

Stouffville United Church
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April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday
Easter Cantata

Music Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered on the treaty territory of the Huron Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe people and their ancestors. May we honour their history, spirituality, culture and teachings and uphold our responsibilities as treaty partners.

Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Psalm 118)

Open the gates!

Give us courage to walk through!

Lay down the cloaks.

We mark the journey to Love's reign.

Lift up the branches!

Let us boldly proclaim God's peace!

Hymn: 122 VU - All Glory Laud and Honour

Prayer of Approach and Confession (Matthew 21, Psalm 118)

O God, we stand at the gate, hesitant and uncertain; we are reluctant to answer your invitation; we are slow to embark on the journey toward your reign. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the help we need to be your people—the courage to join you in the procession; the selflessness to lay our cloaks before you; the freedom to lift our palms to your glory; and the knowledge that by your grace we are forgiven. Amen

Words of Assurance:

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not counting our trespasses against us. Therefore be assured and believe you are loved and you are forgiven.

Offertory

Offertory Prayer (unison)

Lord God, Name above all names, as you emptied yourself for others, we offer ourselves and these gifts as a sign of our hope in your reign. Where there is death, bring life. Where there is sorrow, bring joy. Where there is injustice, bring courage for change. Amen.

Music Ministry: Easter Cantata

Stouffville Choir presents "You Are The Christ"

Prayers of the People

The 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

Hymn: 135 VU - Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Blessing

Closing Response

Music Postlude