

The Anglican Parish of

St. Peter and St. Paul

March 24 2024

Home Church Connections Service

Final Sunday of Lent



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

## Words of Welcome

### Gathering of the Community

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 in our hearts, 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 Liturgy of the Palms

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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 Proclamation of the Word

#### Reading One: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

*The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, 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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 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.*

*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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.*

*Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God*

*who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Let Israel say, His steadfast love endures forever.'

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!**

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!**

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!**

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!**

### Reading Two: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

*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.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel of the Palms

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he 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.*

The Gospel of Christ

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

Let us pray,

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 forever. **Amen.**

Introductory Words *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Selected reading from the Passion: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayer of thanksgiving:

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, and in receiving we present our offerings this day, in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Doxology

Glory to God,  
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 Blessing

May the Spirit, who strengthens us to suffer with Christ that we may share his glory, set your minds on life and peace. And the blessing of the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hold you and surround you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace.

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

(no alleluias in Lent)



**Forgot your offering? No worries!**

SPSP has online banking. We can now receive donations instantly and at any time using e-transfer. In your online banking use the email address [givings@stpeterandpaul.ca](mailto:givings@stpeterandpaul.ca)

Just remember to put your envelope number in the message box,

or, if you are visiting, your name and address for a receipt for a donation of \$25 or more.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together. Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

## Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

Parish of St Peter and St Paul  
1379 Esquimalt Road  
Victoria, BC V9A 3R4



ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL  
ESQUIMALT

Bishop The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee  
Rector The Rev. Gail Rodger 250-665-6814  
Rector's Warden Ann Easton  
People's Warden Adora Waters  
Organist Lawrence Surges  
Safe Church Liaison Karen Hogg safechurch@stpeterandpaul.ca  
Envelope Secretary Andrew Sebo givings@stpeterandpaul.ca  
Parish Office Hours: by appointment only.  
Office Phone: 250-386-6833



[www.facebook.com/AnglicanParishOfStPeterAndStPaulVictoriaBcCanada/](http://www.facebook.com/AnglicanParishOfStPeterAndStPaulVictoriaBcCanada/)

E-mail: [admin@stpeterandpaul.ca](mailto:admin@stpeterandpaul.ca)

Website: [www.stpeterandpaul.ca](http://www.stpeterandpaul.ca)

CCLI License No.3233500 One License No A-739997  
Charitable Tax No. 118787142 RR 000 0005