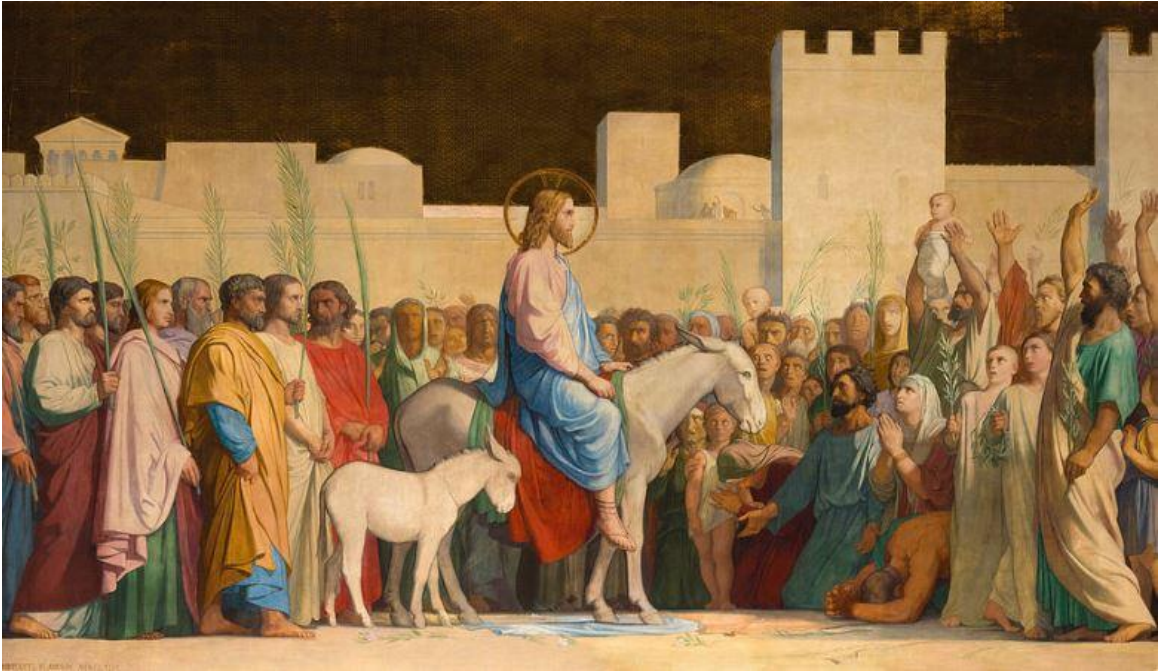


Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday



The Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem (1844) by Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin

Sunday, March 29, 2026

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent

Assisting: The Rev'd Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan,
Honorary Assistant

Music Director: Jack Hattey

The Liturgy of the Palms

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

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 life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel of the Palms

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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." *Matthew 21:1-11*

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

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

The Blessing of the Palms

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **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. Bless and sanctify these branches of palm, that we also, beholding these emblems, may 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 sprinkled with holy water and censed.

The Distribution of Palms

Please remain in your pew as the palms are distributed.

Motet at the Distribution: *Ingrediente Domino*

Malcolm

The Procession

Priest Let us go forth in peace.

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

Please join in the procession behind the sanctuary party. The procession will move outside into the garden and includes stairways. Those with mobility challenges are welcome to remain in the church while singing the hymn. The procession will return shortly.

Processional Hymn 181

St. Theodulph

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

Refrain.

2. The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.

Refrain.

3. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

Refrain.

4. To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted our melody we raise.

Refrain.

5. Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Refrain.

The procession pauses for the singing of the Station Prayer.

Priest They gave me gall to eat.

People **And when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.**

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.**

Entry Hymn 186

Gonfalon Royal (T.187)

1. The royal banners forward go; the cross shines forth in mystic glow,
where he, the Life, did death endure, and by that death did life procure.
2. There while he hung, his sacred side by soldier's spear was opened wide
to cleanse us in the precious flood of water mingled with his blood.
3. Fulfilled is all his words foretold; then spread the banners, and unfold
love's crowning power, that all may see he reigns and triumphs from the tree.
4. O tree of grace, the conquering sign, which dost in royal purple shine,
gone is thy shame; for, lo, each bough proclaims the prince of glory now.
5. For once thy favoured branches bore the wealth that did the world restore,
the priceless treasure, freely spent to pay for our enfranchisement.
6. Father of all, life's source and spring, may every soul thy praises sing;
may those obey the rule of heaven, for whom the perfect life was given.

The Collect of the Day

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.**

Old Testament 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.

Psalm 31:9-16

T. 1,5



9. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11. 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.

12. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.

13. 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.

14. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.

15. My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16. Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Epistle

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.

The Passion Gospel

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Please see the insert for the Gospel. The choir and congregation are invited to take their part with boldness. There are no acclamations before or after today's Gospel.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Parish Prayer Cycle: The Clergy Team; Philip Snider, Elin Goulden, Matthew Snider, Shelley Gorman, Daisy Gonsalves, John and Susan Goddard

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: A holy observance of Palm Sunday throughout the diocese

Those who have asked us for prayers: Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Bob Thornley, Edith Paxton, Mark, Bishop Victoria, Joan, Anne, Gerald Mangina, Huntly, Jane Rozdzilski, Bill Keel, Ted, Ted R., Barb, Gayle Covey, Dale Gillespie, Diane Roy, Cari, Nelson, Heather, Aws, Selwa, Lubna, Dennis Freeman, Raymond Dunning, John Martin, River, Talitha and Michael, Greg, Helen, the Gorman Family, Josie, Estella Joseph, and all others on our hearts this day.

