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We welcome everyone worshipping with us today whether in person or online.*

The Gathering of the Community

Palm Sunday begins with the Liturgy of the Palms in the hall. Please join us in the hall to collect your palms and join the procession.

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgment

We give thanks that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the Katzee, Tsawwassen, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen Nations. May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.

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 Gospel of the Palms – Matthew 21: 1-11

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When they 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

The Palms are held aloft

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.**

The Procession

Let us go forth in peace

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn - CP#181 All Glory, Laud, and Honour

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 for ever. **Amen**

The Collect

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 for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-9a

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 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 backward.

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?

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 31: 9-16

9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen

Second 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.

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Gradual Hymn CP 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said v. 1,3,5

The Passion of Our Lord According to Matthew – Matthew 27: 11-54 (see insert)

*The parts of Narrator, Jesus, and Pilate are assigned. The congregation reads all the other parts highlighted in **BOLD***

Silence for Reflection

Homily:

The Reverend Robin Ruder Celiz

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn – CP#184 My Song is Love Unknown

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. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 sins was lifted high upon the cross,
that he might draw the whole world to himself.

By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation
for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with all the host of heaven
who gather around your throne and the Lamb,
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 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,

that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Please proceed to the altar for communion as directed, we ask that you sanitise your hands before receiving Communion.

Prayer after Communion

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 for ever. Amen**

The 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 with Birthday & Anniversary Candles

May the blessing of God be upon you

The blessing of the Father and the Son,

And may the Spirit of God the Spirit of Love (Peace on 2nd X)

Be with you all your Days.

The Blessing

May the Lord Jesus who serves with wounded hands,
teach you to serve others.

May the Lord Jesus, who walks on wounded feet,
walk with you to the end of your road.

May the Lord Jesus who serves with a wounded heart, be your love forever.
Whenever you go out, may you see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet,
and may everyone see the face of Jesus in you.

And the Blessing of the God of Hope,
the God of Compassion and the God of Life be with you,
and those you care for, this day and always. **Amen**

Sending Hymn – CP# 182 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning 2nd April 2023

To assist the office, please ensure that any items for the Notices are received
before Noon on Wednesday.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols. We pray also for the Most Rev'd Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

Anglican Communion – we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

In our Diocesan Cycle - we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd John Stephens. We also pray for: St. Anselm, Vancouver - the Rev'd Alexander Wilson; the West Point Grey Neighborhood Ministry.

We pray for our companion diocese of Northern Philippines. We pray for our own twinned parish of Holy Apostles, Abatan, and their priest, Father Joey Napat-a.

In all these prayers for the church near and far, we pray for the people and clergy and for the ministries flowing from these places into the communities.

In our Parish Cycle we pray for: Dawn Laidman, Christine & Simon Lee and Dino & Pat Lewis. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher– The Rev'd Robin Ruder Celiz

Music – Matthew Ma

Crucifer/Server and Psalmist – Maureen Thompson

Prayers of the Community – Lynn Turner

Readers – John Palmer and Sarah Vinu

Lay Administration - Janette Bulkan and Cathy Anderson

Greeters – Patricia & Tom Beneteau

Livestream Tech – Zoltan Barabas/Simon Lee/Tom Beneteau

Altar Guild – Jane Denton and Mary Patterson

Fellowship Servers – Wendy and Peter Russell

Next week's Ministry Team

Crucifer – Alex Mason

Psalmist and Prayers of the Community – Cathy Anderson

Readers – Matthew Ma and Janette Bulkan

Lay Administration - Cynthia and Anil Richards

Greeters – Heather and Wayne Herd

Altar Guild – Josie Francis, Heather Herd and Kelly Foulds

Fellowship Servers – Ann Nelitz, Maxine Hryhoriw, Cathy Anderson + Alex Mason