

# Palm Sunday

A stylized green palm frond graphic is positioned below the text 'Palm Sunday'. The frond is composed of several long, narrow, pointed leaves that fan out from a central stem, rendered in a vibrant green color.

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*Sunday, March 28, 2021*

*11am*

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### 11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)

*According to Diocesan Guidelines this liturgy is live-streamed from St. John's with no more than ten people on site.*

Welcome and Announcements

Christ our Lord became obedient unto death: O come, let us worship.

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.

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.**

*Responses are sung.*

Minister: O LORD, open thou our lips;

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

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

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

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

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

People: **The Lord's Name be praised.**

### **Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29**

*(sung by quartet)*

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.

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.

### **First Reading    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.

### **Canticle    Deus Misereatur (Psalm 67)**

God be merciful unto us and bless us,  
And show us the light of his countenance and be merciful unto us.  
That thy way may be known upon earth,  
Thy saving health among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God:  
Yea let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad,  
For thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon the earth  
Let the people praise thee, O God:  
Let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
And God, even our own God shall give us his blessing.  
God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.  
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.

### **Second Reading    Mark 11.1-11**

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.

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;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: 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;

People: **And grant us thy salvation.**

Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;

People: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People: **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

People: **And bless thine inheritance.**

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards all peoples, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all 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.**

## Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou has made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through 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.**

## Hymn 131 Ride on, Ride on in Majesty (vv 1,3,5)

*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;*

*Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;*

*Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.*

*Ride on! ride on in majesty!*

*The angel-squadrons of the sky*

*Look down with sad and wondering eyes*

*To see the approaching Sacrifice.*

Homily            Rev'd Judy Steers

Anthem           **The Palms**

J.B. Fauré

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

## 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.**

We do not offer flowers during the season of Lent, however, if you would like to give flowers in memory of loved ones for Easter, please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-843-5091

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 28, 2021

### Holy Week and Easter Services

Following diocesan guidelines all of our services are live-streamed on the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel with no more than ten people present. Here are the services to help you mark the great Triduum:

#### **Maundy Thursday** 7:30pm

Holy Communion with Quartet and Stripping of the Altar

#### **Good Friday** 11:00am

Solemn Meditations with Quartet and Passion Reading from members of the parish.

#### **Easter Sunday** 11:00am

Holy Communion with Quartet and special participation from the full Parish Choir.

### Easter Mailing

Hopefully you have received through Canada Post or through hand delivery a copy of the Easter edition of Common Supplications along with some resources for Holy Week. If you did not receive your copy, please call the office.

### Keeping in Touch

If you would like a copy of the Order of Service and text of the Sunday sermon delivered or mailed to you, please let us know.

### A Vision for St. John's

The Vision Team continues to meet with small groups online to help us imagine a vision for a flourishing ministry at St. John's into the 2030's. There are two open sessions scheduled for Tuesday April 13 and

Thursday April 15 at 7:30pm on Zoom. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to participate, please call the Parish Center and we will be happy to talk with you about it.

### **Pastoral Care**

If you know of someone in need of pastoral care or prayer, please call the Parish Center and leave a voicemail for one of the clergy or contact them by email.

### **Easter Flowers**

You are invited to give a donation towards the cost of Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. Please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-843-5091 or at [elaine.dightam@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.dightam@gmail.com) this week to indicate your intentions. If you wish your loved ones names to be included in the Easter bulletins we will need to know by Wednesday, March 31. Please mark on an Envelope "Easter Flowers" and include the names of those in whose memory the gift is given. A gift of any amount will be gratefully received.

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