



## PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024, 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.

**Presider:** Steven Mackison

### **✠ 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 piano accompaniment and includes vocal lines. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains three measures of music with the lyrics: "Ho - san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho - san-na in the high-est! Ho -". The second system contains three measures of music with the lyrics: "san-na! Ho-san-na! Ho - san-na to our God!". The final measure of the second system features a triple bar line and a '3' above the staff, indicating a triple measure rest. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in both the treble and bass clefs.

*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 Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* Holy and immortal God,

open our hearts to the Blessed One,

so that we may enter the gates of your justice,

confessing in our words and in our deeds

that Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **✠ 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**

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.

Philippians 2.5-11

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silence is observed*

## Sequence Hymn: #183 (Common Praise) "Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode"

*All Sing*



1. In - to Je - ru - sa - lem Je-sus rode, tri - um-phant king ac -  
2. With - in Je - ru - sa - lem Je-sus stood, mas - quer-ade king re -  
3. Out - side Je - ru - sa - lem Je-sus hung, cru - ci - fied King de -



claimed;  
viled;  
spised;  
palm branch-es  
thorns made a  
wood formed a  
spread to hon - our his way,  
crown (grim sa - tire of truth),  
cross sus - pend - ing his life;



gar - ments laid down as to - kens of praise; shouts of "Ho -  
robe like a wound thrown o - ver his back; ech - oes of  
sol - diers cast lots to deal out his clothes; his lone - ly



san - na" surged through the throng in - to Je - ru - sa - lem.  
"Cru - ci - fy" filled the air with - in Je - ru - sa - lem.  
cries: "My God"; "It is done," out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.

## 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.**

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 fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ‘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!’

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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.’

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 21.1-11

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

**The Exhortation:** Paige Souter

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*



# The Prayers of the People

*Please rise as you are able*



*Leader:* Lord Jesus Christ,  
...over the broken glass of our world,  
the rumours meant to hurt,  
the prejudice meant to wound,  
the weapons meant to kill, ride on...  
trampling our attempts at disaster into dust. Ride on,

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

*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**

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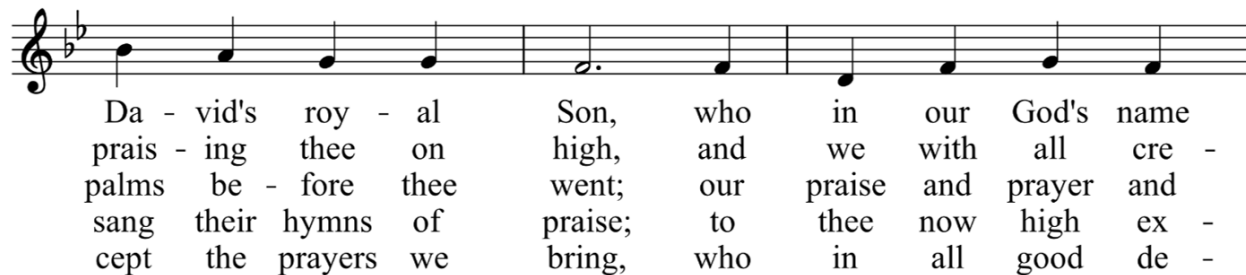
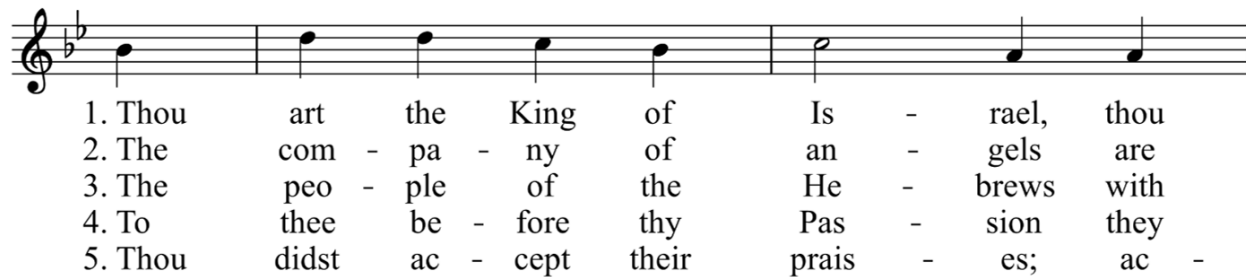
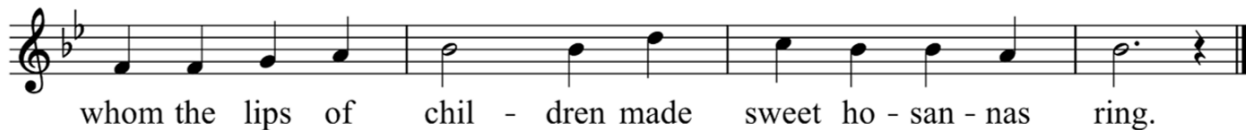
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Bloor and Avenue Road—now, and in the future.

Thank you for joining us today.

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

*All Sing*

## Refrain




## ✠ 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*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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:*

*People:*



As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev-er. A - men.

## 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.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy on us, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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## 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 in the church are invited to come forward to receive communion.  
If you need a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross  
your arms as shown in the picture and the clergy will be pleased to offer you  
a blessing.*



# Communion Hymn: #823 (Gather) "Behold the Lamb"

All Sing



1. Those who were in the dark are thank-ful for the  
2. Peace-ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un-der-  
3. Gen-tle one, Child of God, join with us at this  
4. Lord of all, give us light. De-liv-er us from



sun-light; We who live, we who die are  
stand-ing Of the wheat, of the wine u-  
ta-ble. Bless our lives; nour-ish all who  
e-vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make



grate-ful for this gift, thank-ful for God's love.  
nit-ed with God's word and the love we share.  
hung-er for this feast; shel-ter them with peace.  
still the winds that blow; cra-dle us with love.

## Refrain



Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of God. All who eat,



all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in God, shall



come to know God's glo-ry!

**Motet:** “Hosanna to the Son of David” (*H. Leslie Adams*)

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed, in the name of the Lord.

And when they had heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

They took branches of palm trees and went forth to meet him, saying:

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna!

Hosanna in the highest!

*~Adapted from Matthew 21:8-9 and Mark 11:8-10*

**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:** “Stay With Us”

*All sing*

Stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one flat) and common time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of the phrase.

stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody from the first line. It also consists of two staves. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody concludes with a final cadence, indicated by a double bar line and repeat dots.

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*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.*

## **WORSHIP WITH US**

### **HOLY WEEK**

#### **Sunday March 24 (Palm Sunday)**

**7:00 PM** – Bach Vespers (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)

#### **Monday March 25**

**12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**6:00 PM** – Taizé Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

#### **Tuesday March 26**

**12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**6:00 PM** – Taizé Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

#### **Wednesday March 27**

**12:00 PM** – Midday Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**6:00 PM** – Service of Darkness (in the Church and through YouTube)

#### **Thursday March 28 (Maundy Thursday)**

**7:30 PM** - Holy Eucharist and Garden Watch

(in the Church and through YouTube)

#### **Friday March 29 (Good Friday)**

**9:30 AM** – Liturgy for All Ages (in the Church and through YouTube)

**12:00 PM** - Good Friday (in the Church and through YouTube)

#### **Saturday March 30**

**9:00 PM** – The Great Vigil (in the Church and through YouTube)

#### **Sunday March 31 (Easter Sunday)**

**9:00 AM** – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

**10:30 AM** – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

**8:00 PM** – Compline (on Zoom only)