

Welcome!
to
St. John the Evangelist
Anglican Church

The Liturgy for Palm Sunday



Sunday, March 29, 2026 – Holy Eucharist – 11:00 am
The Sunday of the Passion, with The Liturgy of the Palms

Prelude

Welcome

The Liturgy of the Palms

With our palms and bulletins, we will gather in the church parking lot near the entrance to the Church and then commence the Liturgy of the Palms, processing into the Church.

Priest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest Dear friends in Christ,...

Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

Matthew 21:1-9

The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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.

All **Amen.**

The Procession

Let us go forth in peace.

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

*During the procession all hold palms or branches and verses
from Psalm 118 are said responsively. The Leader will read to the diamond ♦
and the congregation will read what follows.*

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
‘His mercy endures for ever.’
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The 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 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
- 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
- 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦
link the pilgrims with cords
right 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 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.

Psalms 118.1-2, 19-29

All process into the Church. We will process to the left, up the left side, across the front and down the right side, coming round to the nave (centre aisle) and then to our pews.

Processional Hymn *All Glory, Laud, and Honour* **181**
(verses 1, 4, 5, ending with Refrain)

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosanna 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.*

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

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

Priest 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.

All **Amen.**

The Gathering of the Community

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

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

All **And also with you.**

In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral and
unceded lands of the Neutral, the Mississauga and
Haudenosaunee peoples.

All **From many places and peoples we come to this
house of prayer.**

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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 Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

- ⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
- ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
- ⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
- ⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
- ⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31

*The leader will read to the diamond ♦,
the people will respond with the words that follow.*

9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble; ♦
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.

10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; ♦
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances; ♦
when they see me in the street they flee from me.

12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind; ♦
I have become like a broken vessel.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side; ♦
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life.

14 But my trust is in you, O Lord. ♦
I have said, 'You are my God.

15 'My times are in your hand; ♦
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦

and save me for your mercy's sake.'

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
And shall be forever. Amen**

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*As you are able, please stand and remain standing
for the reading of the Gospel.*

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 26:14-27:66 *Please be seated.*

The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Swahili Hymn

Msalabani pa Mwokozi (On the Cross of the Saviour)

*^{1.} Msalabani pa mwokozi,
Hapo niliomba upozi,
Akaniokoa mpenzi,
Mwana wa Mungu.*

*Mwana wa Mungu, Mwokozi wangu,
Akaniokoa mpenzi, Mwana wa Mungu.*

*^{2.} Chini ya mti msumbufu,
Niliomba utakatifu,
Alinikomboa kwa damu,
Mwana wa Mungu.*

*Mwana wa Mungu, Mwokozi wangu,
Alinikomboa kwa damu, Mwana wa Mungu.*

*3. Aliniokoa dhambini,
Ikawa kunikaa ndani,
Aliponifia mtini,
Mwana wa Mungu.*

*Mwana wa Mungu, Mwokozi wangu,
Aliponifia Mtini, Mwana wa Mungu.*

*4. Damu ya Yesu ya thamani,
Huniokoa makosani,
Huniendesha wokovuni,
Mwana wa Mungu.*

*Mwana wa Mungu, Mwokozi wangu,
Huniendesha wokovuni, Mwana wa Mungu.*

*5 Hicho kijito cha gharama,
Leo jivike kwa kuzama,
Kwake uuone uzima,
Mwana wa Mungu.*

*Mwana wa Mungu, Mwokozi wangu,
Kwake uuone uzima, Mwana wa Mungu.*

Shared from Tenzi za Rohoni app.

The Prayers of the People

Please be seated or kneel for the Prayers.

Let us bring to God our prayers of intercession through Christ who gave himself to die for the life of the world. Our intercessions are offered for: the persecuted Church; the oppressed peoples of the world; all who are lonely; all who are near to death; all who are facing loss; the peace of the world.

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church Melanesia; for all the Bishops and leaders of our Church. In the Diocese of Niagara, we pray for Church of the Epiphany, Oakville, the clergy, and the people of that parish. For Rev. Allison, and all the clergy and people who share in the ministry of this place. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for the following people and their families:

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean
spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of
disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer
them, that our common life may be ordered in justice
and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work
openly for justice and peace,

let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
remembering those on our parish prayer list and the
prayer list at Holy Trinity,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or
sorrow, feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the
cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 5:8

Silence is kept.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease
rather than watch with you:
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

When we deny that we know you
for fear of the world and its scorn:
Lord, forgive us.

All Christ have mercy.

May God forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you
to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

All Amen.

As you are able, please stand.

The Peace

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please greet one another with a sign of peace
in the name of the Lord.*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn *A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord* **177**
As you are able, please stand.

The Prayer over the Gifts

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.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks...

The celebrant continues

...we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, Hymn 722
Lord God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

Please be seated or kneel, as you prefer.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,...

The celebrant continues.

...Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All we remember his death, Hymn 724
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

The celebrant continues.

...by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty God,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let's pray together now as our Saviour taught us:

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er.

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Silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

All **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

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion.

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please come forward now to be served Communion.

If you wish to receive communion, please put out your hands.

*If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a
blessing, please cross and place your hands over your chest.*

*Please note that gluten-free wafers are available. Simply indicate that
when you open your hands to receive the host.*

*The common cup will be offered but you are free to decline drinking
from it. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pew.*

Communion Hymn

Jesus, Remember Me

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Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able.

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.

All Amen.

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

The Dismissal

The Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Please be seated for the Announcements

Announcements

Sending Hymn

My Song is Love Unknown
Please stand as you are able.

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The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

There is no Postlude as this service marks the beginning of Holy Week. All the services to follow this week are part of the one service which is Holy Week. There will not be any Prelude or Postlude music until Easter Day.

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Introduction to Holy Week

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This Pascha (a word derived indirectly from pesach, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the Pascha developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading or singing of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. Maundy Thursday (from mandatum, Latin for 'commandment', because of the use of John 13.34 in the Antiphon) contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday with its two characteristic episodes. The veneration of the Cross is older; the sequence of meditations and music known as the Three Hours' Devotion was introduced into the Anglican Church in the nineteenth century. The first is now sometimes incorporated into the structure of the second. It is a widespread custom for there not to be a celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday, but for the consecrated bread and wine remaining from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist to be given in communion. The church remains stripped of all decoration. It continues bare and empty through the following day, which is a day without a liturgy: there can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the Easter Vigil draws near. Note too that the traditional colour of

Passiontide Red during Holy Week. Passiontide Red is a deep, dark shade of red which is more crimson than the scarlet used for Pentecost.

St. John's News

For your prayers...

We pray for peace in our world, remembering the people of Ukraine, East Africa, Kashechewan, Iran and the entire region of the Middle East, Venezuela, Cuba, and all others caught in conflict, violence, and disaster. That a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples.

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Holy Week Services

Wednesday, April 1st – 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

*Maundy Thursday, April 2nd – 6:00 pm Service at Holy Trinity
Chippawa, 7820 Portage Rd.*

*Good Friday, April 3rd – 10:00 am – Ecumenical Service, here
at St. John's*

Saturday, April 4th – 10:00 am – Decorate Church for Easter

*Sunday, April 5th – Easter Sunday
8:00 am – Holy Eucharist with Canon Howard
11:00 am – Holy Eucharist with Reverend Allison*

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