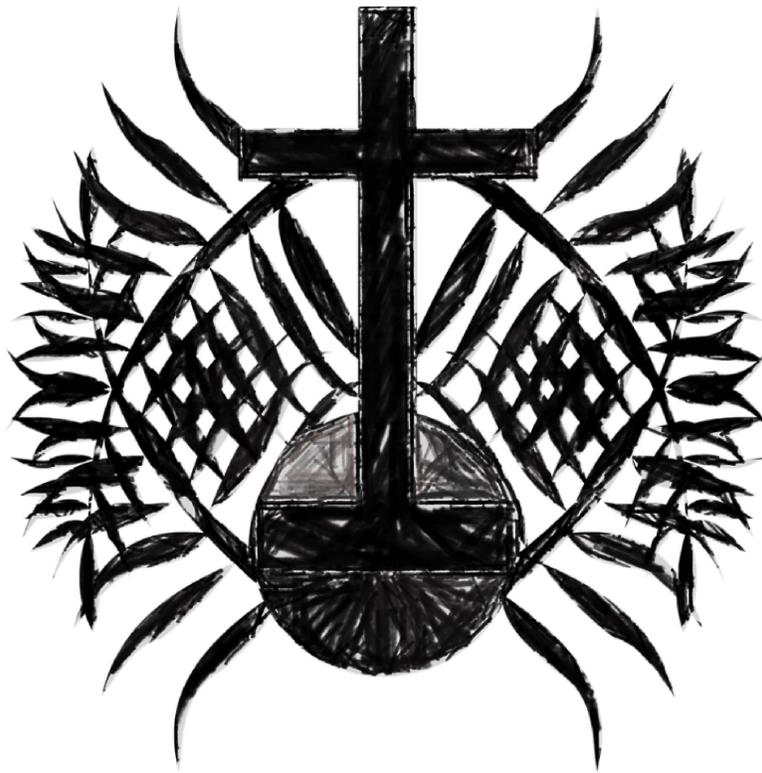


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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**Passion
Sunday with**

**the liturgy of
the Palms**

March 29th, 2026

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am

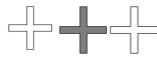
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Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.



This service maybe video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.



Hymns are from the [blue](#) Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.

Today's service can be found on page 185 of the [green](#) Book of Alternative Services ([BAS](#)) located in the pew back in front of you.

On this Sunday, we celebrate the Triumphal Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, and we process together to proclaim him King and Lord. We also remember his passion (suffering and death), grieving the pain he endured, while giving thanks for the benefits conferred upon us all.

Today, the service begins in the Church Hall, from which we process, waving palm branches, into the Church, rejoicing in the coming of the King to his people.



THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

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

People: Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: 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.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-11

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Processional Blessing

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

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

Presider: 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

Presider: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Processional (Opening) Hymn – 182 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"

When the procession has concluded and all have taken their seats, the following collect will be read.



THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

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.**

Anthem:
Donkey"

"He Came Riding on a

First Reading

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 (*responsive*)

Response: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Have mercy upon 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 wasted 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**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
They have 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**

Second Reading

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.

THE PASSION STORY

John 18:1-19:42

(booklet)



Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

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Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the reading....

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People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People

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The Peace

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn – 196 – “Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

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.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sursum Corda (*sung*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus (*sung*)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

Anamnesis (*sung*)

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command.

**All: We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

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 and the power and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread 7

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Celebrant: We break the bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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

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

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)(*sung*)

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 your peace.

Communion

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. At the Greeter's direction, please make your way to receive the elements if you wish to. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Hymns during Communion

178 – *"Restore in Us, O God"*

179 – *"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"*

202 – *"There's a Green Hill Far Away"*

Hymn after Communion

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.

Doxology

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The Blessing

May the God of mercy transform you by his grace, and the blessing of
God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
and remain with you always.

**Recessional Hymn 200 – “We Sing the Praise of Him Who
Died”**

Dismissal

Postlude

“Were You There?” (arr.

