

The people of Gower Street United Church are committed to doing right by Jesus' teachings: loving, serving, giving generously in our local, regional, and global communities. We envision a vibrant and evolving community where tradition is honoured, change is embraced, and injustice is challenged.

We are dedicated to being welcoming and affirming, engaging participation of all, including people of any age, colour, race, ethnicity, faith, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, marital status, family composition, and social or economic circumstances.

We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we live, work and worship as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, whose culture has been lost forever and can never be recovered. We also acknowledge the island of Kaimuki (Newfoundland) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq. And we acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We recognize all First Peoples who were here before us, those who live with us now, and the seven generations to come. As First Peoples have done since time immemorial, we strive to be responsible stewards of the land and respect the cultures, ceremonies, and traditions of all who call it home. As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all.



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**Bold indicates unison.**  
**Rise in body and spirit as you prefer.**  
**The projected text in white is a communal response.**  
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Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of In loving Memory of **Max Beckett** from his wife Phyllis and family. Missed and loved every day since his passing March 11, 2022.

In memory of our grandmother **Muriel Vardy** on the 3rd anniversary of her passing. Muriel was a long-time member of Gower. Forever in our hearts, Russell, Sean & Nicole Vardy & their mom Brenda Martin

## THE SPIRIT GATHERS US IN

### The Life and Work of Gower

#### Gower Community Band

Agnes Dei	Faure
arr. Frank Erickson	
Resignation	Ed Kiefer
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	J.S. Bach
arr. Erik Leidzen	
'Tis a Gift	Anne McGinty

**We sing:** VU 123 Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna Ellacombe

#### Words of Welcome:

No matter who you are, where you come from, how you come to be here, what you believe or what you are questioning, you are welcome in fullness.

#### Gathering Words:

This day brings with it joy and celebration, uncertainty and anticipation.

**This day brings us to a new place of discernment and preparation.**

This day leads us into the realities of Holy Week, into the truth and challenges of living the promise of faith and hope.

**This day leads us beyond the past and into a future that is yet to be revealed.**

This day we are led into worship with palms and hosannas.

**Let us worship!**

#### Gathering Prayer:

Hosanna! Hosanna!

**Blessed are you, the One who comes in the name of our God, meek, yet all powerful; lowly yet given a name above all names.**

It is you, Jesus who alone can welcome, heal, call us friends, and forgive.

**Hosanna! Amen!**

#### The Call to Light:

We have gathered here, week after week, sharing a common quest for a deeper faith and a deeper experience of the divine.

I invite you now to close your eyes and let go of the things that distract and concern you. (Close your eyes!)

Listen! The time is drawing near. (Open your eyes!)

**Jesus is preparing to enter Jerusalem.**

**How will we greet him?**

**Will we follow him all the way to the Cross?**

The power of Jesus is that he lived what he taught, even when it led to his death.

**He lived with an abiding awareness of God, radiating the light of God in all he said and did.**

But that light was too much for the world. There are forces today, as there were in ancient Judea, that conspire to put it out.

**Where are we in this drama?**

**What are we willing to risk following Jesus?**

(Silent time.)

As we extinguish this light, **we acknowledge the darkness and pain of illness and disease in the world.**

(A candle is extinguished.)

**We pray together:**

Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day.

**Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, us and our neighbors; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. Give us faith by day and by night. Amen.**

**Exploring Lent**

**We sing:** VU 122 All Glory, Laud and Honour

St. Theodulph

### LISTENING TO THE STORY

**Gower Hand Bell Choir:** Round for All  
Festival Fanfare

**A reading from the Gospel:** Matthew 21:1–11  
Jesus enters Jerusalem.

**Gospel Response:** VU 956 Your word is a lamp

Daley

**Anthem:** Ave Verum Corpus

Mozart

**Meditation**

**We sing:** VU 143 My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

### COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, EQUALITY AND SHARING GOD'S LOVE THROUGH OUR MINISTRY

*You can offer your financial gifts to Gower Street United Church in many ways. As you enter/leave the sanctuary, there are offering plates where you may lay your offerings. You can also continue to drop off offerings in the secure mailbox outside the church office or you can donate via E-Transfer, using the email address [gsuc@nl.rogers.com](mailto:gsuc@nl.rogers.com). You can also scan the QR code on your mobile device to be brought directly to our website page.*



**Gathering our Gifts**

**We sing:** VU 537 Your, Work, O God, Vs 2

Kilmarnock

**Offering Prayer:**

On this day when Jesus arrived riding a donkey, we don't offer our power and our privilege; we offer our humility at your call.

