



## PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today.

We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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### **Land Acknowledgement**

All are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

As we begin our journey through Holy Week, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

### **✠ Liturgy of the Palms**

*Some members of the congregation will meet at Taddle Creek Park to begin the procession; others will gather at the church to meet the procession on the front steps. Please pick up a palm branch as we gather together. Additional palms are available at the back of the church.*

### **The Greeting**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*All:* **Hosanna in the highest!**

*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.

*A moment of silence is observed*

*Priest:* 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 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.  
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.

*All:* **Amen.**

## ✘ The Procession

*Priest:* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

*All:* **Hosanna in the highest!**

*The two groups will meet on the front steps of the Church and enter together.*

**Palm Sunday Proclamation: "Hosanna in the Highest"** (Rob Teehan)

*All Sing*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics: "Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -". The bass staff provides harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal line with lyrics: "san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na to our God!". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and rhythmic patterns. The piece concludes with a triple bar line and repeat signs.

*When the procession moves down the centre aisle, please join the parade.  
Once the chancel party enters the chancel, please return to your seats.*

*Priest:* Humble and riding on a donkey,

*All:* **we greet you.**

*Priest:* Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children,

*All:* **we cheer you.**

*Priest:* Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

*All:* **we salute you, Christ our Lord.**

*Priest:* You give the beasts of burden a new dignity;  
you give majesty a new face;  
you give those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

*All:* **With them, with heart and voice, we shout “Hosanna!”**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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?

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

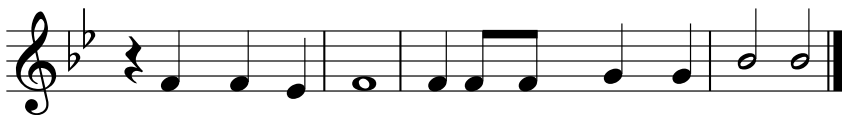
Isaiah 50.4-9a

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

### Psalm 24.1-6 *(George Black)*

#### Refrain:



The God of hosts it is who reigns in glo-ry.

The earth is our God's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.

For God has founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **Refrain**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Holy One?"  
and who can stand in the holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud. **Refrain**



The God of hosts it is who reigns in glo-ry.

They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One,  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek you,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **Refrain**

## **Second Reading**

*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.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

**Philippians 2.5-11**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Hymn: #405 (Gather) "Ride on, Jesus, Ride"

All Sing

Ride on, Je - sus, ride. Ride on, Je - sus, ride. Ride on, Je - sus,

con - quering King. Ride on, Je - sus ride.

1. King Je - sus rides on a milk white horse. Ride on, Je - sus,  
 3. The chil - dren of Je - ru - sa - lem, Ride on, Je - sus,  
 4. " "Bless - ings on the Ho - ly One!" Ride on, Je - sus,  
 5. " "Ride so hum - ble, ride so true, Ride on, Je - sus,  
 6. " "Ride to set your peo - ple free, Ride on, Je - sus,  
 7. " "Ride o - be - dient un - to death, Ride on, Je - sus,

ride. The riv - er Jor - dan he did cross.  
 ride. " "strewed their branch - es on his way.  
 ride. " "Bless - ings on the Sav - ing One!"  
 ride. " "Ride to bring the world to you, Ride on, Je - sus, ride.  
 ride. " "Ride the road to Cal - va - ry,  
 ride. " "Ride to break the chains of death,

ride. Ride on, Je - sus, con - quering King. Ride on, Je - sus ride.

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**The Gospel**

*Please rise, as you are able*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

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

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**







*Leader:* ...over the distance,  
which separates us from you,  
and it is such a distance,  
measurable in half truths,  
in unkept promises,  
in second-best obedience, ride on...  
until you touch and heal us.  
who feel for no one but ourselves. Ride on,

*All:* **Ride on...**

*Leader:* ...through back streets,  
and the sin bins  
and the sniggered-at corners of the city,  
where human life festers  
and love runs cold,  
ride on...  
bringing hope and dignity  
where most send scorn and silence. Ride on,

*All:* **Ride on...**

*Leader:* For you, O Christ, do care  
and must show us how.  
On our own,  
our ambitions rival your summons,  
and thus threaten good faith  
and neglect God's people.  
In your company and at your side,  
we might yet help to bandage and heal the wounds of the world.  
who feel for no one but ourselves. Ride on,

*All:* **Ride on...**

*A time of reflection follows where all may add their prayers aloud or in silence. The Priest then offers a concluding prayer.*

## The Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## The Offering

Please support the ministries of Church of the Redeemer



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Your support allows us to be witnesses to God's love on our corner of  
Bloor and Avenue Road—now, and in the future.

Thank you for joining us today.

