

*Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian  
Church*

*Lachute, Quebec*

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April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday

Introit:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Call to Worship

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you;

**triumphant and victorious is he,**

humble and riding on a donkey,

**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Prayer of Approach

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem: Mark 11:1-10

*Hymn: "Filled with excitement" .....#215*

Children's Message

**Prayer of Confession**

**We confess, O God, that we have simply been part of the crowd. We have been caught up in current excitement, rather than really being attentive to the way in which You address us. We have been ready to be carried along by others, rather than making our own considered commitment. We have lived for today rather than in the purposes of eternity. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn: "All glory, laud and honour" ..... #214*

**The Word of God**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 ..Pew Bible Pg.565  
Large Print Bible ..... Pg.575

*Palm Sunday reader*

*Marjorie Crooks*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a ..... Pg.681

*Solo: "Jerusalem"*

*Marsha Beaudoin*

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 ..... Pg.197

Gospel Reading: Mark 15:1-39 ..... Pg. 53

*Hymn: "My song is love unknown" ..... #220*

Sermon Title: **"Lo, your king comes to you"**

**Our Response to God**

Offertory, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: "Man of sorrows, wondrous name" ..... #210*

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

## Prayer Partnership

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

Pray that our Canadian Forces members will experience the love and grace of the Risen Christ this Easter.

### MONDAY, APRIL 2

Pray for music directors and choirs as they prepare for Easter services.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Thank God for rain that brings new growth!

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Pray for Presbyterian World Service & Development's partners working to minimize the impacts of climate change and establish long-term food security for underprivileged communities around the world.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 5

*Maundy Thursday*

Pray for our military members who are deployed or away from home on temporary duty during the Easter celebrations.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 6

*Good Friday*

Pray that we will learn to walk with the sick, the sorrowful, the despised and the rejected in our midst.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Give thanks for healthcare workers – front line people and others behind the scenes – who work tirelessly to care for sick people.

## Announcement

Good Morning! Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book.

**Today's Greeter: Marjorie Walker & Gwen MacAdam**

*Next Week's: Reg. & Audrey Mason*

**Today's Reader: David Dowse**

*Next Week's: Jocelyne Ness*

*Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome*

## Stewardship Moment

The starting point in the journey of the Christian steward is—must be—a realization of the reality of God's love. Yet it is just that—a starting point, not an ending point. *Ronald E. Vallet, Stepping Stones of the Steward*

## Mission Capsule:

### **HUNGARY: Educational scholarships for youth**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Mary Gorombey as she serves the Hungarian Reformed Church in Budapest. Mary is coordinating a program that provides financial aid to help young people from Serbia, Romania and Ukraine access education. Mary writes, "I was fortunate to meet some of our supported young people in Romania and Ukraine. It was a heart-warming and touching experience." Although no longer working directly with refugees, Mary still serves them at St. Columba's church in Budapest. Let us pray for Mary and the Hungarian Reformed Church as they help make education accessible to young people.



**Prayer List** - Please write on the sheet provided the names of persons you wish included in the prayer of Intercession.

**Presbyterian Carpet Bowling Club** Monday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7:00pm

**Choir practice** on Tuesday, April 3 at 6:15 pm and after the Good Friday service April 6. After this, choir practices resume in the fall.

**Bible Study** group resumes in the fall, continuing the study Acts 13-26

The After-School **Music and Drama group** will be performing the short play, "Shackles and Shekels" (Mark 5:1-20) and the musical, "The Lost Boy" (Luke 2:41-52), on Friday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend.

The Good Friday service, April 6 at 10:30 am

Easter, April 8, including the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Pancake Breakfast** at the Masonic Hall Sunday, April 15 at 8:30am to 1:00pm. Donation \$7.00 children under 6 free

A **concert**, with the choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, will perform Sunday, April 29, at 4:30 pm at Lachute United church.

The **annual meeting** of Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 6, after the morning worship service.

The annual **Lily Memorials** for Easter, please put your name, dedication and donation in an envelope on the offering plate.

**Non-perishable food** items are being collected for our local food banks (Lachute, Brownsburg and Grenville) and for Citad'elle each month. The items are distributed through the Lachute Princess St. location. A collection bin for this purpose is located at the front entrance.

You are urged to support the **Breakfast/ Snowsuit/ Christmas Basket fund of Laurentian Elementary School**, which includes a Literacy Breakfast Programme for Kindergarten and Cycle 1 students. (An offering of money can be made in the can provided at the front entrance of the church; the money is collected each week.)

## *Catechism for Today*

Question 85: Who may participate in the Lord's Supper

All those who love the Lord Jesus and belong to any Christian church may participate. We come to the Lord's table not because any individual goodness gives us a right to come, but because Christ welcomes us. He loved us, gave himself for us, and invites us to receive his body and blood to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace. Baptized children may participate if they have their parent's permission, the session's approval, and have received instruction in the meaning of the Lord's Supper. Acts 19:5, Acts 2:42 1 Cor 11:8-29

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. Lk12:39

## *PWS&D Bulletin Bit*

### **The Journey to Food Security in Pakistan**

Many small-scale farmers in Pakistan cultivate plots of land rented to them from landowners who charge exorbitant interest rates by taking a substantial portion of each season's harvest. The farmers are left with very little food to feed their families. During a poor harvest, farmers may be forced to repay their debts by selling their houses or sending their children away to work. However, many farmers are finding freedom through a PWS&D supported program that teaches them how to multiply yields through improved farming techniques such as intercropping, irrigation and vegetable preservation. As one farmer happily reports, "We used to buy vegetables by the kilo. Now we sell vegetables by the mound (40kg)!" This Lenten season, you can help families escape poverty and debt through support of PWS&D.