



St. George's Anglican Church
Palm Sunday
April 5, 2020 - Online Gathering
Morning Prayer (BAS)

Dear Beloved friends,

Welcome to our worship. The order of service is provided here. If you are doing this with others at home, you might designate one person as leader, and someone to read and lead the prayers.

You can also join online through Facebook live. It's not difficult and you don't have to be a facebook user to do it. Just type this link into your browser on your computer or tablet. If you are reading this leaflet online you can click on the link: <http://www.facebook.com/St.GeorgesAnglicanChurch/> When the link to the facebook page opens, just scroll down and you will see me ready to lead the service. I will be in place a minute or so before the service starts.

When you find the video livestream, you can join by clicking on it. This should work on a computer, a tablet or your cell phone. If you are using a cell phone or tablet, you can turn it sideways and see an area for comments. I encourage everyone who joins to check in if you're comfortable with that, simply by writing hello or another simple phrase into the comments.

I will give the announcements at the end of the service.

Thank you for joining this worship. It is challenging to learn how to do new things, and online worship may feel a bit strange to begin with, but it is proving to be a wonderful way for us to pray together. God is with us, uniting us as one body in prayer.

Cut a branch for Palm Sunday

When Jesus rode a donkey toward Jerusalem on the very first Palm Sunday, the people cut branches from the trees – which in Palestine, happened to be palm tree! If it happened here, it would more likely be cedar, or boxwood! Go outside and cut any branch to hold during our service, and then display it outside to show that we are the church, entering into this most holy of weeks.

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving,
wherever we are, whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us. Amen.



Officiant – The Rev. Susan Spicer
Musician – Surinder S. Mundra
Intercessions – The Rev. Deacon Marilyn Metcalfe
Administrator – Helen Elbertsen

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, we gather on this day to begin our journey to Easter. 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 Sovereign, 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,

All **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**

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

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

Officiant 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 Sovereign, 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**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 181 **All Glory, Laud, and Honour** (*follow the cross*)

Refrain All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one. *Refrain*
The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

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

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

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant Let us pray. 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**

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE PSALM (118:1-2, 19-29)

**Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.**
**Let Israel now proclaim,
"his mercy endures for ever."**
**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.**
**"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."**
**I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.**
**The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**
**This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.**
**On this day the Lord has acted,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**
**Hosannah, Lord, hosannah!
Lord, send us now success.**
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.**
**God is the Lord, he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns
of the altar.**

**“You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.**

THE EPISTLE

Reader A reading from Philipians (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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL HYMN **182 Ride on, Ride on In Majesty**

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

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.

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

Ride on! ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew (21:1-11)

People **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 fulfill 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."

Officiant The gospel of Christ.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Spicer

A brief silence is kept.

Hymn **184 My Song is Love Unknown**

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?

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!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day hosanas to their King;
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
And for his death they thirst and cry.

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.

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.

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.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

If you are praying the service at home, you might pray for the church, the world, the needy and
those who have died.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,
All **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 Blessing

CLOSING HYMN 187 As Royal Banners Are Unfurled

As royal banners are unfurled,
the cross displays its mystery:
the Maker of our flesh, in flesh,
impaled and hanging helplessly.

Already deeply wounded:
See his side now riven by a spear,
And all our sins are swept away
By blood and water flowing here.

See everything the prophets wrote
Fulfilled in its totality,
And tell the nations of the world
Our God is reigning from the tree.

This tree, ablaze with royal light
And with the blood-red robe it wears,
Its hallowed and embellished
By the weight of holiness it bears.

Stretched like a balance, here, his arms
Have gauged the price of wickedness;
But, hanging here, his love outweighs
Hell's unforgiving bitterness.

The Saviour, victim, sacrifice,
Is, through his dying, glorified;
His life is overcome by death
And leaps up, sweeping death aside.

We hail the cross, faith's one true hope:
God's passion set in time and space,
By which our guilt is blotted out,
Engulfed in such stupendous grace. Amen.

Officiant Jesus has gone out to Bethany with the twelve. We will meet him there.

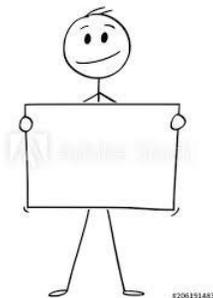
Announcements

- This week, our online activity is to participate in Holy Week services. There will be no bible study or coffee hour.

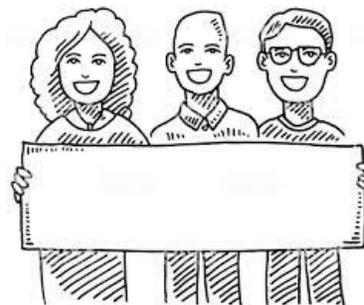
Families with children should be receiving Sunday school lessons. Today we are beginning

online Sunday School classes. We hope you will stay.

Are you making your prayer chain? Keep adding your links as we pray for the world.



Please take a picture of yourself or your household holding a sign with a message of hope. We will be assembling these to send out as a special gift to our parish family and to those who are isolated in care homes. Do it today if you can!



Your calls are most welcome. Please note: Rev. Susan is trying to change her cell phone to a local number. If you are hesitating to call because it is long distance, then please leave a message and she will call you back.

Calling all seamstresses! Beverley Trull is inviting people to **make masks** which will be provided to a local hospital. They are easy to make and will be much appreciated. Please contact Beverley to find out more.

Please let us know if you are ill or need assistance. We are here to help in whatever way we can. Debbie Clench is standing by to help you with grocery delivery or other errands. Don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it.

Holy Week Services Online

Monday in Holy Week, Evening Prayer at 8:30 pm.

Tuesday in Holy Week, 8 am Morning Prayer
8:30 pm Compline

Wednesday in Holy Week 8 am Morning Prayer
8:30 pm Compline

THE GREAT THREE DAYS

Maundy Thursday 6 pm Evening Prayer and reflection

Good Friday 10 am The Celebration of the Lord's
Passion and Meditation on the Cross

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday 10 am Celebration of the Resurrection
11 am St. James Cathedral Diocesan Service for Easter