

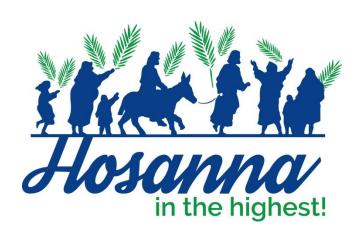
March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist

# Welcome

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# The Gathering of the Community

Those who are able will gather at the entrance to the sanctuary 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.

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.

#### 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 may follow the crucifer and clergy in procession around the church.

Processional 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.

1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessèd one.

## Refrain

2 The company of angels are praising thee on high, and we with all creation in chorus make reply. 3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

## 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

## Refrain

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 Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent

your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Hely Spirit one Cod new and for ever Amen

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Philippians 2:5–11

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

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> 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 118:1-2,22-29

- 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 #360 "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Psalm 103:1–2; paraphrase by Taizé Community (France)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

#### Repeat as needed.

Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1–11

Reader The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup> and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup> They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup> some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup> They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

<sup>11</sup> Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

The Sermon: The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Nicene Creed page 188

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People We believe in one God, the Father

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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 fearmongering, 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.** 

#### **Confession and Absolution**

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's

forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by

what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in

your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace page 192

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Offertory Hymn #184 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Text by Samuel Crossman

- 1 My song is love unknown,
  my Saviour's love to me,
  love to the loveless shown
  that they might lovely be.
  O who am I,
  that for my sake
  my Lord should take
  frail flesh, and die?
  3 Sometimes they strew his w
- 3 Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to their King,
  Then "Crucify!"
  is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
- Why, what has my Lord done?
  What makes this rage and spite?
  He made the lame to run,
  he gave the blind their sight.
  Sweet injuries!
  Yet they at these
  themselves displease,
  and 'gainst him rise.

- 2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow, but all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know: but O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!
- 5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.

  Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!
  This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

## 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you. People Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise. People

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast;

> that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore, we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

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 He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people;

in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

Celebrant: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

> After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

# All: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant*: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

#### All: Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer [Hymn #684]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread #7

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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.

The Communion page 213

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God. People

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.

#### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Celebrant Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.

People

Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

# **Communion Hymn** "As the Sun with Longer Journey"

Text by John Patrick Earls Tune Hymn #48 Picardy

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- 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.
- Through the days of waiting, watching 2 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.

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.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

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People

God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this Eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

#### **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.

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.

## **Doxology** [Arranged by Michael Leach]

People

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.

#### **Blessing**

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

Text by Henry Hart Milman

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes "Hosanna" cry; O Saviour meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
- Ride on, ride on in majesty!
   In lowly pomp, ride on to die;
   O Christ, thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  The angel-squadrons of the sky
  look down with sad and wondering
  eyes
  to see the approaching sacrifice.

- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
  the Father on his sapphire throne
  expects his own anointed Son.
- Ride on, ride on in majesty!
  In lowly pomp, ride on to die;
  bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
  then take, O God, thy power, and
  reign.

#### Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of his Late Father Cecil Andrews Dy.S.P. from Ravi Andrews

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

# **Today's Scripture Readings**

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

> Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 118:1-2,22-29

Mark 11:1-11

# **Next Sunday's Scripture Readings**

**Easter Sunday** 

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10

#### We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

#### **Congregation Cycle**

Azibola O / Godfrey O / Damiana P / Randall P / Hazel P

Celebrant & Preacher		Videographer	Egan Done
	The Rev. Vinaya Dumpala	Organist	Michael Leach
Subdeacon & Intercessor		Altar Guild	Roshni Sircar
	Margie Lyttle	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Reader	Craig Robertson	Welcome Table	Ravi Andrews
Crucifer	Nishant Sam	Coffee Hour Host	Lorraine Baillie & Friends

#### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

# Holy Week & Easter at St. George on Yonge

Sunday, March 24

10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Eucharist (RED)

(In person and on Facebook)

Tuesday, March 26

Wednesday, March 27

Stations of the Cross (RED)

7:00 p.m.

(In person)

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week

**Morning Prayer** 

(on Zoom)

7:00 p.m.

Bible Study (on Zoom)

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday (BLACK)

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing and

stripping of the altar (In person)

Friday, Martch 29

**Good Friday** 

11:00 a.m. Solemn service of the Passion

(In person)

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday (WHITE)

7:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter with renewal of

baptismal promises & 1st Eucharist of Easter

followed by Easter Vigil Potluck Supper

(In person)

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday (WHITE)

10:00 a.m. Sung Communion celebrating the

resurrection with children's ministry

(In person and on Facebook)

Tuesday, April 9

**Easter Communion Service at Delmanor** 

10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2 - Friday April 5

Seniors' Communion offered at home

Pre-arrange with Margie Lyttle













