

FORT MASSEY CHURCH

~ where life and faith meet ~

The Gathering @ 10:30 a.m., 1st April 2012

PALM SUNDAY

ORDER of SERVICE

We strive to be a scent free and nut free space.

* Please stand in body or spirit. "T" setting for audio loop.

PRELUDE Palm Sunday Hymns on the Fort Massey Chimes

LITURGY OF THE BRANCHES – Please remain seated

Introduction

The Gospel of Mark 11:1-11

*Hymn # 357 VU, v. 4 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*The Sounding of the Bell

*Lighting of the Community Candle

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud and Honour VU 122

*THE PEACE *The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.*

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory:

*Offertory Response:

**In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.**

(Tune VU 518, *FOREST GREEN*)

CHILDREN'S TIME "Why Palm Branches?"

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CHILDREN'S HYMN Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS – *Elder Irene Parks*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM Ride On Words by Henry Millman
Music by Grayston Ives (b.1948)

READING Gospel of John 12: 12-19

CONTEMPORARY WORD "Fans of Jesus" – *Rev. Trent*

*AFFIRMATION OF BELIEF Twenty Centuries Past INSERT

*CLOSING HYMN Ride On!, Ride On in Majesty! VU 127
Tune: Winchester New

*WORDS OF MISSION

*Let us take on this week's life with renewed hope and imagination...
The candle is extinguished*

May our journey's in life

Shine with a star's delight.

May our days and our years

Weave together a wondrous tapestry.

May our unfolding stories

Dance with the grace of every blessing.

*BLESSING WORDS

ORGAN POSTLUDE O Welt, ich muss dich lassen Johannes Brahms
(O World, I Now Must Leave Thee) (1833-1897)
John Walter, Assistant Organist

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Welcome to Fort Massey *by-the-sea*, watching over Halifax harbour since 1871. A special welcome to our new members – *Bill & Muriel Hale, Elaine Janson, Laura Mclean*. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a **Welcome Card** at the left of the main doors upon exiting the nave, leaving it with the guest book. Children are welcome to remain with their families or join their peers in either the Church School or Nursery. All are welcome to join us in the lower hall after the Service for **Coffee & Conversation** where your host will be *Irene Parks & Nancy Riggs*.

Thank you to Chancel Guild (*Heather Wills & Gwen Smith-Dockrill*) for the cleaning of the communion silver and chancel brass & furnishings in preparation of the approaching Easter season.

* Easter * Flowers *

Each year during Lent we invite the congregation to make a donation to the Flower Fund, much of which is used for a festive Easter display in the chancel and nave of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning.

Please include this insert, along with your donation, in an envelope marked **EASTER FLOWER FUND**, and place in the offering plate. Contact *Carol Robinson* or *Jean Brown* for any inquiries. Thank you.

Name:

**Contact
info:**

Amount: _____

Given in...

memory of..... _____

honour of..... _____

celebration of... _____

AFFIRMATION OF BELIEF **Twenty Centuries Past**

** The people stand as they are able*

Twenty centuries past, what city has not heard of your coming?

From Beijing to Berlin, from Jerusalem to Johannesburg,
from New York to New Delhi
surely the word has spread that you've come in peace, not violence
to enrich, renew, transform our lives and bring us to shalom?

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Twenty centuries past, what city has not heard of your church?

From Catholic, Orthodox, United or Anglican,
Evangelical, Progressive or Pentecostal
surely the message of acceptance, healing, confidence
in your royal advent, has been passed on through faithful living?

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Twenty centuries past, what city has not rejected you?

From penthouse to tenement, from factory to leisure centre,
from theme park to concert hall,
surely the news is that this life is for taking, not giving
and what stands in the way of this lifestyle
must now be removed?

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Twenty centuries past, what city does the Christ seek to enter?

From expansive suburb to inner city, from seniors apartments
to downtown condos, from South-End mansions to student rooms,
surely the sign of the church free from pride, united in deed,
must be the welcome the Christ longs for as he enters our city?

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Notices, Fort Massey Church, April 1, 2012

Easter Flowers. Contact Carol Robinson or Jean Brown if you would like to contribute to the Flower Fund which will include our Festival of Easter Flowers.

Easter Project. Next Sunday will be your last opportunity to contribute to the Ratlam Christian School Easter Project using your offering envelopes.

Graveside Service for Jennifer Fong will be held at 11 on Sat, April 14, at the Fairview Cemetery. A Celebration of Jennifer's life will follow at the Waegwoltic Club, 6549 Coburg Road, Halifax, from 1 to 4 pm.