**We don't offer the talents we hire; we offer our talented selves.**

**We don't offer empty words; we offer our hearts to Jesus' Way of loving justice. Bless us and all we offer, O God, that we may be transformed through our sharing. Amen.**

## WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD

**We sing:** VU 127 Ride On! Ride on in Majesty

Winchester New

### **We go out into the world:**

God moves with us through the streets of Jerusalem.

**As we journey with Jesus this week, may we not be tempted by power and greed.**

Let us keep focused on love and compassion, rather than the evils of indifference and domination.

**May we dare to point ourselves toward the cross, knowing that it ultimately is about acceptance and forgiveness.**

With the courage of knowing God is with us, we travel through this week with Jesus, our friend and companion.

**Amen.**

**We sing:** VU 127 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty, Vs. 3

**Postlude:** Gower Community Band Transfiguration

Robert Sheldon

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**Minister:** The Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

**Youth & Family Minister:** The Rev. Rebecca Pike-Winter

**Interim Youth & Family Minister:** The Rev. Karen Thorne

**Minister Emeritus:** The Very Rev. Dr. Marion Pardy

**Organist & Music Ministry:** R. Carl Goulding

**Custodian:** David Noseworthy

**Board Chair:** Jonathan Stevenson

## WHAT'S UP AT GOWER

**The GSSC dinner and AGM:** that was postponed last week will be going ahead this Tuesday at 6 PM at a cost of \$20. Please contact karen12nl@gmail.com if you have not already done so to reserve your seat.

**Palm Sunday Service** will be starting at 10:30am, with Gower Community Band, Musicale.

**Invitation to New Board Members:** You are warmly invited to attend a Board Orientation for new members of the Gower Street United Church Board on Sunday, April 12, immediately following worship service.

**Gifts with Vision:** Give meaningful gifts that make a difference with Gifts with Vision! Each year's gift catalogue gives a glimpse of the breadth of our Mission and Service ministries and programs. Gifts with Vision has gift ideas to suit every interest, budget, and person. It's a great way to celebrate special occasions and honour loved ones! The gift catalogue is updated online regularly and is fully refreshed every fall. You can visit <https://giftswithvision.ca/> to view online catalogue.

**Bulletin Dedications:** The Worship and Sacraments Committee invites members of our faith community to help with the cost of printing weekly bulletins. It costs us approximately \$15.00 to have color-printed bulletin covers. You may dedicate a bulletin of any Sunday in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a significant event, or in celebration of a life's milestone. The name of Memoriam/Celebration/Milestone and Donor will appear in the bulletin on the specified Sunday. Please forward any donations to the church office and contact Felyn, the office administrator, during office hours via email (gsuc@nl.rogers.com) or phone 709-753-7286 ext. 200

## COMING UP AT GOWER

### Sunday Worship Services:

March 29: Palm Sunday Service 10:30am

April 5: Resurrection/ Easter Sunday

### Upcoming Weekly Activities:

March 29: Gower Learners Club – 11:00am

March 29: Book study- Immediately following worship.

### Journey to The Cross Lenten Services

**Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10:30 am.**  
**Gower United with the Gower Community Band**

#### Holy Week Services

**Monday March 30th, 7:30p.m**  
**First United, Mount Pearl**

**Tuesday March 31st, 7:30p.m**  
**Memorial United, Pouch Cove**

**Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30p.m**  
**Memorial United, Portugal Cove-St. Phillip's**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:30p.m.**  
**Cowan Heights United**

**Good Friday, April 3 at 12 noon**  
**Wesley United**

**Easter Eve Vigil, April 4 at 7:30p.m**  
**St. James United**

**Easter Sunday, April 5 at Gower**  
**Holy Communion at 9:00 am.**  
**Coffee and Conversation in the Lecture Hall, immediately following**  
**Communion**  
**Easter Sunday Celebration at 11:00 am.**



**GOWER BOARD  
ORIENTATION**  
2026

**12 APRIL**  
IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP

The poster features a central image of a wooden desk with a laptop, a coffee cup, a calculator, and a small potted plant. The background is a mix of white and dark blue with decorative dotted patterns and geometric shapes.