# Offertory Hymn: #181 (Common Praise) "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

All Sing

## Refrain:



All glo-ry, laud, and hon-our to thee, Re-deem-er, King, to whom the lips of



chil-dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring.



1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son, who
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high, and
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our
4. To thee be - fore thy Pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise; to
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring, who



in the Lord's name com-est, the King and bless-ed one.  
we with all cre - a - tion in chor-us make re - ply.  
praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
thee now high ex - alt - ed our mel - o - dy we raise.  
in all good de - light-est, thou good and gra-cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans (750?-821), tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alfred Leslie Rose, SSJE (1890-1970). Desc. © The Society of St. John the Evangelist.

## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Leader:* 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.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest:* *People:*



The Lord be with you. **And al-so 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.**

*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 palm branch in hand we join our voices with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus as we sing.

## Sanctus: #732 (Common Praise)

*All sing*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are



full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho-



san-na in the high-est.

*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.

*All:* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest:* Living Bread, broken for the life of the world:

*All:* **Sustain us on our way to your glory.**

*Priest:* Fruit of the true Vine, poured out for us and for many:

*All:* **Be now the wine that gladdens our hearts.**

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

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

### **Fraction Hymn: #698 (Gather) "Take Up Your Cross"**

*All Sing*



1. Take up your cross, the Sav-iour said, If you would my dis - ci - ple
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight Fill your weak spir - it with a -
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your fool-ish heart be
4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength, And calm - ly ev - 'ry dan - ger
5. Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, Nor think till death to lay it



be; Take up your cross with will - ing heart, and hum - bly  
larm; his strength shall bear your spir - it up, and brace your  
still; The Lord for you ac - cept - ed death Up - on a  
brave: It guides you to a bet - ter home And leads to  
down; For on - ly those who bear the cross May hope to



fol - low af - ter me.  
heart and nerve your arm.  
cross, on Cal - v'ry's hill.  
vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest (1814-1877), alt. Tune: English; harm. By Martin West (1929-), © 1983, Hope Publishing Co.

## The Giving and Receiving of Communion

*Priest:* Dear friends,  
I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people,  
unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion  
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –  
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true  
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.  
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

*One:* Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

**The Communion** *(all may come forward to the altar rails to receive)*



*During communion, if you need a gluten-free wafer,  
please let the communion minister know.  
Please do not dip the bread in the wine.  
If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion,  
please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left.*

# Communion Hymn: "An Wasserflüssen Babylon"

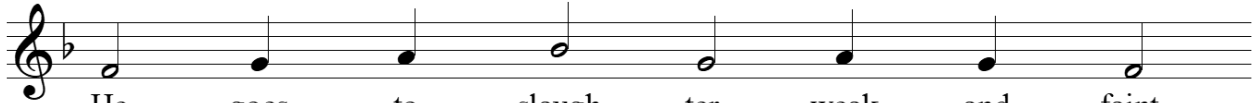
*All Sing*



1. A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.  
2. This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - iour,  
3. Our Sav - iour an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:  
4. Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ours.  
whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.  
"My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."  
You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint,  
"Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said,  
Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might!  
Your love is dress e - nough for me



is led to die with - out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers.  
"and free my chil - dren from their dread of death and con - dem - na - tion.  
To right what mor - tals can - not right the Son was sent from heav - en.  
to wear through all e - ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en,



He bears the shame, the stripes, the wrath;  
The pain - ful stripes are hard to bear,  
What love, O Love, who came to save  
where we shall stand close by your side,





his an - guish, mock - er - y, and death  
 but by your death they all can share  
 by lov - ing e - ven to the grave  
 your church, the well - ap - point - ed bride,



for us he glad - ly suf - fers.  
 the joy of your sal - va - tion."  
 un - til the stone was riv - en.  
 when all the faith - ful gath - er.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.  
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**Motet: “Benedictus (Mass in D)”** (*Antonin Dvořák*)

Benedictus qui venit  
 in nomine Domini.  
 Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh  
 in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Please rise, as you are able*

*Priest:* As we enter this Holy Week in the life of the Church,  
 let us remember that Christ for us became obedient unto death,

*All:* **even death on a cross.**

*Priest:* Therefore God has highly exalted him  
 and bestowed on him the Name  
 which is above every name,

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

Closing Hymn: #556 (Gather) "Canticle of the Turning"

All sing



1. My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the God of my heart is  
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in  
3. From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be left on  
4. Though the na-tions rage from age to age we re-mem-ber who holds us



great, And my spir-it sings of the won-drous things that you  
me, And your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the  
stone. Let the king be-ware for your jus-tice tears ev-'ry  
fast: God's mer-cy must de-liv-er us from the



bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your  
end of the age to be. Your ver-y name puts the  
ty-rant from his throne. The hun-gry poor shall  
con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp. This sav-ing word that our



ser-vant's plight, and my weak-ness you did not spurn, So from  
proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, You will  
weep no more, for the food they can nev-er earn; There are  
fore-bears heard is the prom-ise which holds us bound, 'Til the



east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a-bout to turn?  
show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a-bout to turn.  
ta-bles spread, ev-'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a-bout to turn.  
spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a-round.

