

Montague Pastoral Charge

Sunday March 29, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Hillcrest United Church

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Bulletins are in loving memory of

*Choir Members who have passed – their memories
live on with our dedicated Choir Members*



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**** Congregation read the Bold print ****

Red liturgical cloths are worn on the Day of Pentecost, in Holy Week, and during other special services

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude “All Glory, Laud, and Honour” Melchior Teschner
“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” William Moore
“The Palms” J. Faure

Introit VU # 339 verse 1

**When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Let mortals, too, upraise their voice in hymns of praise:
May Jesus Christ be praised!**

Welcome & Acknowledgement

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Candlelighter: Melvina Buchanan

Opening Hymn VU #123 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Call to Worship

We come together into this holiest of weeks.

**We will travel through praise and excitement, with shouts
of joy on our lips.**

We will also travel through betrayal and death, cradling the
hope we have carried so far.

We journey with Jesus, waving palms in anticipation.

Let us lay down our love before him, to cushion his walk.

**He comes, an unexpected king, laying aside glory and
power.**

But we will praise him all the same:

**Hosanna, hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the
name of our God!**

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

We praise and bless you, ever-living God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem, and was proclaimed king by those who spread garments and palm branches along his way. Let these branches now be signs of his victory. Grant that we who carry them may always acclaim him Messiah by walking the way of his cross, so that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom. And as Jesus taught, we pray: **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.**

Children's Hymn VU #124 "He Came Riding on a Donkey"

(All are welcome to join the procession)

Children's Time

Children's Prayer

Good News

**We celebrate you, in all that you do,
We love you; God bless you.
We celebrate you.**

Passing of the Peace

(Children may go to Sunday School.)

Prayer of Confession

...moment of silence

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Over the din of the crowds and the chatter in our hearts, O God, you make yourself heard. Speak to us again in these words of scripture, so that through the drama of this Holy Week, we may come to know once more how much you have loved this world. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: Andrea White

Psalms 45 (VU # 769)

Matthew 21:1-11

The Gloria Patri – *Music by Alan Coffin*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Senior Choir Anthem “Jesus, the King” Lloyd Larson

Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn VU #127 “Ride On! Ride On In Majesty”

(Tune: Winchester New # 100)

Minute for Mission

Reader: Sara White

Invitation to Offering

Offering Dedication Based on VU #123

Hosanna, loud hosanna, we sing with one accord
And bring our gifts to Jesus, our Saviour and our Lord,
O may we ever praise him with ancient song and new
And show our love and gratitude in all we say and do.

Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Life & Work of the Church

Closing Hymn VU #122 “All Glory, Laud and Honour”

Benediction

Closing Blessing VU # 586 verse 1

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted:
We'll dream our dreams of hearts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within a vision of new life - - - in Christ.**

Postlude “Festal Postlude” E. Markham Lee

We extend a warm welcome to guests visiting with us today. Please join us for coffee after church.

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Office Hours are Mon. through Thurs. 9 a.m. to noon.

Clergy Visiting - Please let the office know if anyone in hospital, long-term care or at home requires a visit. If you are requiring *Pastoral Care*, please call Timothy at the office or 905-269-7381 or minister_hillcrest@outlook.com

Puzzle Exchange – check out the beautiful puzzles on our Puzzle Shelves by the offices. Please feel free to take one, leave one and/or borrow one.

Lost & Found – the box is overflowing – please take a look to see if you have left something behind – it is probably there. It is located at the back door.

P.A.R. – If you would like to have your donations to Hillcrest done through PAR or if you need church envelopes please call the office or let Nancy know.

Bulletin Dedication is available for Easter Sunday. Suggested

donation is \$25. Call the office to book next Sunday's bulletin dedication.

THANK-YOU/GOOD NEWS

- thank you to all who donate to the Food Bank on the last Sunday of the month and at other times.
- thank you to all who donated, purchased, baked, or helped in any way with our Hillcrest Online Auction which wrapped up yesterday! 40% of our proceeds will be donated to the Southern Kings and Queens Food Bank.
- thank you to Garth and the singers for leading worship at the Manor this last Wednesday
 - thank you to all who attended our "Stew Supper" last Saturday evening. Our UCW and friends provided a delicious meal and they cleared over \$800 in profits for our church.
- thank you to Anne, Sara and Helen who took turns in the office this past week while Nancy was away

THIS WEEK AT HILLCREST

Today

"Love For Guatemala" Concert - plan to attend this afternoon for an afternoon of beautiful music at 2 pm at Hillcrest United Church. Admission by donation. 50/50. Performers include Tim Archer, Lisa Birt, The Four Hoarsemen Barbershop Quartet (Doug Millington, Clement Carelse, Darin MacBeth, and Perry Williams), Colton Matheson, Dion MacBeth, Elizabeth Wisnicki, & Doris, Marie and Allan MacDonald.

Tuesday

Session Meeting will be held at 7 pm

Wednesday

12:15 – Stations of the Cross in the Hillcrest Chapel – a short service featuring art and music of the Passion

2-4 pm Bridge group – New and experienced players welcome. For more information call Sandra at 388-8844

7 pm Senior Choir invites you to join this great group. Call Anne 838-2681 or just come along.

Thursday

9:30 Men's Meditation Group meets in the Shaffelburg Room for a time of contemplative conversation. All welcome.

7 pm – Maundy Thursday service at Sturgeon

Friday

11 am – Good Friday Service at Hillcrest

Sunday

6:45 am – Easter Sunrise Service at St. Mary's, Montague, with breakfast afterwards provided by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.

10 am Youth Choir Practice – New youth are most welcome to join.

Contact Anne 838-2681 or just join us.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



April 1 – Wednesday Stations of the Cross –
12:15 in the Chapel

April 2 – Maundy Thursday 7 pm at Sturgeon

April 3 – Good Friday – 11 am

April 5 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at St.
Mary's Parish at 6:45 am

– Easter Services – Sturgeon at 9 am, Hillcrest
at 11 am

UPCOMING AT HILLCREST

MPC meeting - Tuesday, April 7 at 7 pm

Congregational Care Meeting – April 8 at 9:30 am

Hillcrest Feast of Music - Sunday evening, May 31st – mark it on your calendar and pass the word about this annual choir concert – hope you can join us!

DID YOU KNOW ??



-4/5 Maya live below the poverty line on less than \$4 US/day with 22% who live in extreme poverty – surviving on less than \$2.15 US/day

-Indigenous Maya women face mortality rates up to three times higher than non-indigenous women

