



April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available
Please ask an usher for assistance*



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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 blessed one.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

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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.**

Psalms 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:

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.**

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.”

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"

Text by Samuel Crossman

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| <p>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?</p> | <p>4 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.</p> |
| <p>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!</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |

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 He 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

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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

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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.**

Lamb of God [Hymn #690]

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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.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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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| <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>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> |
| <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> | |

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

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.**

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries**Blessing****Dismissal**

Subdeacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Text by Henry Hart Milman

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>2 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.</p> | <p>5 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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wallace, Rhoda and Mark Gillespie from their family.

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

Today's Scripture Readings	Next Sunday's Scripture Readings
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Philippians 2:5-11 Psalm 118:1-2,22-29 Matthew 21:1-11	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 Margarette S Methylene S Sam & Julie T Joseph T Emelda & Sandy T, Cameron

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Leonard Leader	Videographer	Egan Done
Assisting Clergy	Fr. Pierre Niyongere	Organist	Michael Leach
Subdeacon	Doug Heyes	Altar Guild	Nancy Dodsworth
Intercessor	Laura Pummell	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Reader	Craig Robertson	Duty Warden	Judy Bradshaw
Server	Truman Jian	Coffee Hour Hosts	Nancy & Michael Dodsworth

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.

Instructions

The Common Cup is an important symbol in our Anglican tradition. It has been emphasized that receiving the consecrated bread alone is complete in itself, so those who aren't comfortable drinking from the Common Cup don't need to. The cup is now being offered to people who wish to return to drinking from the Common Cup.

For the time being, the parish leadership has decided to continue contact tracing, and ask that we continue wearing masks for the safety of others.

Please follow the Priest's and Usher's instructions for the service; and be respectful of everyone's comfort level with physical distancing and contact.

Thank you for joining us. Stay Safe

Holy Week & Easter at St. George on Yonge

Sunday, April 2

10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Eucharist

(In person and on Facebook)



Wednesday, April 5

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Morning Prayer

(on Zoom)



7:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

(on Zoom)



Thursday, April 6

7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Evening Prayer

(on Zoom)

Friday, April 7

11:00 a.m.

Good Friday

Solemn service of the Passion

(In person)



Saturday, April 8

7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

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

(In person)



Sunday, April 9

10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday

Sung Communion celebrating the resurrection with children's ministry

(In person and on Facebook)



Wednesday, April 12 – Friday April 14

Seniors' Communion offered at home

Pre-arrange with Rev. Leonard Leader

Call or email the office



Friday April 14

10:30 a.m.

Easter Communion Service at Delmanor