

**Genesis Cooperative
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in Partnership with the
Glengarry East Pastoral Charge**

*Consisting of the congregations of:
Alexandria, Cassburn, Dalhousie Mills, East Hawkesbury,
Kirk Hill, Riceville-Pendleton, Trinity (Vankleek Hill)*

Sunday February 28, 2021

Black History Month No. 4:

Mary Anne Shadd Cary
(First woman to become a publisher in Canada)

Do you know the story of Mary Anne?

Mary Anne Shadd Cary arrived in Canada as American slaves were escaping to freedom via the Underground Railroad. She first settled in Windsor, ON. after leaving the U.S., devoting herself to teach children of former slaves arriving in Canada.

She later returned to the U.S. and was active in the Suffrage movement.

Mary Anne Shadd Cary died in Washington in 1893 at the age of 69.

Now you know something about Mary Anne.

Worship Leaders Today

Trinity / Cassburn

Alexandria / Kirk Hill

Riceville-Pendleton

Dalhousie Mills

East Hawkesbury

No Service / Carolyn Ruda

Rev. Phyllis Dietrich

Valerie Allen

Mackie Robertson

No Service

*“Surely God is in this place... help me notice”
(attributed to St. Lawrence)*

We Gather to Praise God

Welcome to our worship service today.

We pray you will feel God's presence as we worship together.

*You are invited to join in reading the responses and prayers, printed in **bold**.*

♪Prelude

Greeting and Welcome

Life and Work of the Church

♪Sung Introit: “Come We that Love the Lord” VU715

***Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
Join in a song of sweet accord and thus surround the
throne.***

The Call to Worship

See the wonder of our God, creating out of nothing when our lives are stretched to their end point. See the wonder of the Christ, walking toward the cross to claim it's holding of promise as well as pain. See the wonder of the Holy Spirit, dancing free in the face of our definitions, refusing to be contained by any boundaries for life and live and our future.

See the wonder of our God. Let's bring praises and thanksgiving!

♪Hymn: “We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding” VU 104

The Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Holy God, come before us this day in ways that challenge the limits of our life. Show to us a greater hope, a greater courage, and a grander vision than we have yet seen. For it is all to

easy to live small, protected lives, safe from your calling to the way of faith. Hold us in your grace, O God. Sometimes we live as though life will always be tomorrow rather than today. Hold us in your grace, O God. Sometimes, we hold each other back from living, O God, creating sanctuaries of complacency and caution rather than rich and brave communities of action and the freedom to dare, which are the true signs that you are with us. Hold us in your grace, O God ... (silent prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven ... (found at VU 959)

Words of Affirmation

Our God is a God of bright courage who walks in grace, rather than judgment. Our God believes that there is always another future possible in each one of us and forgives us again and again. We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

🎵Hymn: ***“I Have Called You by Your Name”*** MV 161

We Listen For God’s Word

Scripture Lessons:

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Covenant between Abraham, Sarai and God

Psalms 22: 23-31 VU 746 pts. 3&4 You have not hidden your face, O God.

Romans 4: 13-25 God’s promise rests on grace & faith.

Mark 8: 31-38 Those who lose their life for the gospel will save it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Message:

🎵Hymn: ***“Be Thou My Vision”*** VU 642

We Respond to God's Word

Offertory Sentence:

Come Holy Spirit, surprise us with grace, grace that lifts our hearts in generosity as we bring you our gifts today.

Offertory Prayer:

O God, we have brought to you all that we have to give on this day. Bless our gifts as we seek to use them to usher in your reign.

Prayers of the People

🎵 Hymn: *“To Abraham and Sarah”* VU 634

The Closing Words

🎵 Sung Blessing: *“Go Now in Peace”*

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above,
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

🎵 Postlude

Our Worship Ends – Our Service Begins

Announcements

† *As church, we are called to pray for each other
and for our mission in the world* †

Cardinal United Church, Cardinal, ON



Question of the Day:

What does your name mean to you?

Nursing Homes / Seniors' Homes Services:

**All Nursing / Seniors' Home Services
are cancelled until further notice.**

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Minutes for Mission

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We all know what it's like to need a fresh start. But some of us have more support systems and opportunities in place to help us get the new beginning we need.

Aria was in the third year of getting a law degree when she discovered she was pregnant. Without close family to lean on and limited financial resources, she had to take a break from school and go to work. To support herself and the child she was expecting, she took two jobs, arriving at the first at 6 a.m. and finishing the second at 10:30 p.m.

"I was on the unstable side of things, trying to find stable housing and later, daycare. I just needed a start. I was on my own," she says.

A social worker referred Aria to the Massey Centre, an organization supported by your Mission & Service gifts that helps pregnant and parenting adolescents aged 13–25. At the Massey Centre, Aria enrolled in maternity classes and motherhood programs, received help getting her driver's licence, and found stable housing.

***"We really appreciate your support. There's a lot of young children and parents here that definitely benefit from your help. We'd love your continuous support in the future."* —Aria**

Mighty and tender God, our gifts to M&S help your church to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.