The Faithful Departed: Sheridan Gorman, Dorothy Kieczor

Please send the names of loved ones for the prayer list to Father Hatt at nhatt@stmartininthefields.ca

Leader Dear friends in Christ, by dying the Saviour of humanity destroyed death and by rising again restored us to life. Trusting in his loving-kindness we say, Lord in your mercy, "hear our prayer."

Leader As we enter into the saving mysteries of this Holy Week, may the Redeemer grant us all a deeper spirit of repentance so that we might share in the glory of his resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader Christ has made the Cross the tree of life. May God grant the fruit of that tree to all around the world who will be reborn in baptism this Easter. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader That, like the Man of Sorrows, we might look with love on those who suffer through the world's indifference. May we come to their aid, and turn our hearts to works of justice and charity. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader That, as Christ humbled himself by being obedient, even unto death on the Cross, we might be inspired by his example and serve God and God's children with patience. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader That the Crucified and Risen Lord might welcome into Paradise the faithful departed and transform their bodies into glorious copies of his own. Lord, in your mercy,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader Faithful God, your only Son carried the Cross of our transgressions out of love for us. Hear our prayers that we have the same mind as Christ Jesus in accepting your will, and so bear each other's burdens. All this we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn 185

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1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle, sing the ending of the fray;
now above the cross, the trophy, sound the loud triumphant lay;
tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, as a victim won the day.
2. Tell how, when at length the fullness of the appointed time was come,
Christ, the word, was born of woman, left for us his heavenly home;
showed us human life made perfect, shone as light amid the gloom.
3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished, went he forth from Nazareth,
destined, dedicated, willing, wrought his work and met his death.
Like a lamb he humbly yielded on the cross his dying breath.
4. Faithful cross, thou sign of triumph, now for us the noblest tree,
none in foliage, none in blossom, none in fruit thy peer may be;
symbol of the world's redemption, for the weight that hung on thee!
5. Unto God be praise and glory; to the Father and the Son,
to the eternal spirit honour now and evermore be done;
praise and glory in the highest, while the unending ages run.

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest 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

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest 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.

Choir **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.**

Priest 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;**

Priest 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 children; 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.**

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest We break this bread,

People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Priest Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Hymn 198

Passion Chorale

1. O sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn;
O royal head so wounded, reviled, and put to scorn,
death's shadows rise before you, the glow of life decays,
yet angel hosts adore you and tremble as they gaze!
2. Your youthfulness and vigour are spent, your strength is gone,
and in your tortured figure I see death drawing on:
what agony of dying, what love, to sinners free!
My Lord, all grace supplying, O turn your face on me!
3. Your sinless soul's oppression was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but yours the deadly pain:
I bow my head my Saviour, for I deserve your place;

O grant to me your favour, and heal me by your grace.

4. What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend,
for this your dying sorrow, your mercy without end?
Lord, make me yours forever: your servant let me be,
and may I never, never betray your love for me.

Prayer after Communion and the Doxology

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.**

Priest Glory to God,

***People* 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

Final Hymn 202

Horsley

1. There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all.
2. We may not know, we cannot tell, what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.
3. He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.
4. There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin;
he only could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.
5. O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Parish News and Announcements

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2026

**also available on livestream*

HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY: March 30–April 1

9:00 a.m. Mattins

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Washing of the Feet, Stripping of the Altar*

9:30 p.m. Vigil at the Garden of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3

10:00 a.m. Children's Service

1:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross*

EASTER EVE: April 4

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil* followed by the Resurrection Party

EASTER SUNDAY: April 5

8:30 Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Festal Eucharist*

EASTER MONDAY: April 6

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

EASTER TUESDAY: April 7

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing

Since ancient times Christians have observed the *Pedilavium* ('foot washing') as a preparation for Easter celebrations, recalling how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper, giving them an example of service and humility. We observe this ceremony as part of our worship on Maundy Thursday. If you would like to participate in this foot washing, please indicate this to Father Hatt (nhatt@stmartininthefields.ca).

Easter Memorial Flowers

Donations for Easter Memorial Flowers can be made via e-transfer or by placing an offering in the offering plate. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please note the names of those you would like remembered on the envelope or in the notes section of your e-transfer. Please make those donations by Wednesday April 1, 2026.

Resurrection Party: April 4th

After the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, April 4th, we will host our annual Resurrection Party. Parishioners are asked to bring "finger foods" that are sweet or savoury and/or beer or wine. There is a sign-up sheet on the podium at the back of the church-or text, call, or e-mail Jay Haddad. Thank you!

This Week at St Martin's

This Sunday, March 29th (*The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*)

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

Monday, March 30th (*Monday in Holy Week*)

9 a.m. Mattins

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 31st (*Tuesday in Holy Week*)

9 a.m. Mattins

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 1st (*Wednesday in Holy Week*)

9 a.m. Mattins

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2nd (*Maundy Thursday*)

8 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Washing of the Feet, Stripping of the Alter*

9:30 p.m. Vigil at the Garden of Repose

Friday, April 3rd (*Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion*)

10 a.m. Children's Service

1 p.m. Solemn Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross*

7:45 p.m. - 10 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

Saturday, April 4th (*Easter Eve*)

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil followed by the Resurrection Party*

Next Sunday, April 5th (*The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day*)

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Baptism & Eucharist (choral)



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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Tuesdays 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

Feast days and special services as announced.