

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

March 24th 2024

The Sunday of the Passion

With the Liturgy of the Palms



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

(we begin by standing together at the back of the church with our bulletins and palm branches)

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.**

Gospel of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11

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.

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, 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.**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

(we will process to our seats while singing)

Musical opening CP 181 All Glory Laud and Honour

(Text: Theodulph of Orleans (750?-821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), public domain)

Refrain:

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

*Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the lord's name comest, the King and blessed one. Refrain*

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

*The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain***

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

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 *(Please be seated)*

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!

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.

The Proclamation of the Word

(read by Keith Brandsma)

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 31:9-16

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many—terror all around!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

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.

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Music: CP 190 Go to Dark Gethsemane (Tune CP 522)

(Text James Montgomery (1771-1854), Music Richard Redhead, 1820-1901) public domain)

*Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour,
Turn not from His griefs away; learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned.
O the wormwood and the gall! O the grief his soul sustained.
Shun not suffering, shame or loss; Learn of Christ to bear the cross.*

*Calvary's mournful mountain climb; there adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.*

"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn of Jesus Christ to die.

(Please be seated)

Introductory Words *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

The Passion of the Lord

*(The first four readings are today and three final three readings are on Good Friday.
Please remain seated for readings and the music intervals)*

Reading One: Mark 14:1-11 *read by Licette How*

Reading Two: Mark 14:12-31 *read by Rhonda Koch*

Music CP179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (verses 1-3)

(Text and music: Marty Haugen (1950-) One license)

*Tree of life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.*

*Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.*

*We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.*

Reading Three: Mark 14:32-52 *read by Lynda Delaney*

Reading Four: Mark 14:53-72 *read by Licette How*

Music CP179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (verses 4-6)

(Text and music: Marty Haugen (1950-) One license)

*Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
we may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.*

*Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.*

*Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord;
give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word,
give us faith to live your word.*

Homily *The Rev Gail Rodger*

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Hymn: CP 63 Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup (*please be seated for this hymn*)

(Text: Robert Batastini (1942-?) Taise Community 1984, Music Jacques Berthier(1923-1994) One licence)

Eat this bread, drink this cup.

Come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup.

Trust in me and you will not thirst.

(repeats as needed)

Eucharistic Prayer (*Please stand*)

(BAS #2; Musical setting CP 719 The great thanksgiving 1)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(VU 960 Langdon)

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
If we have died with him we shall live with him if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The table of love is offered for all people. It is Christ who invites us to meet love incarnate here, and all are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thank be to God.

The Communion

(Communion will be offered from a standing position in front of the choir pews.)

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,
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 forever. **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.**

Musical Sending: CP628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (vs1-5 only)

(Text: Latin *O amor quam* 15th century and Music Trier MC (15th Century) adapt Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) public domain)

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high! It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

*God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame for us, and to this lost world came.*

*For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.*

*For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not himself but us.*

*For us by wickedness betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed.
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us at length gave up his breath.*

Dismissal

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

(no alleluias in Lent)

Postlude

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.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

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.

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