Young)

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

30 March	Holy Monday	7.30pm—Half hour devotional service
31 March	Holy Tuesday	7.30pm—Half hour devotional service
1 April	Holy Wednesday	7.30pm—Half hour devotional service
2 April	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm—Washing of Feet begins in the Hall. Stripping of the Altar continues in the Church.
3 April	Good Friday	10am—Solemnity of the Lord's Passion
		12pm—Ecumenical walk of the cross beginning at St. Francis De Salles Church
4 April	Holy Saturday	7.30pm — Easter Vigil hosted by St. James' Carleton Place
5 April	Resurrection (Easter) Sunday	8am and 10am services as usual

You are all invited and highly encouraged to participate as much as you are able during Holy Week. It is a chance to journey with Our Lord to the cross, as disciples, as friends. Of chief importance are the three services on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Together, these form what the ancient Church called "The Triduum," the three days which together made up a single act of worship, moving from the upper room, through Gethsemane and the arrest of Jesus, through his crucifixion on the Cross and burial in the tomb, to his glorious resurrection on the third day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray K7A – Come and pray for Smiths Falls and area, this evening, ***Sunday, March 29th, at 7.00 pm***. Tonight we will meet at Calvary Bible Church, 15 Beech Street. Please join us in praying for the town and area, giving thanks for God's gifts of grace and seeking his intercession and guidance for the needs and cares of our area.

Good Friday Procession of the Cross – ***Friday, April 3rd, 2026, at noon***. The procession begins at St. Francis de Sales Church and ends at St. John's Anglican Church.

Parish Office Hours – The office will be **closed** *Good Friday, April 3rd, and* the week following Easter Sunday (April 6-10th, reopening Monday April 13th at 9.00am).

Games Night - The next Games Night will be held on ***Friday, April 10th, 2026, at 5.30pm***, and we will be doing a ***Potluck feast*** (bring along something tasty to share with the group). The meal will be followed by various games and a craft. Mark your calendars and join us for some fun! Donations are always welcome.

Food Insecurity – Food insecurity is at an all-time high in Smiths Falls, impacting 25% of our community. As a parish-wide, Lenten fast, we'd like to make a collective offering to the Smiths Falls Foodbank. Each parishioner is invited to make a donation of any amount and/or commit to offering prayers of support for those in need and for the success of programs providing assistance. Both options are wonderful gifts of sacrifice for Lent.

"Our Lenten Fast" envelopes will be provided at the north entrance and the back of the church throughout Lent. Please return your envelope with cash, cheque or prayer commitment directly to Karen Bryan or Trish Warren. (The Foodbank will provide receipts for donations of \$20 or more.). Please consider participating. This Lenten season, we have

the opportunity to make a difference--to genuinely feed the hungry. For further information, please speak with Trish or Karen.

Interested in Cursillo?

Cursillo is a short retreat which is designed to help us grow our faith and relationship with the Lord. This weekend event includes inspiring talks, wonderful music and concentrated prayer time – all around a chosen theme for the weekend.

This **April 24th to 26th**, there will be a Women's Cursillo Weekend being held at the Galilee Centre in Arnprior. If you might be interested or have any questions, please connect with Trish Warren 613.206.1405 or Kathy Porter 613.283.7605.

Do Your Bit – Greeters, Readers/Intercessors, and Servers are needed for both the 8am and 10am Sunday services, as well as other special services that we hold. If you are able to help out with this vital and rewarding ministry, please let the office know. We will provide training on **Saturday, April 25th, 2026**, to go through the responsibilities involved.

St. John's Cemetery Board – Our Cemetery Board could use your help. Please consider joining in the management and oversight of our lovely and peaceful place of rest for our dearly departed. Please see Paul Howard or Nancy Fleming if you are interested.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Reader & Intercessor: Karen Bryan
Communion Assistants: Chris Elmsley*
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl