

*April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025*



**St. John's Anglican Church  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia**

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**Honorary Organist:** Barbara Butler, CM

*Heritage*  *Faith*  *Vision*  
*St. John's ~ A National Historic Site ~ Founded 1753*

*Palm Sunday*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE O man thy grievous sin bemoan – J. S. Bach**

*IN THE HALL*

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Liturgy of the Palms**

Blessed be God:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit:

And blessed be God's kingdom,  
now and for ever. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, in our observance of Lent we have been preparing, by self-examination and spiritual discipline, to celebrate the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ. Today we begin the solemn celebration of our salvation through his death on the cross and his resurrection to glory. We now recall our Lord's entry as king into Jerusalem, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us follow him, that, as we died with Christ in our Baptism, so we may share his risen life.

*Blessing of Palms*

**The Procession**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy,  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant, that we,  
walking in the way of his cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us proceed in peace.

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

*The procession to the church begins.*

### **Collect at entrance to the church**

Sovereign God, you have established your rule over the human heart, not by force but by the servant example of Jesus Christ. Move us by your Spirit to join the joyful procession of those who confess Christ Jesus with their tongues and praise him with their lives. Amen.

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 181 All Glory, Laud, and Honour**

#### **Collect of the Day**

***Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

Let us listen for the Word of God.

#### **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH** (Is. 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 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?

For the word of God in scripture

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

***Thanks Be to God.***

**PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29**

**REFRAIN** God's mercy endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; his mercy endures for ever. Let Israel now proclaim, "God's mercy endures for ever." Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. **REFRAIN**

"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. **REFRAIN**

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord. **REFRAIN**

God is the Lord; God 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 God is good; God's mercy endures for ever. **REFRAIN**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

(Phil. 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.  
For the word of God in scripture  
For the word of God among us  
For the word of God within us

***Thanks Be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

TRACT: VERSE: / \* /

Praise to you, O Christ, King of end-less glo - ry.

Christ became obedient / unto death, \* even death on the cross.  
Therefore God Highly ex/alted him \* and gave him the Name  
a/bove all names.

## **THE GOSPEL** Luke 19:28-40

The Lord be with you

***And also with you***

The Holy Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

After he 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.'

The Gospel of Christ

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

## **SERMON**

**Turn Thy Face from My Sins – Attwood**

Claude Fulton and Clement Fulton

## **HEAR, O ISRAEL**

***Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.***

***Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.***

***This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.***

***There is no commandment greater than these.***

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Standing between joy and despair, we seek to keep watch and pray with Jesus. Offering our hosannas and our tear let us pray. To the petition God of grace and mercy please respond saying, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, giving thanks for Jesus and for his faithful witness to us – showing us in his teaching and ministry what it looks like to savour moments of celebration, to honour the gifts of one another and to serve together in love. We pray that God will strengthen that humility and openness in us.

God of grace and mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

We pray for all who share your good news. May they be sustained and encouraged by your word as they seek to serve you faithfully. God of grace and mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

Be our companion as we wrestle with difficult truths about ourselves, our lives and our world. Strengthen our resolve and courage to bear our crosses and to follow Christ in love. God of grace and mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

We pray for all who share in governing the nations, that they would be guided by love of you and all you have created. God of grace and mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

We pray for all who are in need of your healing and compassion. Those living with illness, grief, addiction, uncertainty and weariness, that your grace and mercy would surround and uphold them. God of grace and mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

We pray for those who have died and entrust them to your eternal care and pray that light perpetual will shine upon them. God of grace and mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

We pray for peace in areas where there is unrest and conflict. Be with those whose lives are upended by violence and help us to know how to faithfully respond. God of grace and mercy, ***Hear our prayer***

Holy and gracious God, day by day you sustain the weary with your word and gently encourage us to place our trust in you. Awaken us to the suffering of those around us; Give us courage and grace to follow the example of Jesus in obedient love and humility, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

*God of reconciliation and forgiveness,  
receive our gifts and lead us to love you  
with all our heart as we seek to follow you faithfully.  
We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS 735**

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,

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

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.**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***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.***

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Nourish us with this feast of abundant mercy,

*That we might be reconciled to you and to all of creation.*

## **AGNUS DEI 747**

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Communion**

All are welcome to share in this sacred meal.

## **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

400 What Wonderous Love Is This

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

All your works praise you, O Lord

*And your faithful servants bless you.*

*Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 182** Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve Christ.

*Thanks be to God*

**POSTLUDE** Toccata in G Major - Pachelbel

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Music & Meditation**

Music and Meditation, a series of half hour recitals begins Wednesday, March 5 at noon and continues each Wednesday through Lent, concluding on April 16. A free will offering supports the Wednesday noon programs which take place throughout Lent, Advent and in July and August.

### **This Week in The Life of The Church:**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**7 p.m.** - Holy Darkness Tenebrae

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Lenten Study** - 10 a.m. at St. James'

**Music & Meditation** – Clement Fulton piano music of Schumann

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**7 p.m** - Maundy Thursday Washing of Feet and Stripping of Altar

**April 18**

**10 a.m.** Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. John's

**April 19**

**8:00 p.m.** Lighting the First Fire

**April 20**

Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.

10:30 Easter Egg Hunt

**Today's Lay Ministries:**

**Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Gill Osmond  
10:30 a.m. – David Shimp & Wendy Dean  
Licensed Lay Minister: Jim Shephard**

**Next Week's Lay Ministries:**

**Lectors: 8:30 a.m. – Margaret Murray  
10:30 a.m. – Mary Meisner & TBA  
Licensed Lay Minister: Susan MacMillan**