

March 24, 2021



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# This Week at St. Andrew's



## Pastor's Parable

### Final Things:

We are approaching the Final Week of Jesus' ministry on earth. Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday allows us to remember the Last Meal and the washing of the disciple's feet. Good Friday is that dark day of crucifixion and death.

For many years I have emphasized during Lent: we cannot understand or celebrate Easter unless and until we first trudge the dark path of Holy Week with Jesus.

Only then will we come to believe that Jesus has been where we are, felt what we feel and has endured pain and humiliation so common to our lives today.

One final Lenten Bible study will be provided on Wednesday, March 24 from 6:00-7:15 PM. We have examined the events of Jesus' life just prior to his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. This week our study will take us through surprising territory:

Read: Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50, and John 12:1-8.

\*Who do you suppose is the woman that anointed Jesus' feet? Mary, sister of Lazarus, Mary Magdalene, an unnamed sinful woman? What does this matter?

\*What extravagant act is described in these passages and why should it be considered extravagant?

\*What extravagant acts have you experienced in your life and what made them extravagant?

\*Who are the other "bit" players in the story of Jesus in which we may not know their names, yet they are formative in our faith story?

Continued Lenten Blessings

Pastor Mitch



Our monthly congregational newsletter needs you!

Please send your submissions to [thelink@shaw.ca](mailto:thelink@shaw.ca) by March 28th

# Bible Study with Pastor Mitch

Join the bible study at 6:00 PM tonight

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81036396596>

Or call in from your phone using +1 778 907 2071

Meeting ID: 810 3639 6596

Bring your Bible and yourself!



*Link to the correct meeting this time! Sorry about last week!*



[Click for a hymn from Susie and Christine](#)

## *Prayer for the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*

Loving and Faithful God, we are grateful to you this day for the gift of life, and for your loving kindness. We thank you for your unconditional love and your peace that surpasses all human understanding. In your own infinite wisdom, you created us in your own image. Yet, we have failed to see your image in one another. Many of us have been treated cruelly and unfairly and the System has failed us. As your people, we have failed to speak and stand up for justice. So, we confess to you Merciful God for our complicity and participation in racism. We have been blinded by the injustice and discrimination of our society.

We have remained silent on issues of discrimination and racism. Forgive our shallow ways, and open our eyes and hearts to see and understand that this is not your will or vision for the world you love. Loving God, grant us the ability to love one another as we long for right relationship. In your love and mercy, heal and transform our ways of doing things so that whatever we do will reflect your love for humanity. You are the Creator of all people. Bind us together by the power of your love. On this day, we pray that in your mercy, you will put an end to racism and let your light shine among us and your church, and throughout the world. May the church continue to strive to make every element of human life correspond to the true dignity of the human person. May you reign among us. May all who seek you this day find you. O Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer and use all of us as vessels of peace, grace, unity, and transformation. We offer our humble prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and King, Amen.

**Written by the Rev. Sampson Afoakwah, Montreal West Presbyterian Church, Que.**

## Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY– Virtual Maundy Thursday service: Joint service on Thursday, April 1 with Knox and Trinity.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Virtual service of music and meditation by Christine Purvis and Pastor Mitch.

EASTER Celebration of the Resurrection virtual service

**All services will be available on our website.**

*Keeping Our Promises-  
A Pastoral Letter to  
Congregations from the  
Moderator of General Assembly*

[Click here](#) to read this letter from

**The Rev. Amanda Currie**

## *Read From Your Bible This Week*

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Mark 11:1-11
- John 12:12-16