Spirit Connectors will be starting a new book, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor on April 19th. We meet at The Berkeley on Green Street on Thursdays at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

Concerned about "fracking" in NS? Copies of KAIROS' letter to the NS gov't are available in the Tobin St. lobby on the welcome table. You may use it to base your own letter on the subject to the provincial gov't.

A new photo directory. Photos will be taken May 1, 2 & 3. A sign-up sheet for appointments is posted in the Tobin St. lobby. We are also looking for individuals interested in making phone calls. Please contact the church office @ 423-4294 or speak with Ian MacDonald after the Service.

Phoenix Community Choir, St. Andrew's Church Choir and First Baptist Church Choir, TODAY, 3pm, at St. Andrew's United Church on Coburg and Robie Streets.

The King's College Chapel Choir, under the direction of Paul Halley, as well as the chamber orchestra *Ensemble Regale* led by David Greenberg, will perform J S Bach's Mass in B Minor, on April 14, 7:30 PM, at All Saints Cathedral, Halifax. Tickets (\$15, 20, 25, 40, 100) at the **King's Co-op Bookstore, 422-1270 ext 261.**

20th anniversary of the NS Centre on Aging reception & dinner, Apr 19, 5:30 pm, MSVU Rosaria Student Centre. Theme Speaker: Silver Donald Cameron, MC: Olga Milosevich. The Centre founding father was the late Dr. F.R. (Fred) MacKinnon, an Elder at Fort Massey for many years. Tickets: \$100. 457-6546, <nscs@msvu.ca>

Missa Gaia or Earth Mass The King's Chorus and Capella Regalis Men and Boys Choir, under the direction of Nick Halley, will perform the Paul Winter Consort's *Missa Gaia* or *Earth Mass* in honour of Earth Day-April 22, at First Baptist Church, Oxford St, Halifax on Sat, April 21st at 2 PM. Tickets at the King's Co-op Bookstore.

Sentimental Journey and Decadent Desserts: Fairview United Church, April 22, 7 pm. Come for a theatre/musical experience with John Lindsay-Botten and friends. Tickets \$15 ea or 2/\$25 (443-7123) or at the door.

At the Kirk this week...

Holy Week Ecumenical Services & Breakfasts, Apr 2-5, 7:30 am: Mon-All Saints Cathedral, Tue-St. Andrew's United, Wed-First Baptist, Thu-St. David's Presbyterian.

'The Star' is available today. Special thanks to Holly MacIntosh Benninger.

Today	3-4 pm	Lower Hall	Choi Kwang Do
Mon	11-1	Church Hall	South End Playgroup
Mon	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Tue	10 am	Sharon Ross'	Women's Coffee Group
Tue	10 am-12noon	Lower Hall	Home School Group
Tue	6 pm	Gym	Men's Basketball
Tue	7:30 pm	Parlour	Board of Management
Tue	7 pm	Lower Hall	YOGA with Jenny MacDougall
Wed	10-11:30 am	Church Hall	Japanese Playgroup
Wed	3-4:30 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Thu	11am -1pm	Lower Hall	Weight Watchers
Thu	6 pm	Gym	Men's Floor Hockey
Thu	6 pm	Lower Hall	Maundy Thursday
Thu	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Communion & Potluck
Fri	9:30 am, Apr 13	Cousin's Restaurant	Choir Practice
Fri	10:30 am	Sanctuary	Next Men's Breakfast
Fri	10-11:30 pm	Lower Hall	Good Friday Service
Fri	6-7 pm	Lower Hall	Acupuncture Class
Sun	10 am	Sanctuary	Choi Kwang Do
Sun	10:15 am	Minister's Study	Choir Rehearsal
Sun	10:30 am	Sanctuary	Elders' Gathering
Sun	10:30 am	Church Hall	Easter Service & Communion
Sun	11:30 am	Lower Hall	Church School & Nursery
			Coffee & Conversation

Coming Up... Start saving and setting aside for the **Book Sale & Flea Market**-April 28, and **Silent Auction**-May 12.

Leadership in our Community

Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister
 Robert Bossler, Student Minister
 Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons
 Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator
 Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator
 Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session
 Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee
 Irene Parks, UCW President
 Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast
 Linda Dean, Nominating Chair

Pierre Perron, Music Director
 John Walter, Assistant Organist
 Kevin Robarts, Flutist
 Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist
 Elaine Janson, Nursery
 John Gillis, Board Chair
 Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer
 Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps
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 Elliott Prouty, Head Usher

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