

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Said Eucharist

Welcome

Large Print service leaflets are available

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Leader
Reader: Maggie Sumner



The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Jesus rides into Jerusalem.

People **Hosanna!**

Celebrant Branches are waved; people shout!

People **Hosanna!**

Celebrant Hopes and dreams are running along with the parade!

People **Hosanna!**

Celebrant Shout and sing for joy! The Lord comes!

People **Hosanna in the highest!**

Celebrant Come, now is the time of dancing and joy!

People **Hosanna in the highest!**

Celebrant Now is the time of victory, for the Lord comes into our lives!

People **Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

Penitential Liturgy

Celebrant Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and later pronounced, “Crucify him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a saviour, a saviour—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins.

People **And make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant Peace before us; Peace behind us; Peace under our feet.
Peace within us; Peace over us; Let all around us be peace.
The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ
your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us
courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen
Saviour. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Philippians 2:5–11

Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1–2,22–24,26–29

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim,
“His mercy endures for ever.”

22 The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.

28 “You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1–11

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹

The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Liturgy of the Palms

Hymn #181 "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

Text by Theodulph of Orleans; translation by John Mason Neale

Refrain:	All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.	5	Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
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1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one.

Refrain

Refrain

Words of Introduction

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.
Let us pray.

A time for silent reflection is kept.

People **Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Poem "Let us Enter the City of God Today" [Christine Sine]

Let us enter the city of God today,
Rejoicing with the son of God.
Let us join the throngs of expectant followers,
And shout for joy at Christ's coming.
Let us walk with Jesus towards the cross,
Longing still for things unseen.

For justice, and mercy and freedom.
 Let us stumble along the path Christ walked
 Our hearts aching for things not complete,
 For wholeness and peace and abundance.
 As we breathe in God's life giving breath
 Let us long for what is yet to come.
 For a new world of righteousness and truth.
 One true God, we move slowly toward your eternal future,
 With perseverance and eager anticipation,
 Confident that you can orchestrate everything,
 To work towards something good and beautiful.

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in this week, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us by the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and prepare us for service in your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Proper Preface Holy Week

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things.

For the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and Man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross for us sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

People **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

People **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

People **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

People **Almighty and everliving God, We most heartily thank thee That thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, With the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood Of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; Assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; And that we are living members of his mystical Body, Which is the blessed company of all faithful people; And are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, Ourselves, our souls and bodies, To be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, Yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, Not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, World without end. Amen.**

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Passion

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Poem "Holy Week" [Ann Weams]

Holy is the week . . .

Holy, consecrated, belonging to God . . .

We move from hosannas to horror with predictable ease of those who know not what they do.

Our hosannas sung, our palms waved, let us go with passion into this week.

It is time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.

It is time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.

It is time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One, to lavishly break our alabaster and pour perfume out for him without counting the cost.

It is a time for preparation . . .

The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.

The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.

Eat, drink, remember:

On this night of nights, each one must ask, as we dip our bread in the wine, "Is it I?"
 And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand beneath the tree and watch the
 dying if we are to be there when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.
 Only then will the alleluias be sung; only then will the dancing begin.

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacred and solemn week when we see again the depth
 and mystery of your redeeming love, help us to follow where you go, to stop
 where you stumble, to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer, to bow our
 heads in sorrow as you die, so that, when you are raised to life again, we may
 share in your endless joy. **Amen.**

*Please remain seated in the Chapel for a time of quiet reflection for as long as you wish,
 leaving the church in silence. There will be no dismissal.*

Holy Week & Easter at St. George on Yonge

Monday, April 10
 7:30 p.m.

Monday in Holy Week
 Candlelight Communion



Tuesday, April 11
 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday in Holy Week
 Candlelight Communion
 with anointing prayers for healing



Wednesday, April 12
 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week
 Candlelight Communion
 with "Contemporary Stations of the Cross"



Thursday, April 13
 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday
 Communion with hand washing &
 solemn stripping of the Sanctuary



Friday, April 14
 9:30 a.m.

Good Friday
 Family service remembering the death of
 Jesus



11:00 a.m.

Solemn service of the Passion

Saturday, April 15
 8:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday
 Great Vigil of Easter with renewal of
 baptismal promises & 1st Eucharist of Easter



Sunday, April 16
 8:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday
 Communion celebrating the resurrection
 Sung Communion celebrating the resurrection
 with children's ministry



Wednesday, April 19
 10:30 a.m.

Easter Wednesday
 Seniors' Communion followed by lunch provided by
 Delmanor Senior Community

The Incumbent's Easter Letter is available for pickup.

Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
	3rd Sunday of the month (AAawe)	

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a “harbour for love,” where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAawe (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

Incumbent	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Assistant Curate	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Student Intern	James Yu
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria