

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

PALM SUNDAY



March 29th, 2026

WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you into our midst.
Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey in faith, you are welcome.

It is a blessing to have you worship with us today!
The Parish of the Valley respectfully acknowledges that we gather for worship
on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

With the Liturgy of the Palms

We begin our annual journey through Holy Week with the Liturgy of the Palms, reproduced here from pages 297 to 299 of The Book of Alternative Services.

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 pascal 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 in 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.**

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

Celebrant
People

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

The Gospel of the Palms for Year A is read: Matthew 21:1-11.
At the conclusion of the Gospel reading, the celebrant says,

Celebrant
People

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

Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSION

Celebrant
People

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

Worship continues with our Opening Hymn as all hold palms or other branches in their hands. Followed by The Collect of the Day (p. 299) then the Readings.

LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia. We pray for our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Shane Parker, our Primate. We pray for Anne Germond, our Metropolitan. We pray for Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop.

In our Diocese of Ottawa we pray: Almighty God, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church. Give grace to your servant Kathryn Otley who has been called to the office and ministry of Bishop for your people in our Diocese; fill her with the truth of your doctrine and holiness of life, that she may faithfully serve you, to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. We pray for Michael Bird, our Diocesan Administrator. We pray for our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope & The Anglican Foundation. We pray for all retired clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa. We pray for the Parish of the Valley.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay, part of the Parish of the Valley.

In our Parish of the Valley, we pray for Matthew Brown our Incumbent; and for Gillian Hoyer, Nicholas Forte, and Christine Muise our Associate Incumbents. And for the life and members of our Parish of the Valley Community, this week we pray for: Bert & Dorothy Langman, Peter Langtvet & Ritzka Honda, Irene Lapenskie, Robert Lauder, Presley & Amy Lavier and Matthew and Charlotte.

For those who have died and all members of their family as they grieve:

Michael Bailey, Lawrence Mahusky, John Henshaw.

For the sick , those who have asked for our prayers, and all others who are on our hearts...

Alice & Petawawa: Ann, Doug, Ralph, Bill, Issy, Marion, Lynn, Wanda, Rose, Laurie, Lois, Gloria, Trent, Sammy, Michael.

Barry's Bay & Whitney: Joyce, Mary Ann, George, Poppy Joe & Penny Jane, Blake, Cathy, Susan, Patricia, Elspeth, Debra, Mary-Jayne, Fern, Shirley, Marilyn, David, Susie, Sharon, Theresa, Bob, Stuart, Katherine.

Killaloe/Tramore & Eganville: Gale, Carol, Lynn, Lynda, Ed, Marg, Joan, James, Hilary, Heather, Jan, Harold, Richard, Dorothy, Betty, Ann, Sheila, Andrea, Sharon, Junior, Peter, Richard, Pauline, Phyllis, Ethel, Anice, Paula, Rosemary.

Pembroke: Florence, Diane, Jolene, Loreen, Heather, Tristan, Bill, Bob, Jo, Connie, June, Lomie.

Stafford/Beachburg/Cobden: Gwen, Elmor, John, Jean, Margaret, Denver, Brian, Ruby, Janice, Susan, Ryan, Haley, Ruth, James, Sharon, Dave, Nicholas, Carolyn, Hillary, Ralph, Thyra, Sandra.

TODAY'S READINGS

MARCH 29, 2026 - The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Matthew 21.1-11; Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.11-54

UPCOMING READINGS

April 2, 2026 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 116.1, 10-17; 1 Corinthians 11.23-26; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

April 3, 2026 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13—53.12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10.16-25; John 18.1—19.42

April 4, 2026 - The Great Vigil of Easter

Genesis 1.1-2.4a; Exodus 14.10-31, 15.20-21; Isaiah 55.1-11; Ezekiel 37.1-14; Romans 6.3-11; Matthew 28.1-10

April 5, 2026 - The Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43; Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3.1-4; John 20.1-8

OFFERINGS

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by Kathy Marion
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SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday (April 2)

- 7pm - Holy Trinity Pembroke
- 7pm - St. John's Eganville

Good Friday (April 3)

- 10am - St. John's Eganville (followed by the Community Walking the Way of the Cross)
- 11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay
- 11am - St. Stephen's Micksburg (combined service for the Stafford-Whitewater Region)
- 11am - St. George's South Alice
- 1pm - All Saints Petawawa
- 3pm - Ascension Killaloe
- 3pm - Holy Trinity Pembroke

Easter Vigil (April 4)

- 7:30pm at Holy Trinity Pembroke - Parish-Wide Service, all are encouraged to attend!

Easter Sunday (April 5)

- 8am - Holy Trinity Pembroke
- 9am - St. Stephen's Micksburg
- 9am - Ascension Killaloe
- 9am - St. Anthony's Whitney
- 9:30am - St. George's South Alice
- 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke
- 11am - St. Paul's Cobden
- 11am - St. John's Eganville
- 11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay
- 11:15am - All Saints Petawawa

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Enter into stillness, candlelight, and music this Holy Week with a service of **Tenebrae**, led by the Cygnet Consort, at **Emmanuel Anglican Church, Arnprior** (287 Harrington Street): **Wednesday, April 1st at 7pm.**

The next **Soup & Sandwich Lunch** at the Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay, will be on Friday, April 24 from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Come and enjoy delicious homemade soup, sandwich, and pie for only \$12! To order take out, please call 613-635-1600.

The **Macaroni & Cheese Cook-Off** is back at St. John's, Eganville! **Saturday, April 25th, doors open at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm.** Seating is limited: tickets are \$15, and can be purchased from Heather Park-Wheeler (613-226-2800). Come and taste test from guest cooks and select who will win the Holy Macaroni Crown! Macaroni & Cheese will be accompanied by salad, rolls, coffee & tea, and dessert. There will be a silent auction during the meal.

Our regular **Wednesday Worship** at 10am continues weekly at Holy Trinity Pembroke. All are welcome to join us in the chancel for this quiet said service of Holy Eucharist.

Save the date for our **Spring Rummage Sales!** Saturday, April 25th from 9am - Noon at All Saints, Petawawa and Saturday, May 2nd from 8:30-11am at Holy Trinity Pembroke.

Our next **Messy Church will be Friday, June 5th at St. Stephen's Micksburg.** Come anytime after 4pm for a 4:30pm start. We will have music activities, crafts, and end with a delicious meal. Bring your curiosity and wiggles and join in the fun as we gather together as families of all shapes, sizes, and ages from across the parish!

Epiphany Fashions at Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am - 2pm.

CLERGY TEAM

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Cover: *Entry in Jerusalem*, Julia Stankova, 2003.

Stankova has described her painting process as a form of personal spiritual restoration, where depicting these scenes helps restore her own "spiritual sight". Like her other works, such as her depiction of Mary anointing Jesus' feet, this piece captures a moment of stillness and reverence that exists even as a "gathering storm of hate" (the coming Passion) surrounds the event.

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