

ST. MATTHEW'S

The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Palm Sunday



March 29, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We worship this morning upon the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. **May we live upon this land in peace, truth and love.**

Service Setting:

Merbecke

Prelude: Valet will ich dir geben

J. S. Bach

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Palm branches will be distributed to the people before the service.

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

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **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

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

Hymn: 181, All Glory, Laud, and Honour

St. Theodulph

Celebrant 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.

Hymn: 182, Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Winchester

Celebrant 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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me a trained tongue, 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 in court 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.

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Thalben-Ball

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.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Sung by cantor

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to 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.

Gradual Quartet: Benedictus Qui Venit (Blessed is He That Cometh)

Palestrina

Gospel Acclamation: 716, Glory and Praise to You

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. *Philippians 2.8–9*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11

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: “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.”

Sermon: The Rev. Geoff Chapman

The Apostles’ Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: 322, All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

Miles Lane

The 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.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3	<i>pg 198</i>
Sanctus: 683	<i>Merbecke</i>
The Lord's Prayer: 684	<i>Merbecke</i>
The Breaking of the Bread	<i>pg 212</i>
The Communion	<i>pg 213</i>
Agnus Dei: 685	<i>Merbecke</i>
Communion Hymn: 48, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	<i>Picardy</i>
Anthem: Hosanna to the Son of David	<i>Weelkes</i>
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.	
The Blessing	<i>pg 214</i>
Announcements	
Recessional Hymn: 386, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	<i>Rockingham</i>
Dismissal	<i>pg 215</i>
Postlude: Chorale Prelude on the Melody "Vexilla Regis"	<i>H. Willan</i>

Readings for Next Week

Acts 10: 34-43
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
 Collosians 3: 1-4
 John 20: 1-18

This Week, Please Pray For:

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

In our Diocesan Prayer Calendar: Almighty God, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church. Give grace to your servant Kathryn Otley who has been called to the office and ministry of Bishop for your people in our Diocese; fill her with the truth of your doctrine and holiness of life, that she may faithfully serve you, to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- For Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Bishop Michael Bird our diocesan administrator, as well as;
- Our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation
- For all retired clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa
- Area Parish of the Valley and The Reverend Matthew Brown, The Reverend Gillian Hoyer, The Reverend Nicholas Forte and The Reverend Christine Muise

In our Parish: Our Rector, The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman and our Honorary Assistants: The Most Reverend Barry Curtis and the Reverend Katherine Tait.

For those who are in need of our prayers and those who are ill: Lois, Susan, Maureen, Patrick, Donna, Kelly, Will, Martin, Mary, Gail, Millie, Celest, Catherine, Mallery, Tom, Barbara, Suzanne, Chuck, Lee and Carole.

Please give prayers of thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died to new life, may their souls rest in peace eternal, and may all who mourn know God's comfort and peace.

This morning we give prayers of thanksgiving for the life of **Robert Hedley Porter**, who died to new life on March 13. We pray for God's peace and comfort for his sister Margaret, his children: Emily, Hilary, Robert and his wife Sarah, family and friends who mourn his loss.

Additional Prayer Support

During the Eucharist, members of the prayer team are available to pray for any particular needs or circumstances. Please join them near the small altar at the front of the church.

Clergy Home Visits

Our clergy are happy to visit you. To arrange for a home visit with one of our clergy members please contact the office at 613-234-4024.

Pastoral Care Emergencies

For Pastoral Emergencies please contact Rev. Geoff Chapman at 613-854-0643.

Worship Leaders & Volunteers

8:00am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Reader and Server: Leslie Jones

10:30am

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Greeter: Janice Sonnen

Sidesperson: Marg Terrett

Servers: Rick Trites, Yvonne Martel and Cathy Simons

Reader: Leslie Jones

Communion Ministers: Ruth Frayne, Peter Frayne and Pam Mackenzie

Prayers of the People: Kathi Racine

Altar Guild: Janice Sonnen, Ruth Frayne, Anastasia Iwuala and Elizabeth MacMillan

Coffee Hour: Souper Sunday

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Honorary Assistants: The Most Rev. Barry Curtis, The Rev. Katherine (Katie) Tait

Theological Student: Dr. Sarah Keeshan

Interim Director of Music: Barbara Hallam-Price

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Rector's Warden: Janice Messam

People's Warden: Kevan Pipe

Deputy Wardens: Frances Berkman and Wendy Pullan

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Liturgical Calendar

Mon	Mar 30	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Holy Week
Tue	Mar 31	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Holy Week
Wed	Apr 1	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Holy Week
Thu	Apr 2	10:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Holy Week
Thu	Apr 2	7:00pm	Sung Holy Eucharist	Maundy Thursday
Fri	Apr 3	11:00am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Good Friday
Sat	Apr 4	8:00pm		Easter Vigil
Sun	Apr 5	8:00am	Said Holy Eucharist	Easter Sunday
Sun	Apr 5	10:30am	Sung Holy Eucharist	Easter Sunday

Announcements

Today	Souper Sunday
Thu, April 2	Maundy Thursday Supper
Now to April 5	Lenten Food Drive

New! Easter Flowers: If you would like to make a flower dedication for Easter, please contact the church office before Thursday, April 2nd. All flower dedications will be included in the Easter bulletin.

New! Today is Souper Sunday: Please join us following the 10:30 service for delicious soup and fellowship.

