

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
March 29th 2026
The Sunday of the Passion
With the Liturgy of the Palms



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

The Liturgy of the Palms

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Gathering of the Community

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.**

(We will process to the front and then to our seats as we sing)

Processional 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***

Gospel of the Palms: Matthew 21:1-11

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

*When Jesus and the disciples had come near
Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the
Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to
them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and
immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt
with her; untie them and bring them to me. If
anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The
Lord needs them.” And he will send them
immediately.’ This took place to fulfil what had
been spoken through the prophet, saying,*

*‘Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

‘Hosanna to the Son of David!

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

Hosanna in the highest heaven!’

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

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.

(please be seated)

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

(Feel free to wave branches when speaking your part)

**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

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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Thanks be to God.

Hymn CP 184 My Song is Love Unknown *(Please stand)*

(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.*

*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.

Introductory Words *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

The Passion of the Lord

(remain seated for readings and the music intervals)

Reading One: Matthew 26:47-56

read by Keith Brandsma

Reading Two: Mathew 26:57-68

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: Matthew 26:69-75

read by Keith Brandsma

Reading Four: Matthew 26:1,2 and 11-23

read by Rhonda Koch

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.*

A Reading *The Rev Gail Rodger*

The Great Thanksgiving

Let us pray,

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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)

Prayer over the Gifts:

Gracious God, alone we can do nothing, but through your loving sacrifice, receive all we offer you this day, in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

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.

**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.**

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

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.

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.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

(Communion is offered at three locations in turn: station one is at the back of the church near the candles for those who prefer to stand and/or are physically challenged by steps without railings; station two, brought to the pew. Please let the usher know if you would like it brought to the pew; station three: at the altar rail for all those who are able)

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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