

# Palm Sunday

## Procession and Holy Eucharist

Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 10:30 AM

### Church of the Redeemer

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## OUR VISION

### Becoming the Body of Christ at the corner of Bloor & Avenue Road and beyond

Guided by commitment to our shared values, we seek to become the body of Christ, nurturing a lively faith, a persistent hope, and an ever-expanding love for God's world.

- We seek to – open our doors and hearts, embracing all who seek a sacred space. We offer worship in many forms, touching the hearts of those yearning for spiritual connection, in-person or online.
- We seek to – listen deeply, hearing the stories of Jesus and of one another with open minds and hearts. Through faithful questioning, reflection, and shared learning, we grow together in wisdom and grace.
- We seek to – serve with generous hospitality, gathering at the table with our physical and spiritual hunger. We walk alongside one another with compassion in the seasons and conditions of life, sharing our needs and thanks.
- We seek to – embody Jesus' teachings that all people are God's children, worthy of love, and that all of creation is interconnected. Where structures or attitudes threaten or diminish, we advocate for justice, peace, equity and ecological responsibility.
- We seek to – reach out in-person and virtually to the world around us. We dare to love in word and action so that others see something of God in their midst.

## OUR VALUES

- Compassion:** meeting every soul with tenderness and dignity
- Openness:** welcoming questions, embracing differences, and following the movement of the Spirit
- Respect:** honouring each person's unique story and gifts, and the inherent worth of all Creation
- Inclusion:** making room for all to enter, find a place, and participate fully
- Stewardship:** nurturing respect for our resources and partnerships for long-term vitality



*Christ has no body now but ours, no hands, no feet on earth but ours. Ours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world. Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.*

Teresa of Avila (Adapted)

# WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

## Who We Are

We are followers of Jesus: children, young adults, families, and seniors who come from a variety of backgrounds. We are long-time members and newcomers; people of deep faith and those still searching; people shaped by many traditions—and sometimes seeking a deeper sense of faith and community. We are not limited by ability, age, economic status, ethnicity, gender identity, personal history or sexual orientation.

## Where We Stand

Dwelling on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga of the Credit First Nation, Church of the Redeemer stands at the crossroads, physical and virtual—of neighbourhoods and nations, of government, education, arts, culture, and commerce—in the heart of Toronto.

From this place we seek to live into our identity as the body of Christ: living our faith, offering hope, and sharing love for God's world.

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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:** Liska Stefko

## ✠ 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.

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

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **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”** (Mike & Jill Daley)

*All Sing*

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho -  
san - na in the highest! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho

Music: Mike Daley, Jill Daley © 2025.

*As the procession enters the church, join the parade and find a seat.*

*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 Prophet Zechariah

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

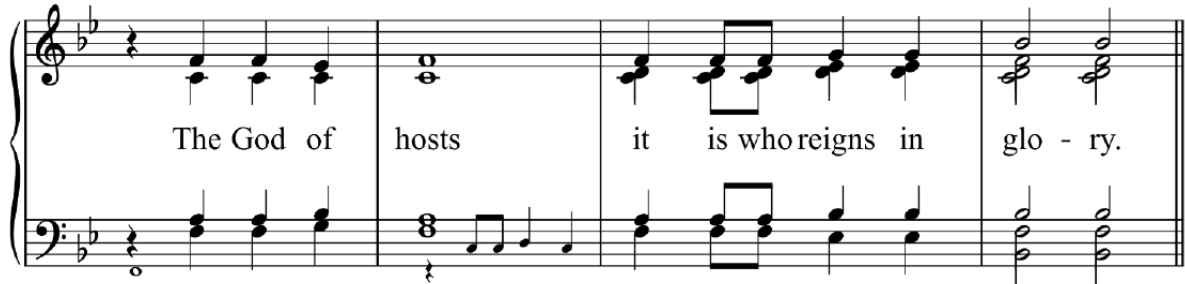
Zechariah 9:9-10

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*A moment of silence is observed*

### Psalm 24 (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:** #486 (Gather) "King of Glory"

*All Sing*

### Refrain



The King of glo-ry comes, the na-tion re-joic-es. O-pen the gates be-fore him,



lift up your voic-es.



1. Who is the king of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - iour and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,



He is Em-man - u - el, the prom-ised of a - ges.  
He goes a - mong his peo-ple cur - ing their ill-ness.  
In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an-oth-er.  
He took up - on him-self the sins of the na-tion.





