



St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

The Sunday of the Passion

with the Liturgy of the Palms

April 2, 2023

“Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.” *Philippians 2. 8–9*

Welcome

The Parish of St. Mary the Virgin is a member of the Diocese of British Columbia and the Anglican Church of Canada. We are an inclusive and welcoming parish: the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we. As a parish we acknowledge with gratitude that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the Lekwungen peoples. We commit ourselves, as a settler church and people, to continue with our First Nations hosts on the journey of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation.

VISITORS *Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship.*

COMMUNION *All are invited to receive Communion. The sacrament will be offered in both kinds (bread and the common cup). Regarding the cup: since there has been no indication that COVID-19 has spread via swallowing, it is our view that properly-distributed wine from the silver chalice poses no additional risk to safety. That said, please feel free to receive the bread only, and be assured that in the Anglican Church of Canada it has always been our tradition that receiving only one of the elements is considered full Communion.*

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request it from the person who is distributing the bread.

10:00am Service

From Common Worship, The Church of England

Minister of Welcome:	Pat Taylor	Readers:	Elizabeth Bergen, Gillian Fosdick,
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev'd Canon Craig Hiebert		Bob Gill, Jackie Hiebert, Kat McCann,
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	John McCann		St Mary's Singers
Organist:	Curt Bergen	Server:	Nathan Turner
Musicians:	St Mary's Singers: Kierra Bayda, Elizabeth Fehr, Bob Gill, Braydon Lord, Michelle Naidu, David Stuart	Live Stream:	William Turner, Samantha Robbins

Thank you for maintaining everyone's safety by wearing your mask while indoors, particularly while singing, and remembering to keep a respectful distance from others.

*Note: in the service order, words set in **bold italic type** are said by the congregation.*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Palm crosses and sprays of cedar are distributed as the congregation arrives. If you wish to join the procession with the palms and branches around the church, please gather at the West End as the service begins.

PRELUDE

Valet Will Ich Wir Geben BWV 736, J.S. Bach

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

INTRODUCTION

BLESSING OF PALMS AND BRANCHES

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the presider

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.’ ⁴This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵‘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.’

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The 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!’

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, ‘Who is this?’ ¹¹The crowds were saying, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Those wishing to join the procession follow behind the cross

HYMN

All Glory Laud and Honour (181)

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

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and blessed one.

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

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

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

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

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

CENTRING STILLNESS

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

THE COLLECT

O God of eternal glory,
***whose servant, Jesus Christ, bore our sins,
encouraged the weary, and raised up the fallen:
keep before our eyes his passion and resurrection,
so that our lives may be signs of his obedience and victory.
We ask this in the name of Christ, our liberator. Amen.***

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

Philippians 2. 5-11, Kat McCann

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31. 9-16

Bob Gill



In - to your hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spi - rit.

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Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wated with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed. **R**

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



In - to your hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spi - rit.

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

My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me." **R**

GOSPEL HYMN

O Sacred Head Surrounded (198)

1. O sacred head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn;
O royal head so wounded,
reviled, and put to scorn,
death's shadows rise before you,
the glow of life decays,
yet angel hosts adore you
and tremble as they gaze!
2. Your youthfulness and vigour
are spent, your strength is gone,
and in your tortured figure
I see death drawing on:
what agony of dying,
what love, to sinners free!
My Lord, all grace supplying,
O turn your face on me!

3. Your sinless soul's oppression
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but yours the deadly pain:
I bow my head, my Saviour,
for I deserve your place;
O grant to me your favour,
and heal me by your grace.
4. What language shall I borrow
to thank you, dearest friend,
for this your dying sorrow,
your mercy without end?
Lord, make me yours forever:
your servant let me be,
and may I never, never
betray your love for me.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Matthew 26. 14 – 27. 66

Before the Gospel is read, the reader says:

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

The readers proclaim the Passion story. At the appropriate time, the congregation responds as follows:

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said,

'Barabbas.'

'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?'

'Let him be crucified!'

'Why, what evil has he done?'

'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered,

'His blood be on us and on our children!'

So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Passion story continues...

After the Gospel, the reader says:

This is the Passion of the Lord. *(No response is made)*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SERMON

ANTHEM

Ave Verum, William Byrd

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

The Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. (+) We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS

Kat McCann

In our prayers, as we are able, we stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death, and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people everywhere, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich union in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them, that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground, and for all who are driven to make war or terror, and for the victims of their violence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, that they may find support and encouragement, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

TRISAGION

(707)

Repeated three times.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

PEACE

The congregation stands

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

Ephesians 2.13,14

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Remaining in our places, we share signs of Peace with those around us.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

For safety, the Collection Plate has been placed at the back of the church for use as you arrive. It will be moved to the front of the church during the Offertory hymn and placed in a location where you may place your gifts as you come to receive Communion.

Please also consider one of the other means of giving that do not require our volunteers and staff to handle cash and cheques: electronic donations on our website via CanadaHelps, or bi-weekly or monthly direct debit donations via our diocesan Electronic Collection Plate (details are available in a brochure at the entrance, or on the website: www.stmarysoakbay.ca/donate).

OFFERTORY HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (386)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer A, Church of England

The congregation remains standing, as they are able

God is 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.

It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,

(726)

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,

renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

***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.***

Silence is held

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
***we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.***

Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a - way
All
the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a - way
All
the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The congregation sits or kneels, as the greeters invite rows to receive the sacrament.

THE COMMUNION

Please follow the direction of the greeters as they invite rows to receive communion. Please maintain a single flow: approach via the main aisle and return via the side aisles. If you do not wish to receive communion, but someone else in your aisle wishes to pass by you, please exit your pew temporarily to allow them to pass at a safe distance. You are also welcome to approach the presider for a blessing only—this is traditionally indicated simply by crossing your hands over your chest as you approach.

COMMUNION MUSIC

What Wondrous Love is This (400)

Text traditional, music by William Walker. Arr. Curt Bergen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

***Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,***

*our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.*

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Were you there? (192)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when the sun refused to shine?
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble:
were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

DISMISSAL

Go in the Peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia in g minor BWV 542, J.S. Bach

The musical postlude is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for our encounter with God's Word as it has been experienced this day. You are invited to use this time for reflection, remaining seated.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST MARY'S

In person and online. See www.stmarysoakbay.ca/easter for details and links.

Wednesday	Apr 5	12:00 noon Lent Concert: The Confession Stone and Stabat Mater 1:15 pm Stepping Stones (Bible study)
Thursday	Apr 6	7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	Apr 7	11:00 am Good Friday Service:
Saturday	Apr 8	8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter <i>at Christ Church Cathedral</i>
Sunday	Apr 9	7:00 am Easter Sunrise Worship <i>in St Mary's Garden and Chapel</i> 10:00am Easter Eucharist



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