



Welcome to St. George's

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:30 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



Musical Prelude *Preludio for Organ*

O. Respighi

Welcome and Gathering of the Community

Liturgy of the Palms (*stand*)

Presider 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 this 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.

All Amen.

Hymn 181 *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

St. Theodulph

Children's Focus *(sit)* The Rev. Victor Kischak

Blessing of the Palms *(stand)*

Presider 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.

All Amen.

Introit *Hosanna to the Son of David*

Michael Praetorius

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading *(sit)*

Reader A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118 *(choir)*

*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 marvelous 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.*

Hymn 184 *My Song Is Love Unknown (verses 1-3)*

Love Unknown

Gospel Reading *(remain standing)*

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All 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."

Luke 19:28-40

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 184 *My Song Is Love Unknown (verse 6)*

Love Unknown

Homily The Rev. Victor Kischak
(followed by silence for reflection)

Anthem *(choir)* *Ride on in Majesty*

Frederick Candlyn

*Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strewed.*

*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 hosts beyond the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the last and fiercest strife is nigh.
Thy Father on the sapphire throne
expects thee, loved, 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.*

Apostles' Creed *(stand)*

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(stand, kneel or sit)*

Confession and Absolution

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

(silence is kept)

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

Sharing of the Peace *(stand)*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 375 *At the Name of Jesus*

King's Weston

Prayer over the Gifts *(remain standing)*

All 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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Parent of all.

In fulfilment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

(see Hymn 689)

Presider Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, 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.

Breaking of Bread

Presider We break this bread,

All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider 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.**

Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

(if you need to have gluten-free bread, please ask before extending your hands)

During Communion

Lamb of God *Hymn 690*

Hymn 180 *Giver of the Perfect Gift*

Song 13

Prayer after Communion *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

All 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.

Presider 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.

Blessing *(remain standing)*

Presider May the peace of God, which passes 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 among you and remain with you, and those that you love,

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

Presider now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Hymn 182 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

Winchester New

Dismissal

Presider Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Postlude on St. Theodulph*

Raymond Daveluy

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), 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.



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

RUMMAGE SALE

Donation Drop Off April 24 & 25 1:00pm-8:00pm

**April 26, 2025 | 8:00am - 2:00pm |
99 Woolwich St.**

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 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.

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