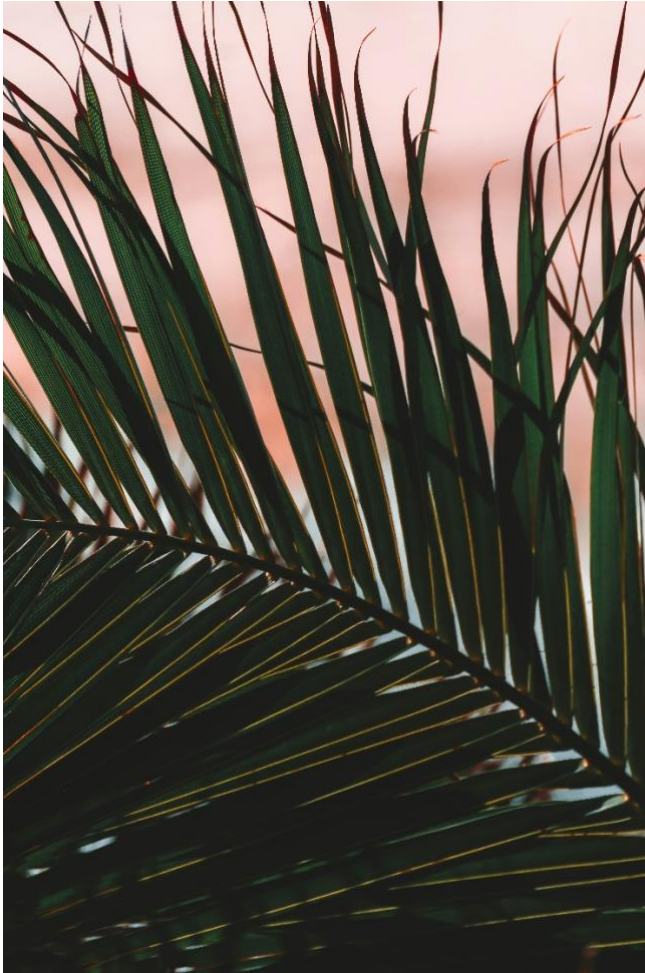


The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

April 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

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: Luke 19:28-40

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

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

*After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,*

*'Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!'*

*Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'*

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 Lynda Delaney)*

#### 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.

**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.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Introductory Words *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

**Special Music:** *Hosanna Hosanna!*

(Text: J Paul Williams; Music: Joseph M. Martin; Lorenz Publishing Co 2007, CCLI license)



## The Passion Story

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

Reading One: Luke 22:1-13 *read by Rhonda Koch*

Reading Two: Luke 22:39-54a *read by Mavis Pillar*

Reading Three: Luke 22:63-71 *read by Rhonda Koch*

Music CP 184 My Song is Love Unknown (verses 1-3)

*(remain seated for this hymn)* (Samuel Crossman 1624-1683 Music: John Ireland (1879-1962) CCLI )

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

*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!*

*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.*

Reading Four Luke 23:1-12 *read by Mavis Pillar*

Reading Five: Luke 23:13-25 *read by Rhonda Koch*

Reading Six: Luke 23:26-32 *read by Mavis Pillar*

## Music CP 184 My Song is Love Unknown (verses 4-6)

(Samuel Crossman 1624-1683 Music: John Ireland (1879-1962) CCLI )

*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.*

*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 his foes from thence might free.*

*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.*

## Homily The Rev Gail Rodger

### Music: CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

(Text Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984) Oxford University Press; Music Benjamin White 1800-1879; 1978  
Lutheran Book of Worship) **(please be seated for this hymn)**

*Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;*

*still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the  
soul,  
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened  
sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us  
bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*(Please stand)*

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.**

Invitational Hymn: CP 63 Eat this Bread, Drink this Cup (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.*

*(Sing 2X)*

Eucharistic Prayer (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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out 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

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 15<sup>th</sup> century and Music Trier MC (15<sup>th</sup> 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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