

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Those who are able will gather in silence in the Narthex for the beginning of the liturgy.

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.**

The Liturgy of the Palms

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.**

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The congregation will follow the crucifer and clergy into the church in procession.

Processional Hymn #181 “All Glory, Laud, and Honour”

Text by Theodulph of Orleans; translation by John Mason Neale

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honour 3 The people of the Hebrews
to thee, Redeemer, King, with palms before thee went;
to whom the lips of children our praise and prayer and anthems
made sweet hosannas ring. before thee we present.

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

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

Refrain

Refrain

4 To thee, before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.

Refrain

5 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

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.**

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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

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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.

Gradual Hymn #367 "Hosanna"

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1–11

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This 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."

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

⁹The 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!"

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

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Prayers of the People

Leader Jesus, Light of the World, how quickly the joy and exuberance of the people on this day was turned hostile and angry by political manipulation, and even your friends betrayed you. Let us walk with you through this coming Holy Week, remain in your presence, and never deny that you are our Saviour. Hosanna to our Messiah!

People **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader Jesus, Light of the World, help us to engage the hearts and minds of the leaders of this world, our country, and our community, that we may eliminate the fear-mongering, posturing, and oppression that leads to a death like yours. Hosanna to our Messiah!

People **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader Jesus, Light of the World, enfold with your loving arms, those who are ill, desperate, or hopeless, and those who worry and care for them. We pray especially for . . . Hosanna to our Messiah!

People **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader Jesus, Light of the World, as you came to lead us all into the glory of eternal life, turn our grief into joy and comfort knowing those we mourn are with you now in everlasting peace. We pray especially for . . . Hosanna to our Messiah!

People **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader Jesus, Light of the World, as we begin this sacred week, we pray for the church, remembering in our cycles of prayer . . . Endow our spiritual leaders with faithfulness and grace, that through you and them, we may all be drawn together in your saving embrace. Hosanna to our Messiah!

People **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader God of Mercy, as we re-experience the events of this day and of the week to come, help us to see the times in our lives when we, too, have deserted Jesus and given in to the ways of the world instead. Grant us the willingness to confess through our words and actions that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of You, our God. We ask this through Christ, your Sacrificial Son, and your Most Holy Spirit, who live and reign with you, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #184 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

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 [from the Scottish Episcopal Church]***Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.*People* **We lift them to the Lord.***Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.***Celebrant* Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven, and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in our Father's house.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn #689

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*Celebrant* Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, your Chosen One, himself the First-Born, freely offered his life.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

People **We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.***Celebrant* Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.*People* **Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.***Celebrant* Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.****The Lord's Prayer** [Hymn #684]*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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 them that 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.****The Breaking of the Bread #7***Celebrant* We break this bread,*People* **Communion in Christ's body once broken.***Celebrant* Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.*People* **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Lamb of God [Hymn #690]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

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The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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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.

Communion Hymn "As the Sun with Longer Journey"

Tune Hymn #48 Picardy

Text by John Patrick Earls

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| <p>1 As the sun with longer journey
melts the winter's snow and ice,
with its slowly growing radiance
warms the seed beneath the earth,
may the sun of Christ's uprising
gently bring our hearts to life.</p> <p>2 Through the days of waiting, watching
in the desert of our sin,
searching on the far horizon
for a sign of cloud or wind,
we await the healing waters
of our Saviour's victory.</p> | <p>3 Praise be given to the Maker
of the seasons' yearly round:
to the Speaker through the Spoken
in their living Breath of love
as the ever turning seasons
roll to their eternal rest.</p> |
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Communion Hymn "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

Tune Hymn #35 Beach Spring

Text by Herman Stuempfle

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| <p>1 Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
"Use your power," the tempter tells him;
"turn these barren rocks to bread!"
"Not alone by bread," he answers,
"can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!"</p> <p>2 Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
"Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!"
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
"God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test."</p> | <p>3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:
"Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!"
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:
"God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!"</p> <p>4 When we face temptation's power,
Lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.
By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.
Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.</p> |
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

People **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements**The Liturgy of the Passion**

Hymn #182 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

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 church for a time of quiet reflection for as long as you wish, leaving the church in silence using the side doors. There will be no recessional or dismissal. As sound travels, please be conscious of the volume of conversation in the Narthex for people in the church.

Please join us for refreshments following the service in the Parish Hall downstairs.

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)
<p>BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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。</p> <p>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。</p> <p>BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language</p> <p>AAawe (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers</p>		

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 Ikhuria

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