New! Creation Matters: Monday March 30 is UN International Day of Zero Waste. This year's theme is food waste. The UN estimates nearly 20% of consumable food is not eaten, including the food in your fridge and freezer. Not consuming the food we eat raises our grocery bills, leads to increased municipal costs, the production of methane gas, and the unneeded use of water and resources to grow. You can do something about this! This weekend, look at what is in your fridge that needs eating. Triage! Celebrate and laugh about having a never-before eaten dinner combination. And moving forward, can you make one day of the week a day where you eat those left-overs and incorporate food still just on 'this side' of 'off'? *You* can make a difference.

New! Outreach:

A reminder that we are no longer collecting paper egg cartons. Please do not bring them to church. They can be put in your paper product collection bin (i.e. 'black bin'), or use them for short-term germination of spring seeds!

Are you involved with the recycling/donation of can tabs, or collection of yogurt containers currently at the back of the church, or know who is? If so, please contact Julia Lipinska at lipinskaj@rocketmail.com. Thank you!

Stay tuned for details on how you can support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine during April. Details coming shortly. Every little bit can help. Thank you! Contact Julia Lipinska at lipinskaj@rocketmail.com with questions.

Maundy Thursday Parish Supper: Holy Week is fast approaching. Plan to enjoy the Parish Supper on Maundy Thursday before the service. The supper will begin at 5pm and we will finish serving at 6 pm so we can all get to the service at 7pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church so we can get a rough idea of how many are coming. However, if you suddenly find you are able to attend you are very welcome. There will be enough for everyone. The meal is traditionally a simple meal as is appropriate to the season.

Talks by Gerry Pierson CSsR: The Wednesday 11 AM Christian Meditation Group meets weekly via Zoom. For the next few weeks we will be listening to talks about prayer by the profound teacher and colleague of John Main OSB. For more information about the group, and to receive the Zoom link, please call Sue Rayner at 613-558-7899 or email m.s.rayner@sympatico.ca. To learn more about Christian Meditation please visit wccm.org.

Sale of Marmalade: Good news. We have an additional 200 jars of marmalade for sale. Small jars are \$10, large jars are \$18. There are several ways to purchase:

- After church – pay with cash or tap the tiptap machine upstairs
- In the office – Mon to Thu, 9am-12pm, pay with exact cash or credit card
- Call the office – 613-234-4024, if Catherine doesn't answer, leave a message and she'll call you back, pay by credit card and package will be prepared for pick up

Lenten Food Drive – CCSAC / Centretown Food Centre: Our Lenten Food Drive will run from this Sunday through 5 April. During this Lenten season, we are invited to open our hearts and share what we have with others. Through the work of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee (CCSAC), we support the Centretown Food Centre, which serves neighbours in our community who are facing food insecurity. You are invited to participate by making a financial contribution or by donating non-perishable food items. Financial gifts allow the Food Centre to respond quickly and to purchase what is most needed. Every gift—large or small—helps nourish both body and spirit. We especially encourage monetary donations, as CCSAC is able to purchase food in bulk from wholesalers, making each contribution go further. If you donate by cheque, please write “CCSAC / Community Food Centre / Lenten Drive” in the memo line. If donating cash, please include a note indicating “CCSAC / Community Food Centre / Lenten Drive.” Thank you for sharing in the Lenten spirit of generosity, compassion, and care for one another. With warm thanks, Pam Mackenzie

Family Lenten Practice: The Work of Imagination Lenten Spiral - Families of all ages are invited to follow along with our Spiral Lenten practice this year. The illustrated spiral includes an activity or discussion for each of the 40 days of Lent to help us grow our Christian imagination. “This is the work of imagination: to envision a world remade by mercy, to trust that healing is possible even in the shadow of empire, and to practice love that outlasts despair. Lent calls us into this holy labour—not as a solitary act, but as a communal path toward transformation.” Paper copies (colour printed or black and white for colouring) will be distributed to Sunday School families during the Family Service and are available at the back of the church.

For March 29:

[Monday] Share a meal together, and talk about humility. When have you seen kindness or gentleness make a difference? Give thanks for quiet courage and loving leadership.

Rides to Church: If you need a ride to church, please fill out the sign-up form located at the back of the church. If you are able to offer a ride, please check the form for names, neighbourhoods, and phone numbers of those requesting transportation. Hopefully we can match up some folks.

Kids' Choir: Kids choir has started up! If you have a child interested in singing who is 6-7 years of age or older, please contact Barb Hallam-Price at: bhallamprice@gmail.com. We meet on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and currently the choir sings once a month on the last Sunday.

Office Hours & Pastoral Visitation: In the interest of being more available to all of you, especially for our many members who live near our parish, I will be keeping office hours from **10:00 am to noon** on Wednesdays specifically for you to stop by, as well as my home visitation schedule on Tuesdays. Feel free to come by the office on Wednesday mornings if you want to connect with me, or reach out for a home visit as well. Geoff+

Wednesday Bible Study: Rev. Geoff hosts a Bible Study over Zoom on Wednesdays at 12:00pm for one hour. You are invited to join the zoom call. The focus of the discussion will be the gospel reading for the upcoming week. Here's the link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86857758101?pwd=Ar7bDWxLTayrHzX4dkvEKOELfFbLBX.1>
Meeting ID: 868 5775 8101 Passcode: 2zzVh5

Live Stream: You can view the service on Sunday morning live at 10:30 or you can view a recording of the Sunday morning service at a later time. The link to the live stream is below.
[youtube.com/channel/UCRKL_pwbbZ_FN2YFPAVdG1g/live](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRKL_pwbbZ_FN2YFPAVdG1g/live)
The link to past live streams:
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