## Refrain:



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn. Wipe a-



way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn!

TEXT: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952. MUSIC: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952. © 1990, GIA Publications

*There is no Dismissal at the end of this, or any other, liturgy in Holy Week.  
For we have not been dismissed; nor shall we be until God has finished working our redemption for us.*

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## Ministry Updates

### Mask-wearing

The diocese is strongly recommending as much as possible that we all wear a mask when in indoor settings, including our church building.

### The Rev'd Susan Haig

On Sunday, March 26, it was announced that our associate priest, The Rev'd Susan Haig will be retiring. Her last Sunday with us is Pentecost - May 28. While Susan won't be with us in all the ways that she has been over the past few years, later this year, she will join the ranks of our honorary assistants.

We will celebrate Susan's ministry in the weeks to come and wish her a blessed retirement.

### The Rev'd Andrew Kuhl

It was announced on Sunday, March 19 that our assistant curate, The Rev'd Andrew Kuhl has been appointed as the next incumbent at the **parish of Craighurst and Midhurst**. Andrew's last Sunday with us will be April 30 and we will celebrate his time in our midst!

### Assistant Curate Appointed

The Venerable Steven Mackison is pleased to announce that Paige Souter will be joining the pastoral team on May 7 as our next assistant curate. Paige will be ordained a transitional deacon on April 30 at St James Cathedral. Please hold Paige in your prayers as she prepares for her ordination day. Welcome, Paige.

## **Doug Smith to be Ordained**

Doug Smith, who was a member of our parish community until postulancy requirements took him to other places to serve will be ordained a transitional deacon on Sunday, April 30 at 4:30 PM at St James' Cathedral. Please hold Doug in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination day.

## **Flowers for Easter**

If you would like to contribute towards the flowers and decorations for Easter, please mark your donation “Easter Flowers” and include any memorial information you would like mentioned in the Easter bulletins. Memorial details may also be sent by email to the church office ([office@theredeemer.ca](mailto:office@theredeemer.ca)). The deadline for these dedications is **Tuesday, April 4**.

## **Worship and Spirituality**

### **During Holy Week**

#### **Ministry of Confession and Absolution**

During Holy Week, our pastoral staff are available to offer the ministry of confession and absolution. This rite invites people to reflect and name their personal sins and to receive and hear the grace of God in forgiveness.

To schedule a time, please contact: Steven ([smackison@theredeemer.ca](mailto:smackison@theredeemer.ca)), Susan ([shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca)), or Andrew ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

#### **Catechesis 2023**

The catechumens, sponsors, and leaders are continuing their pilgrimage to the Easter Vigil, let us pray for them - and for each other. We remember our catechesis group by name: Ann, Celine, Elisa, James, Jerry, Maureen, Pearl, Sandi, Scott, Stewart, and Wesley; Erika, Georgi, Jonathan, Judy, Paul, Peter, Richard, and Susan; Andrew and Craig.

#### **Faith Formation**

As we enter Holy Week, Children, Youth and Families are encouraged to worship together and participate fully throughout Holy Week. As such we will not have our regular programming for Church School or the Youth Group during Holy week. See the Holy Week schedule for times for these services. We invite you to join the 9:30 AM service for Good Friday as it will be an interactive liturgy with families in mind. Please contact Andrew Kuhl ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)) if you have any questions!

#### **Palm Sunday Procession**

Weather permitting all who are able to are invited to gather at Taddle Creek Park for the blessing of the palms and a procession along Bloor Street. Further details were in Friday's eNews including where to find the park. Those who choose to stay at the church will welcome and join the procession there.

## **Bach Vespers**

**Tonight at 7 PM** - Featuring Cantata No. 72 *Alles nur nach Gottes Willen* (All things according to God's will). Our Bach Vespers series explores the music and poetry of a Bach cantata woven into a Vespers service that draws on rich Lutheran hymnody and traditions.

## **Easter Vigil Party**

After a three-year hiatus, the Easter Vigil Party returns. Following the service on **Saturday, April 8**, we push back the chairs, set up tables laden with food, and continue the Easter celebration. In order for the tables to be laden your help is needed. If you can provide food - sandwiches, fruit or veggie plates, or sweets - please **contact Tony Crosbie by email** ([tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca)) or at 416-413-9334.

