

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
PASSION SUNDAY AND LITURGY OF THE PALMS
March 29, 2026



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Church Services:

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer
Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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*Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,
and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

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HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 a.m.

*Eucharistic liturgy is based on the Anglican Church of Canada
Book of Alternative Services*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship
and serve on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

WELCOME (*As we gather in Dallas Square*):

Rev. Vernon Foster

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Rev. Will Hubbard

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed is the One 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.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

Rev. Helen Lingham

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

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

Rev Will Hubbard

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 people 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.

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

OPENING HYMN: CP 181 All Glory Laud and Honour

ST. THEODULPH

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. [*Refrain*]

2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. [*Refrain*]

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. [*Refrain*]

4 To thee before thy Passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *[Refrain]*

who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. *[Refrain]*

5 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
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 for ever. **Amen.**

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 STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 31:9-16

Cantor



In - to your hands, O God, I com - mend my spi - rit.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes: 'In - to your hands, O God, I com - mend my spi - rit.' The final note is a half note with a fermata above it.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 375 At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

GOSPEL: *Dramatic Reading of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew*

Hear the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (26:14-27:66)

*It is customary to stand through the reading of the Gospel.
Due to the length, please sit if you need.*

The Gospel ends in Silence.

SERMON

Rev. Vernon Foster

COLLATION OF HONORARY ASSISTANTS

The Deacon asks the Incumbent:

Will you welcome these Honorary Assistants as colleagues in ministry, offering clear leadership, pastoral care, and respect for their gifts and experience?

Incumbent: I will, with God's help.

The Deacon asks the Honorary Assistants:

Will you support the Incumbent in the exercise of their ministry, honouring the unity of the parish, respecting pastoral boundaries, and offering your gifts in humility and trust?

Honorary Assistants: We will, with God's help.

The Deacon asks the Parish:

Will you pray for those who serve among you, honour their ministry, and uphold the

shared life of this parish in faith and love?

Parish: We will, with God's help.

Let us pray:

**Gracious God,
You call your servants into many forms of ministry.
We ask your blessing upon these your servants,
that their gifts may be used wisely,
relationships guarded with love,
and your Church strengthened in unity and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ANTHEM: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

VU 127 Words: H.H. Milman 1821 Music: G. George 1939

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE:

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. *Ephesians 2:13*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY HYMN: CP 379 Rejoice the Lord is King

DARWALL

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (Eucharistic Prayer 2)

Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For in your tender love for all humanity, he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, not to claim a throne of earthly glory, but to offer himself upon the cross, that by his passion and death we might be set free from sin and death and reconciled to you.

Therefore, with all creation, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name, and we join with angels and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, *The Holy Trinity Service*
Heav'n 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. 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."

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Music by Mary Jackson for St. Paul's

Standing at the foot of the cross, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

He whose cross is a sign of hope for many is now present in this bread. He whose death brings healing to our world is now present in this wine.

Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.

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.

The Holy Trinity Service

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION:

All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup.

For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine.

If you prefer, you may receive bread only. If you are gluten free, please ask for a gluten free wafer.

If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.

COMMUNION HYMN: (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)

CP 184 My Song is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is gracious;
Our Lord's mercy endures for ever.

Let us pray,

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.

BLESSING

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 with you now and forever. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING FORTH HYMN:

VU 123 Hosanna Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna
the happy children sang;
through pillared court and temple
the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed
‘mid an exultant crowd,
the victory palm-branch waving,
and singing clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven
rode on in lowly state,
content that little children
should on his bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”
That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer,
earth, let your anthems ring.
O may we ever praise him
with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence
eternally rejoice!

SENDING FORTH

Go from this place with the cross on your hearts.

We will empty ourselves with Christ for the life of the world.



HOLY WEEK – THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

*Join us as we enter Holy Week
by attending services throughout the week.*



ST. PAUL'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Holy Week & Easter

THURSDAY APRIL 2ND

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
followed by Overnight Vigil - Watch of the Passion

FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

12:00 noon Good Friday Service

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH

8:00 pm Service of Light

SUNDAY APRIL 5TH

8:00 am First Easter Sunday Service
10:30 am Second Easter Sunday Service

All are welcome, we hope to see you there

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