

The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle



PALM SUNDAY/THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

March 29, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9.00 A.M.

Celebrant & Homilist The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

For the readings see 10:30 am.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND CHORAL EUCHARIST 10:30 A.M.

Celebrant & Homilist	The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess, Grace Rockett
Servers	Fen Nanton, Gary Toneguzzo, Vincent Wong, Elijah, Karen,
Communion Ministers	Russell Smith
Musicians	Mervin Fick - Director of Music Parish Choristers
Mass Setting	Sanctus/Benedictus & Agnus Dei – D. Hurd

The Liturgy of the Palms

Prelude *Movement II from Sonate no. 1*

PAUL HINDEMITH

Introit *Hosanna to the Son of David*

D. HALLS

Priest Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest 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 eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel of the Palms *Matthew 21.1-11*

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Blessing of the Palms

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest 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 palms are distributed. During the distribution the choir sings:

Antiphon *The Children of the Hebrews*

G. PALESTRINA, ARR. G. BEVAN

The Procession

Leader Let us go forth in peace.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The congregation is invited to join the procession, following the choir.

Hymn 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.*

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 procession stops. The response and collect are sung.

Priest O Saviour of the world, by your Cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

All **Save us and help us, we humbly pray, O Lord.**

Priest 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.

Hymn 182 *Ride On, Ride on in Majesty*

WINCHESTER NEW

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.

The Collect

Celebrant 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.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

Read by Mark Garbutt

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31.10-19 sung by all. Please remain seated.



- Cantor* 10 HAVE MER-cy upon me, O Lord, for I **am** in trou-ble, /
and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness; yea, my soul and **my** bo-dÿ.
- All* 11 For my life is waxen **old** with sor-row, /
and my years **with** mourn-ïng.
- Cantor* 12 My strength faileth me because of **my** ad-ÿver-si-ty, /
and my bones are **con**-sum-öd.
- All* 13 I am become a reproach because of **all** mine ên-e-mies, /
and especially unto **my** neigh-boÿrs;
- Cantor* 14 And they of mine acquaintance **are** a-fraid of me; /
and they that see me in the street **flee** from më.
- All* 15 I am clean forgotten, as a **dead** man ðut of mind; /
I am become like a bro-ken ves-sël.
- Cantor* 16 For I have heard the whispering of the multitude, and fear **is** on êv-ery side; /
while they conspire together against me, and plot to take a-way my life.
- All* 17 But my hope hath **been** in thee, O Lord; /
I have said, ‘Thou **art** my Gød.’
- Cantor* 18 My **times** are ïn thy hand; /
deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that per-se-cute më.
- All* 19 Show thy servant the light **of** thy ðoun-te-nance, /
and save me for **thy** mer-cy’s säke.

Epistle *Philippians 2:5-11*

Read by Laurie Garbutt

Reader A reading from from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Glory be to Jesus (New English Hymnal #83)*

CASWALL

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood from His sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal in that Blood I find;
blest be His compassion, infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream,
Which from endless torments did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

It the conscience sprinkles, frees our guilty hearts;
Satan in confusion terror-struck departs.

Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high,
Angel-hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.

Lift ye then your voices; swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder praise the precious blood.

Italian (author unknown)
Tr. Edward Caswall 1814-78

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Matthew

Please refer to the booklet.

Narrator – Carol Peck Jesus – The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Homily *Please be seated*

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of**

life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Led by Spencer Higgins

Celebrant *Christ Jesus was obedient unto death on a cross and exalted by God, he continues to plead for all humankind. With faith and trust, let us pray saying, "Lord, have mercy."*

Leader For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world; for Andrew our Diocesan Bishop, Kevin and Riscylla, Suffragan Bishops, Chris the National Indigenous Bishop and for the ministry of this parish - that the Church will proclaim Christ faithfully in worship and service.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that those who serve and worship, especially in places of persecution, will be strengthened and protected.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For righteousness and peace among nations, especially in Iran, Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and all areas affected by violence and unrest, that wars and division may cease in all the world.

Lord, have mercy.

Leader For the leaders of the nations, that those who take counsel for the nations of the earth will make wise and careful decisions, seeking justice and peace.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Canada, giving thanks for the many blessings we enjoy, praying for Charles our King, Mark our Prime Minister Carney, Doug Premier of this Province and Olivia our Mayor, that they may serve the common good.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all in trouble, sorrow need, sickness or any other adversity (*Especially NN*), that they may be relieved and comforted.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone, (*especially NN*); rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

All **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader For all whom we have injured or offended – that we may be given grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In a moment of silence we offer ourselves and one another to God.

The Celebrant concludes:

Father, hear the prayers offered today and sustain your people in their need. This we pray through him who is our crucified Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Then is said:

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn *All for Jesus (New English Hymnal 272)*

ALL FOR JESUS

All for Jesus - all for Jesus, this our song shall ever be;
For we have no hope, nor Saviour, if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus - thou wilt give us Strength to serve thee hour by hour;
None can move us from thy presence, while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus - at thine altar thou wilt give us sweet content;
There, dear Lord, we shall receive thee in the solemn Sacrament.

All for Jesus - thou hast loved us; all for Jesus - thou hast died;
All for Jesus - thou art with us; all for Jesus crucified.

Text: W. J. Sparrow-Simpson 1859-1952

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Blessed are you Lord God for ever and ever. Yours, Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** COMMON PRAISE # 689
heaven 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.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,**
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Sav-iour taught us, let us pray,

Music by McNeil Robinson

All Our Fa-ther in heav- en, hal-loed 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-gainst 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this 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.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion

- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.
- During the renovations Communion is administered at the front of the church, bread in the centre, wine on each side.
- Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health.
- You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
- Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.
- Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing will be administered in the north and south aisles of the Church.

Agnus Dei

COMMON PRAISE # 690

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

Communion Hymn 201 *People Draw Near to God*

SURSUM CORDA

Motet *Ave Verum Corpus*

R. L. PEARSALL

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine:
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine.
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant 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

Dismissal

Leader Go forth in the Name of Christ

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the service.

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For grace renewal as parishes celebrate Holy Week.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: *Pray for* St. Andrew, Scarborough, its monthly Neighbourhood Lunch, support for foster children and their communities in Haiti and Zimbabwe, "We Care" Christmas bags for the homeless, and support for such programs as the St. Jude, Wexford, Food Bank, All Saints Community Centre, and the Pimatisiwin Nipi Water project;

for St. Anne, Toronto, and its monthly community dinners;

and for St. Athanasius, Orillia, its food security support through local partnerships, support of the Orillia Lighthouse, and advocacy with Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness.

Parish Cycle: Barbara Scott, Vanessa Scott, Eugene Sendelwick.

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Marian McPherson, Denise Orioux, Everton Morris, Rex Southgate, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobolds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week: March 30, 31

7.00 pm – Holy Eucharist & The Way of the Cross

Wednesday in Holy Week: April 1

11 am - Holy Eucharist

7 pm – The Way of the Cross

Maundy Thursday: April 2

7 pm – The Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Good Friday: April 3

11 am – The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Easter Day: Sunday, April 5

9 am – Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Festal Eucharist