

Welcome to this house of prayer.  
May you find peace.

PALM SUNDAY  
A CELEBRATION  
*of the* HOLY EUCHARIST  
*with the*  
LITURGY *of the* PALMS

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 at 9:30 am

*Pandemic precautions remain in effect.  
You are encouraged to wear a mask  
while inside the church building.*

*Kindly silence your phones.*

*Children are welcome to be children.*

*The* WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*The* PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The* GATHERING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The* COLLECT PRAYER

Let us pray.

True and humble king,

**you were hailed by the crowds as Messiah:**

**grant us the faith to know you and love you,**

**that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory. Amen.**

*The* GOSPEL *of the* PALMS

*The Book of Matthew 21:1-11*

Hosanna to the Son of David.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

A SONG *of* PRAISE

*(lyrics up on the screen)*

*The* CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Children may leave the assembly to return for the Holy Eucharist.*

A READING

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

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## *The GOSPEL*

*Matthew 27:11 -54*

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

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*At the end of the Gospel,*  
The Gospel of Christ,  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## DISCERNING *the* WORD

### *The AFFIRMATION of FAITH*

Hear O Israel,  
**the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**  
**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,**  
**with all your soul, with all your mind,**  
**and with all your strength.**  
**This is the first and the great commandment.**  
**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.**

### *The PRAYERS of the CHURCH*

#### *The CONFESSION*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our  
lives; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**  
For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

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For failing you by what we do and think and say; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

The God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The PEACE*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

### *A SONG of PRAISE*

*(lyrics up on the screen)*

### *The PRAYER over the GIFTS*

Gracious God,  
**the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,  
have drawn us to the foot of the cross.**

**Accept, we pray,  
these gifts, and the whole of our lives,  
as fitting offerings to his love.**

**We ask this for his Name's sake. Amen.**

### *The INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION*

In the homes of Peter, Jarius, Zaccheus, Joanna, Mary and Martha, Jesus was the guest. At this table, he is the host.

If you wish to serve Jesus, you must first be served by him.

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If you want to follow Jesus, you must first be fed by him.

So come, all you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.

Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to his.

### *The* STORY

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'this is my body which is given for you.'

In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, He poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, 'this cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it'.

So now we take this bread and wine, gifts of the living earth and of human labour.

In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

### *The* THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts,

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God,

**It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whose suffering and death he is the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.  
God of power, God of might.  
your glory fills heaven and earth  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in your name oh Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

But our praise alone is but part of our fulfilling your purpose, so we remember him who came and lived and died among your children, because words are not enough.

Setting aside our words and our will, lifting up our hearts, we ask for the healing, the accepting, and the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be your own food and drink; renewing, sustaining and making us whole.

Grant that the Church in this place may be your body and blood to the world, proclaiming the salvation and life to be found in you.

Let us pray the way Jesus taught us.

*The PRAYER of JESUS*

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.**

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## *The* BREAKING *of the* BREAD

These are the gifts of God for all the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## *The* SHARING *of the* EUCHARIST

*All are welcome to receive.*

*If you wish a blessing instead, come forward  
and cross your arms over your chest as you near the priest.*

*If you need the sacrament brought to your seat,  
kindly indicate so to our Greeters.*

*Gluten-free bread is also available.*

## A SONG *of* PRAISE

*(lyrics up on the screen)*

## *The* 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* BLESSING

## A SONG *of* PRAISE

*(lyrics up on the screen)*

## *The* SENDING

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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