

Palm Sunday

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Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario

Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024

11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

This service is live-streamed from St. John's.
Welcome to an in-person service at St. John's.

St. John's church sits on the traditional unceded territories of the Attawandaron, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee First Nations. These lands are covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty and the Haldemand land grant. These lands are also part of The Dish With One Spoon Treaty, all subsequent newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. Today this land is home to many diverse Inuit, Metis and First Nations peoples.

Processional Hymn 181 All glory, laud, and honour St. Theodulph

*All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*3.The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.
All glory...*

*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.
All glory...*

*2.The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.
All glory...*

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

Sentence Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

- Philippians 2.8-9

Minister: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.
And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought

we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

(you may kneel or sit for prayer)

Minister: ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father,

All: **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

God pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Introit Hosanna to the Son of David

Orlando Gibbons

Hosanna to the Son of David:

blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the King of Israel;

blessed be the Kingdom that cometh in the name of the Lord:

peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places;

Hosanna in the highest heavens.

Responses are sung.

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

All: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

All: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

(congregation stands)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without**

end. Amen.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

All: The Lord's Name be praised.

Canticle Venite

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Glory be to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lesson 1 Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

Anglican Chant

(Congregation may be seated during the Psalm)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess that he is gracious, and that his mercy endureth for ever.

Open to the gates of righteousness, that I may go into them and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord: the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused is become the head-stone in the corner.

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

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help us now, O Lord: O Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he hath given us light: set in order the procession with branches, yea, even up to the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee: thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

Lesson II Mark 1.1-11

When the disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples 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. If anyone says

to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 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.

Canticle Benedictus (Christ Church Cathedral)

Herbert Howells

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;
for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of holy prophets,
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham,
that he would grant us
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him,
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God;
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
as it was at the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Anthem Christus factus est

Aaron Bruckner

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above all names.

Offertory Hymn 184 My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

An offering plate will be passed during this hymn. Your donation to support St. John's is most welcome.

*1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me;
love to the loveless shown,
that they mighty lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?*

*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.*

*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 has foes from thence might free.*

*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.*

*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.*

Minister I believe in God
All: **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Responses are sung.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

All: And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

(please kneel or sit for prayer)

All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: 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. Amen.

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
All: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;
All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
All: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister: O Lord, save thy people;
All: And bless thine inheritance.
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
All: And evermore mightily defend us.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards all our human race, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all of us should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Prayers for the church, the community, and the world.

(you may sit for the prayers)

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Palms

The Grace **May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 182 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Winchester New

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.

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.*

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.

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.

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.

The flowers at the Altar are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my son Joachim and departed friends, the gift of Goran Bengtsson.

Greeters

Readers

Choir

Lisa and Ted Arnott

Lesley Bouza, Jennifer Krabbe, Rebecca McKay, Janelle Santi, Kate Wright, Rachel Barreca, Emily Burnett, Audrey Coates, Autumn Debassige, Jerome Chang, Lanny Fleming, Quade Nielsen, Sharang Sharma, Michael Cressman, Paul Genyk-Berezowsky, Alan Macdonald, Luke MacLean

Flower Guild

Technician

Barb Clarke

Rod Murray

Events for Holy Week at St. John's

Monday

- 2:00 Bible Study (Parish Centre)
- 6:00 Children's Choir (Parish Centre)
- 7:00 Bible Study (Portage)

Tuesday

- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:30 Renewal of Ordination Vows for all Clergy (Cathedral)
- 5:30 Volunteer Choir

Wednesday

- 9:30 Knitters and Quilters
- 10:00 Holy Communion

THE GREAT TRIDUUM

Maunder Thursday

- 6:00 Parish Choir
- 7:00 Choral Communion

Concludes with stripping of the altar and departing in darkness.

Good Friday

- 11:00 Solemn Liturgy with Meditations on the Cross

Holy Saturday

- 7:30 The Great Vigil of Easter

Gather outside around a bonfire to light the Paschal Candle, move inside to hear the story of salvation by candlelight, renew your baptismal vows and with pealing of bells and organ fanfare celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter.

Sunday March 31 - EASTER Sunday

- 8:00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9:00 Holy Eucharist with Volunteer Choir
- 11:00 Choral Communion with Parish Choir

Welcome to St. John's Elora

Learn More

To learn more about St. John's through the Pastoral Letter sent from the Rector every Saturday, send an email to rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Easter Flowers

To make donations in memory of loved ones for Easter please leave a message for Elaine Dightam at the Parish Office, 519-846-5911 by tomorrow.

Thinking about Baptism

If you know of someone who is thinking about baptism please let the Rector know. There will be baptism scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 19.

Bible Study - Monday at 2:00 p.m.

The Bible Study group will conclude tomorrow and take a break.

Compline Service - Tuesday April 9

The choir rehearses at 6:30 on the day of the service. Please let Patrick know if you would like to participate as a member of the Compline Choir. The service begins at 8:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend this reflective and short liturgy to end the day. Compline is offered on Tuesday April 9, May 7 and June 4.

Organ Update from Jurgen

Work continues on the organ, with about ten stops still to be installed before a final voicing. Many of you have already commented on the increased richness of the organ's sound, and there are many new colours still to come. This being Lent, I've been holding back a bit, but I can promise some surprises for the Easter weekend. - *Jurgen*.

Song Circle - Friday at 10:30 a.m.

We will resume on Friday April 5 at 10:30 with Stan Litch as he leads an informal time of singing some old tunes. It's a fun and informal time together of singing and stories. All are welcome.

Lent Book Study - Friday at 3:00 p.m.

We will resume on Friday April 5 at 3pm for the final chapter of "Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life" - chapter 6, "Life in the Spirit."

Concert - SUNDAY April 28 at 3:15 p.m.

Bach Meditations, Cantata 12, the St. John's Parish Choir with Baroque ensemble. Admission by donation at the door.

Washrooms

Washrooms are located at the west entrance of the church, downstairs in Thompson Hall, and an accessible washroom is located at the Parish Centre (yellow house east of the church)



Sharing the Joy of Easter

"God loves us with an outrageous exuberance. He loves us far, far more than is reasonable or rational or sensible. He loves us to death - literally, to his own death, in Jesus on the cross. And the desire of this God, who is love, is that we should share in this overflowing, excessive and abundant love - with him, and with others."

So urges the former Archbishop of Cape Town, (and former political prisoner on Robin Island during the Apartheid regime of South Africa), Njongonkulu Ndungane. PWRDF offers us so many wonderful opportunities to share the Easter joy with some of the most vulnerable and beloved-by-God human beings.

If you are overwhelmed by the ever worsening conditions in the **Gaza Strip**, PWRDF works with partners in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and of the the Diocese of the Holy Land to bring whatever relief is possible and to plan for restoration. The most recent *Anglican Journal* contains a heart-breaking and at the same time hope filled report about the Al Ahli Hospital, and also an update on the work in Ukraine.

If you want to contribute to mitigating the catastrophic effects of **climate change**, The *World of Gifts* (pwrdf.org/worldofgifts) has a number of projects from clean water in Kenya to radio broadcasts in Colombia.



If you are passionate about the role of **women and girls**, survivors of sexual or gender-based violence in Uganda are trained as bakers to become financially secure and autonomous.



Your gift of thanksgiving for Christ's victory over death can be made through St. John's or directly to PWRDF. You may designate your gift to a specific program or theme, or offer it to the general fund, letting PWRDF decide where it's most needed.

St. John's Four Areas of Ministry

Proclaim the Love of Christ - Engage and Involve - Musical Outreach - Open Doors

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