## **During the Week**

### **Mid-day Prayer**

Members of our community gather for mid-day prayer **Monday through Saturday** on Zoom at **12:15 PM**. For about 20 minutes we pause to hear scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. The Zoom link and list of readings are sent out each week through eNews.

### **Tuesday Meditation**

Tuesday Meditation with Lilian Junkin gathers for 30 minutes in the chancel at **12:15 PM** for a peaceful mid-week reflection. **Please note that the group will not be meeting in Holy Week (Tuesday, April 4).**

If you have any other questions, please contact Lilian ([lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com](mailto:lilian.n.junkin@gmail.com)).

### **Prayer on Wednesday**

Each Wednesday morning, a simple order for daily prayer is added to the parish website. This is an invitation to set aside time during the day to read scripture, to reflect and to offer prayers. The order of service for this coming Wednesday will be posted on the website ([theredeemer.ca](http://theredeemer.ca)).

### **Upcoming Garden Eucharist Dates**

Our Garden Eucharists at the home of Karen and Michael Visser are continuing, weather permitting. Please join us for the next one on Saturday April 29 at 2:00 PM.

More information will be forthcoming as the Garden Eucharist Saturday approaches, but we wanted you to mark your calendars now. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Susan Haig ([shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca)) or Andrew Kuhl ([akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

## **On Sunday**

### **Intercessions**

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern. If you have people or situations that you would like included but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a [prayer request form](#) on the website ([theredeemer.ca](http://theredeemer.ca)). These will be offered silently by one of the priests during the appropriate petition of the intercessions.

## **Our Common Life**

### **Zoom Coffee and Conversation**

After the services, the connection on Zoom will be kept open for a post-service coffee time. We will pause for about five minutes to allow time to grab a cup of coffee, tea or a cool beverage and return for a time of conversation.

### **Coffee Time at the Church**

Coffee and cookies are available **before** the 10:30 service. Why not arrive early for conversation over coffee or tea until 10:20? All who attend worship services in the church building are also invited to linger for a time of conversation and coffee in the narthex – the space at the back of the church – immediately following the service.

## **Parish Resources**

### **Parish Operations Manager On-Site**

Susan Graham Walker, Parish Operations Manager, is on-site most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 AM to 12 PM. Please don't hesitate to connect by email ([sgwalker@theredeemer.ca](mailto:sgwalker@theredeemer.ca)) or text (647-215-8814).

### **How Are You Doing?**

Our clergy are available to meet with you to talk and for prayer as is helpful to you. You can contact them through the church office (416-922-4948) or by email (Steven Mackison – [smackison@theredeemer.ca](mailto:smackison@theredeemer.ca), Susan Haig – [shaig@theredeemer.ca](mailto:shaig@theredeemer.ca), Andrew Kuhl [akuhl@theredeemer.ca](mailto:akuhl@theredeemer.ca)).

### **Pastoral Care Calls**

Volunteers from the pastoral care team continue to call members of the Redeemer community to check in with them.

Please contact Tony Crosbie ([tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca](mailto:tony.crosbie@sympatico.ca)) if you know someone who would benefit from a call from one of the pastoral care team.

## **HOLY WEEK AT REDEEMER**

### **Palm Sunday (April 2)**

**9 AM** – Liturgy of the Palms (on Zoom only)

**10:30 AM** – Palm Procession & Sung Eucharist (in the Church and YouTube)

**7 PM** – Holy Week Bach Vespers (in the Church and on YouTube and Zoom)  
Featuring Cantata No. 72 *Alles nur nach Gottes Willen*  
(All things according to God's will)

### **Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week (April 3 & 4)**

**12:15 PM** – Sung Eucharist (in the Church and on YouTube)

**6 PM** – Sung Eucharist (in the Church and on YouTube and Zoom)

### **Wednesday of Holy Week (April 5)**

**12:15 PM** – Sung Eucharist (in the Church and on YouTube)

**6 PM** – Tenebrae – A Service of Darkness (in the Church and on YouTube and Zoom)

### **Maundy Thursday (April 6)**

**7:30 PM** – Sung Eucharist, Foot-washing, Stripping of the Altar and  
Garden Watch (in the Church and on YouTube and Zoom)

### **Good Friday (April 7)**

**9:30 AM** – Dramatic Liturgy for all ages (in the Church and on YouTube)

**12 PM** – Veneration of the Cross & Communion (in the Church and on YouTube and  
Zoom)

### **Easter Eve (April 8)**

**9 PM** – The Great Vigil & The First Eucharist of Easter (in the Church and on  
YouTube and Zoom)

### **Easter Sunday (April 9)**

**9 AM** – Easter Celebration (on Zoom only)

**10:30 AM** – Sung Eucharist (in the Church and on YouTube)