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

All Sing



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
2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are
3. The peo - ple of the He - brews with
4. To thee be - fore thy Pas - sion they
5. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac -



Da - vid's roy - al Son, who in our God's name  
prais - ing thee on high, and we with all cre -  
palms be - fore thee went; our praise and prayer and  
sang their hymns of praise; to thee now high ex -  
cept the prayers we bring, who in all good de -



com - est, the King and bless - ed one.  
a - tion in chor - us make re - ply.  
an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
alt - ed our mel - o - dy we raise.  
light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.


## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### 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.**

### 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

*All sing*

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, 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." The score includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. There are triplets of eighth notes in the second and fourth staves. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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*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:*



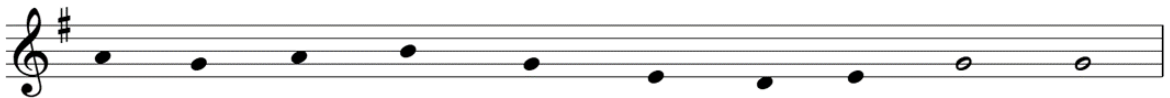
As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be your name,



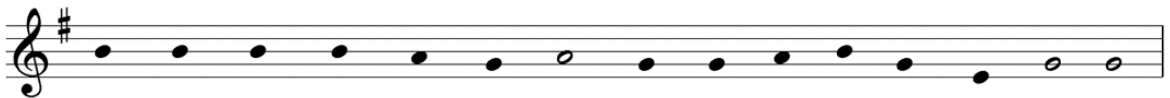
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



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.

## Fraction Hymn: “Lamb of God” (*Lena McLin*)

*All sing*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sin of the world: 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.*

*Intinction is the practice of dipping the bread or wafer into the wine when receiving communion.*

*This practice is not allowed in churches in the Diocese of Toronto, including the Church of the Redeemer, for health and safety reasons.*

## **Healing/Anointing**

*During the distribution of Holy Eucharist the ministry of anointing will be offered.*

*If you desire prayers for healing and the ministry of anointing, after you have received Holy Eucharist please move to one of the lay anointers on the outside of our liturgical space.*

## Communion Hymn: “Jesu Meine Freude”

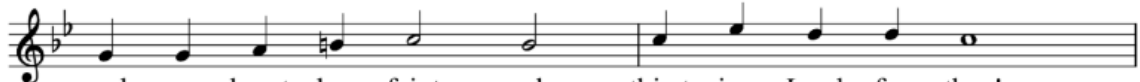
*All Sing*



1. Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
2. In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
3. Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed,  
can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who clear - ly loves us,



and my heart has faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee!  
ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
from all tri - al saves us, gives sweet peace with - in.



Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

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## Motet: “Hosanna to the Son of David” *(Thomas Weelkes)*

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo!

## 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  
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the crown be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from their throne. The  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 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. Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. By Rory Cooney, b.1952 © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

*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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# HOLY WEEK

*at*  
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

## Palm Sunday

9 AM - Worship on Zoom  
10:30 AM - Procession and Holy Eucharist  
*in the church and through YouTube*  
4 PM - Rock Vespers  
*featuring the music of U2  
in the church*

## Monday in Holy Week

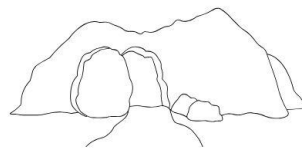
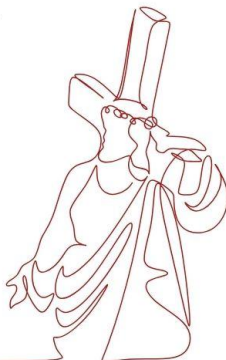
12 PM - Sung Eucharist  
*in the church and through YouTube*  
6 PM - Taizé Eucharist  
*in the church and through YouTube*

## Tuesday in Holy Week

12 PM - Sung Eucharist  
*in the church and through YouTube*  
6 PM - Taizé Eucharist  
*in the church and through YouTube*

## Wednesday in Holy Week

12 PM - Sung Eucharist  
*in the church and through YouTube*  
6 PM - Service of Darkness  
*in the church and through YouTube*



## Maundy Thursday

7:30 PM - Foot-washing,  
Holy Eucharist and Vigil  
*in the church and through YouTube*

## Good Friday

9:30 AM - Good Friday for  
All Ages  
*in the church and through YouTube*  
12 PM - Solemn Good Friday  
*in the church and through YouTube*

## The Great Vigil

9 PM - The First Eucharist of Easter  
*in the church and through YouTube*

## Easter Sunday

9 AM Worship on Zoom  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with  
Dramatic Retelling of the Gospel  
*in the church and through YouTube*