

## *Welcome to St. George's*

**Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025**

**8:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to one of our Wardens, Greeters, or Clergy. Welcome to our church family! If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know before the service begins.

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### **The Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Church of England
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Susan and Colin, Bishops; the people of St. Alban the Martyr Church, Acton
- **St. George's** – our journey to the cross with Jesus during this Holy Week will be a time of spiritual growth

## Welcome and Announcements

### Collect for Purity

**All**        **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Commandments

**Priest**     Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**People:**   **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

### Kyrie

Priest        Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People**     **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest        Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest        The Lord be with you;

**People**     **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest        Let us pray.

## Collect for the Day

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People Amen.**

**Lesson** Philippians 2:5-11

Reader The Lesson is written in the second chapter of Paul's letter to the Philippians, beginning at the fifth verse.

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 Here endeth the lesson.

**Gospel**

Luke 19:28-40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke beginning at the twenty-eighth verse.

**People** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.  
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Victor Kischak

**Nicene Creed**

**All I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Offertory

Priest Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

*(after the Lord's table is prepared)*

## Blessing of the Palms

Priest Blessed are you O Lord, worthy to receive all glory, laud, and honour. We ask you to bless these palms, that they may be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People Amen.**

**All Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

## Intercessions

Intercessor

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty;

beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants Susan and Colin our Bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their

fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

**People Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins;



confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People Amen.**

### **Comfortable Words**

Priest Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. St. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St. John 2:1, 2

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. For the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and Man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross for us sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is the One that cometh in the Name of the  
Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Consecration**

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the

power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

Priest      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People      And with thy spirit.**

### **Prayer of Humble Access**

**All            We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

### **Agnus Dei**

Priest      O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
**People      Have mercy upon us.**  
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**People      Have mercy upon us.**  
Priest      O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
**People      Grant us thy peace.**

## Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

**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 them that 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.**

## Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**All And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Priest      May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you, and those that you love,

**All**            **and those that you should love,**

Priest      now and forever.

**All**            **Amen.**

## Announcements

### **Young Adult Ministry**

The next YAM evening prayer is scheduled for **Monday April 14**, 2025, at 8:00pm. We will be gathering the library. If you're between the ages of 19 and 35 and would like to join in – or if you would just like some more information – please text 519-803-7307 to join the email chain and group chat or speak to a Warden for more details.

### **Palm Sunday Deliveries to Shut-ins**

It is our custom to connect with our shut-ins and to let them know that they continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. We are looking for approximately 40 people to deliver a card, palm cross and carnation to our shut ins on Sunday, April 13th following our services. Thank you for bringing a smile to our shut ins. - Rani Varkey, Debbie Marchment

### **Flowers for Easter Sunday, April 20th**

We are planning to have a beautiful floral display to celebrate The Sunday of the Resurrection. If you wish to assist in covering the cost of the flowers, we are inviting you to make a donation to St. George's Flower Fund in memory of your loved one(s). **By noonhour on Tuesday, April 15 please contact Bruce Mackenzie, preferably by email (office@ [saintgeorge.ca](mailto:office@saintgeorge.ca)), or call ([519-822-1366](tel:519-822-1366)), or you can place your request on the collection plate no later than Sunday, April 13** Donations will be included on your 2025 income tax receipt. The list of names and donors will be available at all Easter services. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

## **St. George's Community Closet**

The young adults of St. George's are in the process of developing a 'Community Closet,' to provide acute care to those in need. This will be a cabinet containing a few basic clothing, food and toiletry items that anyone in the parish is welcome to access & provide care both quickly and discreetly. We have purchased a cabinet and now are in the process of gathering these much-needed items to stock our closet. A sign-up sheet is available in the cloister for items on our wish list (the wish list is also posted on the St. George's website). To manage donation volume, please only bring in items on the wish list. If you have any questions about this Community Closet initiative, please speak to Hannah Keller directly, or by emailing [hannah.km.keller@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.km.keller@gmail.com).





## **Join and support the Bishop's Company**

Bishop Susan Bell has put out a call to invite the parishioners of St. George's to join her in the Bishop's Company. As a member of the Bishop's Company, you are supporting programs and initiatives within the Diocese of Niagara, including diocesan and parish ministries, the provision of emergency care for clergy, deacons, and licensed lay leaders, and bursaries for religious and leadership education. Your commitment also strengthens the Anglican community as resources are provided beyond our diocese for our fellow siblings in Christ.



Membership benefits include:

- Support for the Bishop's important pastoral ministry.
- Exclusive invitation to Bishop's Company's members only events, **including the upcoming Annual Members Dinner on May 13, 2025!**
- Updates from Bishop Susan on the Bishop's Company Fund and diocesan matters.
- A charitable tax receipt.

To register as a member, simply scan the QR code below to join now! If you would like to join by cheque – or would like to purchase a parish table for the dinner – please ask Bruce Mackenzie in the church office for a registration form/brochure. Should you have any questions, please contact Hannah Keller, Registrar for the Bishop's Company. She can be reached at [hannah.keller@niagaraanglican.ca](mailto:hannah.keller@niagaraanglican.ca) or by calling **905-527-1316 ext. 380**.



# Holy Week at St. George's

## Palm Sunday - April 13

8:30 (BCP)  
10:30 am (BAS)

## Mid-Week Service - April 16

10:00 am (BAS)

## Maundy Thursday - April 17

7:00 pm (BAS)

## Good Friday - April 18

10:30 am (BAS)

## Easter Sunday - April 20

8:30 (BCP)  
10:30 am (BAS)



### **Church School During Holy Week**

Please join us for Church School on Good Friday. There will be no Church School on Easter Sunday, as noted in the Easter newsletter. Rather, children will be with their family in the sanctuary.

# MAKE PALM CROSSES

*Everyone always wants to know how to make palm crosses. Here is a simple way—a little tricky, perhaps, but once you've mastered it, it will be easy to do. Enjoy!*

Most palm fronds are actually double; split the frond into two long separate strips. Remove any stringy bits.



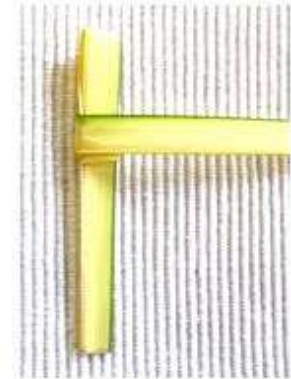
1. Hold palm pointing up; about 5-6 inches from the bottom, fold top over toward you.



2. About 1½ inches from the top, fold long end on the diagonal to the right, making a right angle.



3. Wrap the long end around the upright 2½ times; this is important!



4. Flip it over.



5. Make an arm about 1½–2 inches, folding the long end toward you.



6. Make second arm, folding on the left.



7. Make a diagonal fold so the long end points up.



8. Slip the point of the long end behind the center loops.



9. Loop the long end a 2nd time behind the center loops; pull taut to secure the cross. The top piece may be adjusted by pulling on the base.



Finished cross!

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