

Palm Sunday

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, March 29

10:30am Choral Eucharist

We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples.

We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.

WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

Welcome to worship at St George's Cathedral. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! We invite you to complete a newcomer form, visit www.stgeorgescathedral.ca, and connect with one of the clergy. We hope you will join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. Please know that your presence among us this morning is a blessing.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Today's liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week. In this Palm Sunday service, we journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city. Today's reading of Christ's passion sets forth the central act of God's love for humankind. We are not just observers but are part of the passion of Christ and through it we come to know the reality of God's saving action in our lives. Holy Week will culminate in the celebration of the Triduum-the Sacred Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

HOLY WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL

Gather with us for services this week as we journey towards Easter.

Access the full schedule at www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/lent

LEADING THE SERVICE

The Venerable Bob Hales, *presider*

The Very Reverend Douglas Michael, *preacher*

The Reverend Dr. Reagan Gale, *deacon*

Brad Barbeau, *director of music*

The Cathedral Choir

ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Aveleigh Kyle, *reader*

Ruth Oliver, *intercessor*

Elizabeth Longfield, *server*

Jane Kirkpatrick, *verger*

Aveleigh Kyle & Ruth Oliver, *lay ministers*

Geoff Hinch & Jim Anderson, sidespeople

Derek Falkner & Peter McCubbin, *livestream technicians*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Book of Alternative Services, Prayer '3'

MASS SETTING

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people's responses are in bold.

The people stand as able as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Introit

Ingrediēte Domino in sanctam civitatem,
Hebraeorum pueri resurrectionem vitae
pronuntiantes, Cum ramis palmarum:
Hosanna, clamabant, in excelsis.
Cumque audisset populus, quod Iesus veniret
Ierosolymam, exierunt obviam ei.

George Malcom 1917-98

*As the Lord entered the holy city,
The Hebrew children hailed the resurrection of life
With palm branches
Crying 'Hosanna in the highest'.
And when the people heard that Jesus was coming to
Jerusalem, they went out to meet him.*

Antiphon from Palm Sunday Procession

Celebrant

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

People

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

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 thy help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The Gospel of the Triumphal Entry | Matthew 21:1-11

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Procession

The Cathedral Choir leads the procession. Youth are invited to follow as we sing together, waving palm branches.

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



*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:

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply:

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

4 To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise:

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

6 Thy sorrow and thy triumph
grant us, O Christ, to share,
that to the holy city
together we may fare:

7 For homage may we bring thee
our victory o'er the foe,
that in the Conqueror's triumph
this strain may ever flow:

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Lesson | 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—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?

Reader The word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31 | Sung by the choir

10 HAVE mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble, / and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and my body.

11 For my life is waxen old with sorrow, / and my years with mourning.

12 My strength faileth me because of my adversity, / and my bones are consumed.

13 I am become a reproach because of all mine enemies, / and especially unto my neighbours;

14 And they of mine acquaintance are afraid of me; / and they that see me in the street flee from me.

15 I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind; / I am become like a broken vessel.

16 For I have heard the whispering of the multitude, and fear is on every side; / while they conspire together against me, and plot to take away my life.

17 But my hope hath been in thee, O LORD; / I have said, 'Thou art my God.'

18 My times are in thy hand; / deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.

19 Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, / and save me for thy mercy's sake.

The Second Lesson | 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.

Reader The word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry:
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

The people may remain standing or be seated for the Gospel, as they wish.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ | Matthew 27:11-54

Gospeller

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” 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.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “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.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They

spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon | The Very Reverend Douglas Michael

Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People

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.

The people sit or kneel as they wish.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. Most merciful God...

People

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.

Celebrant

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.

People

Amen.

The people stand as able.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

An offering is received to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, or by visiting www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/give to donate securely online.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



A - men.

The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow,
Where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

5 On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's ransom hung,
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood,
Where mingled water flowed, and blood.

6 O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us prevail
To give new virtue to the saint,
And pardon to the penitent.

3 Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old,
The universal Lord is he,
Who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

7 To thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done:
Whom by thy Cross thou dost restore,
Preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

**4 O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight,
Elect on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest!**

Gonfalon Royal
Percy Buck 1871-1947

Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus 530-609
tr. John Mason Neale 1818-66

The Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:

Choir *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.*

Celebrant 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.”

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

Celebrant 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 beloved children; 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 forever.
People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray
People **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

Celebrant We break this bread,
People **Communion in Christ's Body once broken.**
Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
People **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei | Sung by the choir.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

Celebrant Glory to God,
People **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

Celebrant Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,

and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you on this day and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



O sacred head, surrounded
by crown of piercing thorn!
O bleeding head, so wounded,
so shamed and put to scorn!
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,
the glow of life decays;
yet angel-hosts adore thee,
and tremble as they gaze.

3 In this thy bitter passion,
good Shepherd, think of me
with thy most sweet compassion,
unworthy though I be:
beneath thy cross abiding
for ever would I rest,
in thy dear love confiding,
and with thy presence blest.

2 Thy comeliness and vigour
is withered up and gone,
and in thy wasted figure
I see death drawing on.
O agony and dying!
O love to sinners free!
Jesu, all grace supplying,
turn thou thy face on me.

Passion Chorale (Herzlich tut mich verlangen)

Attrib Bernard of Clairvaux
Translator: H. W. Baker 1821-77

Paul Gerhardt 1607-76, harmonisation J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Postlude: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*, D. Buxtehude 1637-1707

*The postlude concludes the worship service, sending the people into Holy Week in quiet contemplation.
The people depart in silence.*