

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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This land we are upon is the traditional territory of the Algonquin people.



PALM SUNDAY

April 14th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Oboe Tune (William France)

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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.**

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.

Palm branches are held on high.

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.**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please join in the procession.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 181

All Glory, Laud and Honour

As we begin the procession...

*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.**

*All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Upon returning into the church...

*All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

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

*All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Holy and immortal God, as we enter into this holy week turn our hearts to Jerusalem, so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may enter the city not made with hands, your promised realm of justice and peace, eternal from age to age. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

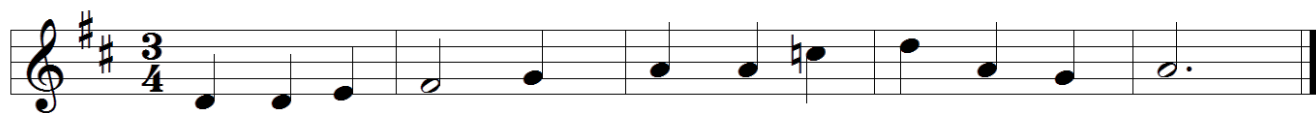
The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck 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? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29



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

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.

Hosanna, Lord, hosanna!
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 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 183

Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode

THE GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the

deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Hosanna! (Christian Gregor)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 192

Were You There?

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation.

We give you thanks and praise.

For you, God of all, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honours its Saviour. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship.

We give you thanks and praise.

In heaven, beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven. So gladly, we join our voices to those of the earth, sea and sky, in the universal song of praise which echoes through time and eternity:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. ____ Ho- san - na in the high-est. ____ Bless ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. ____ Ho- san - na in the high-est, ____ ho- san - na in the high - est.

Long before this building was erected, in open spaces and hard places, people heard of how on the night of his arrest, and aware of what lay ahead of him, Jesus sat at supper with his friends.

During the meal, he took a piece of bread, blessed and broke it, and said to his disciples, 'This is my body, given for you.'

Later in the meal, he took a cup of wine, saying, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you. I will not drink wine again until I do so in the coming kingdom of God.'

Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us ✠ and on this bread and wine. Let them become for us the seal and sign of your love, healing, redeeming, making us whole.

And through them, let us together become, for you, your body, loving the world as God loves, serving its people as God wills, and always being transformed until we and all humanity resemble the One whose food we now share. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we pray:

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who
sin a-against us. ____ Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
king-dom, the pow - er and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev - - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

As those who have been invited to his table, feed on this holy food,
through which God comes to us, so that we can come to God.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

Stabat mater dolorosa (Gordon Johnston)

Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Generous and faithful God,
you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here.

Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of God, ✠ sure, strong and kindly, be around you and within you, now and all the days and nights of your journey home. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 182

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Finale from Miniature Suite (Healey Willan)

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<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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