, welcoming and honouring all in their uniqueness.

We publicly declare our commitment to openness, growth, action, and education, honouring diversity and challenging injustice in solidarity with those who experience discrimination.

We offer our resources and talents with open hands and hearts in love and service to all as we work for reconciliation and justice locally, regionally, and globally.

Our ongoing commitment as an Affirming Congregation and Ministry is to offer a ministry that publicly declares our commitment to inclusion and justice for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Although Affirming Ministries make an explicit statement

about issues of sexuality and gender, their commitment to justice is far broader as stated in the goals of Affirm United below:

Affirm United goals are:

- *To support United Church Ministries in their ministry to people of all sexual orientation and gender identities.*
- *To broaden Social Justice Concerns within church and society.*

Trinity-Clifton Communications Committee SURVEY ABOUT A NEWSLETTER

We are interested in hearing from YOU, the congregation, about what YOU want to see happening to improve communication. For example, we've heard that you would appreciate a quarterly newsletter. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. You can leave it on your seat at the end of the service.

1. Would you support a quarterly newsletter to improve communication in Trinity-Clifton?

- YES
- NO

2. If YES, what would you like to see included? Please print.

3. Would you be interested in helping? YES NO
a. If yes, as a regular columnist: YES NO
b. Just from time to time: YES NO

4. Which would you prefer (Note: We will do both!):
 PRINT (PAPER)
 DIGITAL (EMAIL)

5. Any other comments?

OPTIONAL: Your Name

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