

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST



## THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

**10:00AM**  
**MARCH 29, 2026**

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# **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Prelude:** All Glory Laud and Honour ~ G. Kaufmann *et al*

## **Welcome**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

Dear friends, we gather on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

**May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

May we always seek to respect the histories, spiritualities and cultures of First Nations, Metis and Inuit.

**May we walk together the path of reconciliation and right relations.**

### **Introduction & Prayer**

Blessed is he 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.**

**Gospel of the Palms:** Matthew 21:1-11

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.**

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.**

### **Blessing of the Palms:**

*Please hold up your palms.*

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.**

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.**

*Please follow the choir as they come up the centre aisle when they pass your row. We will split at the chancel steps. Those on the right go to the right, those on the left go to the left. Circle around, then come back up the centre aisle and return to your seat when you get to your row.*

### **Hymn: 181 All Glory, Laud and Honour**

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*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. **R**

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.

### **Stational Collect**

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 forever. **Amen.**

## **Hymn: 182 Ride On Ride On in Majesty**

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1 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 angel-squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy 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.

### **Collect of the Day**

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 (Andrea Allevato)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

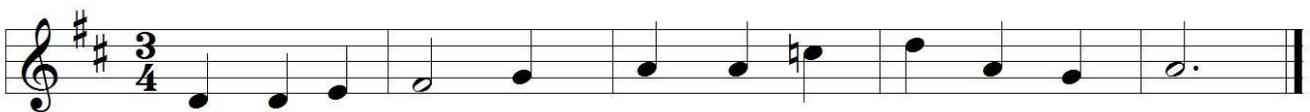
The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck 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?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** 118:1-2, 19-29

*Setting by Gordon Johnston*



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever." **R**

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.  
20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."  
21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.  
22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone. **R**

23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
Lord, send us now success.  
26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
we bless you from the house of the Lord. **R**

27 God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*  
form a procession with branches up to the  
horns of the altar.  
28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
you are my God, and I will exalt you."  
29 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever. **R**

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11 (Jim Doherty)

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn: 183 Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode**

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1 Into Jerusalem Jesus rode triumphant King acclaimed;  
palm branches spread to honour His way  
garments laid down as tokens of praise;  
shouts of "Hosanna" surged through the throng  
Into Jerusalem

2 Within Jerusalem Jesus stood masquerade King reviled;  
thorns made a crown (Grim satire of truth),  
robe like a wound thrown over his back;  
Echoes of "Crucify" filled the air  
within Jerusalem.

3 Outside Jerusalem Jesus hung, crucified King despised;  
wood formed a cross suspending His life;  
soldiers cast lots to deal out his clothes;  
His lonely cries: "My God"; "It is done",  
Outside Jerusalem.

### **The Holy 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.**

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." 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!"

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

**Prayers of the People:** (Catherine Smith)

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*The spoken response for each of the petitions to "Hear us, O God" is "**Your mercy is great.**" Before the prayers and after all the petitions we will sing "Hear Our Prayer".*

**Sing:** Hear Our Prayer

*After concluding prayer (sung):*

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.**

**Lord, make us whole:**

**Peace to all people, hope for each soul.**

**God of grace, in this place,**

**Hear now our prayer.**

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## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## The Preparation of the Gifts

### Hymn: 184 My Song is Love Unknown

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1 My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2 He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,  
but all made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know;  
but O my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend.

3 Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

4 Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.

6 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

## **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 Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer 2)

May God be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you.  
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**(Hymn 689) 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.**

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,

that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Breaking of Bread #7**

We break this bread,  
**Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

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

### **Lamb of God (Hymn 690)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

### **Holy Communion**

*For gluten-free wafer, simply indicate to the priest when you come forward.  
If you prefer a blessing, just fold your arms across your chest.*

## Communion Hymn: 198 O Sacred Head, Surrounded

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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 for ever: your servant let me be;  
and may I never, never betray your love for me.

### Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;  
may our fasting be hunger for justice;  
our alms, a making of peace;  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

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# **THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY**

## **Announcements**

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

#### **Closing Hymn: 185 Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

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1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;  
sing the ending of the fray.  
Now above the cross, the trophy,  
sound the loud triumphant lay:  
tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
as a victim won the day.

2 Tell how, when at length the fullness  
of the appointed time was come,  
Christ, the word, was born of woman,  
left for us his heavenly home;  
showed us human life made perfect,  
shone as light amid the gloom.

3 Thus, with thirty years accomplished,  
went he forth from Nazareth,  
destined, dedicated, willing,

wrought his work and met his death.  
Like a lamb he humbly yielded  
on the cross his dying breath.

4 Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph,  
now for us the noblest tree;  
none in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit thy peer may be;  
symbol of the world's redemption,  
for the weight that hung on thee!

5 Unto God be praise and glory;  
To the Father and the Son,  
To th'eternal Spirit honour  
Now and evermore be done;  
Praise and glory in the highest,  
While unending ages run.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Trumpet Air ~ Bert VanderHoek

*~~ Everyone is invited to stay for Fellowship Hour after Service ~~*

### **8:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST**

**Presider/ Preacher:** Rev Maria Nightingale  
**Greeter:** Ellen Douglas  
**Reader/Intercessor:** Pamela Obegu

### **10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST (BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES)**

**Presider:** Rev Tim Kehoe  
**Preacher:** Rev Maria Nightingale  
**Duty Warden:** Karen Scott  
**Server:** Kirk Michaelis  
**Sidespersons:** Kathy Sullivan, Dawn Palmer  
**Readers:** Andrea Allevato, Jim Doherty  
**Intercessor:** Catherine Smith  
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