



St Paul's Anglican Church

March 29, 2026
Palm/Passion Sunday

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Incumbent – The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

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Music Director – Arlene Gray

10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS**

Prelude All Glory, Laud, and Honor – arr. Carol T. Wiggins (violin Ruth Fallding)

Welcome

Indigenous Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated on the traditional territory of the Mississauga peoples and is covered by the Williams Treaties. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile ourselves, and to work for justice and reconciliation with the peoples and the land. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

The Gathering of the Community (All Stand)

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

All 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 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Palm 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Celebrant blesses the palms

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.

Celebrant 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

Opening Hymn: 181 All Glory, Laud and Honour

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All 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 Proclamation of the Word

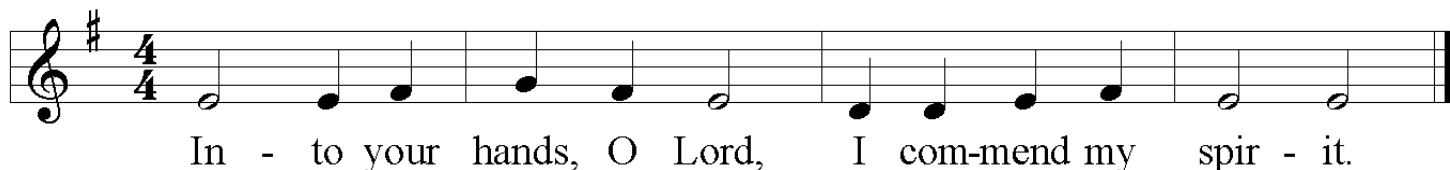
First Reading – Isaiah 50: 4- 9a

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 31:9-16



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot. **R**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God. **R**

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me." **R**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 182 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Dramatic Reading The Passion of Christ according to Matthew

Choral Meditation: O Come and Mourn with Me a While

Reflection The Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying “God of justice, hear our prayer.”

Intercessor For the Church of Christ in every place, for our bishops, priests, and deacons, that our fasting may be faithful, our prayer sincere, and our worship expressed in lives of mercy, generosity, and truth. God of justice,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the nations of the world and those in authority, that the bonds of injustice may be broken, the voices of the poor heard, and policies shaped by compassion, peace, and the common good. God of justice,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For all who hunger or thirst, for food, dignity, safety, or hope, and for those who are oppressed, excluded, or forgotten, that they may find relief, and restoration. God of justice,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For this community and all whom we serve, that our almsgiving may be generous, our prayer humble, and our lives a sign of your healing love in the world. God of justice,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For the sick, the weary, and the grieving, for those burdened by anxiety or loss, and for all who long for light in times of darkness, that your presence may renew and strengthen them. God of justice,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor For those who have died, and for all the faithful departed, that they may rest in your peace and rise in the fullness of your promise. God of justice,

All Hear our prayer.

Intercessor God of justice, receive these prayers we offer, and shape us by your Spirit to live the fast you choose, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence

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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn # 321 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer 5

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected. Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The 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.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world,

Give us your peace, give us your peace.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Currently, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is strictly prohibited for hygienic reason. If desired, you may instead lay your hands on the base of the chalice.

Hymns during Communion

Eucharist 1: VU 123 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Eucharist 2: 198 O Sacred Head, Surrounded

Eucharist 3: 183 Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode

Anthem: Fear Not, Ye People of Zion

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

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**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. **Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May 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 and remain with you today and every day. **Amen**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn # 537 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Dismissal

Celebrant: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, go, serve the world God loves!

All: Thanks be to God. **Amen**

Postlude: There is a Balm in Gilead - James Michael Stevens

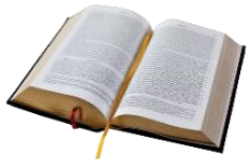
Memorial Flowers

The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of Frank Baxter by his wife Beverly and the family.

O love of God! O sin-filled world! In this dread act your strength is tried, and victory remains with love: Jesus, our Love, is crucified.

-Frederick William Faber

Next Week's Readings



Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10

Announcements

Stations of the Cross – will be on display from Holy Wednesday to Good Friday for personal reflection while the church is regularly open.

The Designated Giving # 215 will benefit **War Child**, an organization which cares for children affected by the violence of war zones.

Anyone wishing to donate for **Memorial Flowers** for Easter Please have your request into the Office by Tuesday March 31/2026.

Spring Thaw
Delicious Dinner, Loonie and Silent Auction
Save the Date and Save your Loonies
Saturday, April 25, 2026; Tickets: \$40
For further information, please call
Linda Todd at 705-324-7439

Donations to the Spring Thaw auction gratefully accepted on or before **April 19**. Pies, baked goods, gift cards or certificates, preserves, wine, knitted goods, ceramics, etc. are welcome. To be handed into Linda Todd, Barb Truax through the office (please indicate 'Spring Thaw' and your name on item).

Tickets on Sale: (cash, cheque, square) every Sunday and during church

office hours (Tues-Thurs 9-12)

Advisory Board News Chair - Cynthia Morton, Secretary -Diane Stecher. Thank you, ladies, for accepting these necessary positions.

Agape Meal The sign-up sheet for the meal is in the hall.

Thank You to Ruth Fallding whose violin accompaniment adds so much to our worship experience.



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Melissa, one of the strongest
hurricanes to ever strike
Jamaica, the scale of
devastation is staggering, with
homes, infrastructure and
livelihoods destroyed and half of
Jamaica's houses of worship damaged or destroyed.



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Holy week Services

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29th, Liturgy of the Palms & Holy
Eucharist 10:00 am

Holy Tuesday

March 31st, Adelaide Place 10:30 am

Holy Wednesday

April 1st, Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd, Agape Meal, 12 noon

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd, Holy Eucharist
with Hand/Foot Washing 7:00 pm

Good Friday

April 3rd, 11:00 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion,

Easter Sunday

April 5th, Holy Eucharist, 10:00 am

Update as of March 24th. The appeal has passed the halfway mark with \$31,000 raised and matched dollar for dollar. FaithWorks will match all gifts up to \$50,000 and Alongside Hope will distribute the funds through its partners in Jamaica. The appeal ends April 17th. Visit faithworks.ca to donate.

A reminder to wear **nametags** to help others know who you are.
We Strive to be a Scent free space

*Thank you for
Worshipping with us Today.*



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