

Sunday March 29, 2026 10:00 A.M.

PALM SUNDAY

We're pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee and tea

Call to Worship

People of God, Rejoice!
Sing out in celebration, God's people!
Your King is coming to you, humble,
riding on a donkey, on a donkey's foal.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name.
Glory to God! Hosanna!

Blessing of the Palms
God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem
as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his love
and grant that we who bear them in his name
and hail him as our King,
may follow him in the way that leads to your resurrection life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 1-11
Reader: Deacon Lynne Smith
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Receiving of the Palms
During the following hymn, the congregation is invited to process forward and receive a palm cross. We will come forward by rows, and receive from the station in front of your section.

HYMN # 181 All Glory Laud and Honour
vs 1-4 (Blue Book)

Collect
God of palms and passion,
you accompany us as we follow Jesus
into Jerusalem and toward the cross.
Preserve us in our rejoicing,
forgive us in our betrayals,
and empower us to name injustice.
Grant us a vision of the cross
that reveals to us Christ's unfailing commitment
to the work and wonder of love.
May our hearts overflow with such love and justice,
and may our "hosannas" be our most fervent prayers
for the salvation you promise us,
through Christ our hope. **Amen.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

1st Reading Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Reader: Corinne MacLean
Give thanks to GOD, for GOD is good;
GOD's 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 GOD.
"This is the gate of GOD;
they who are 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.
This is GOD's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
On this day GOD has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Hosanna, GOD, hosanna!
GOD, send us now success.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Sovereign One;
we bless you from the house of GOD.
God is GOD; 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 GOD, for GOD is good;
GOD's mercy endures for ever.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

PSALM HYMN #627 The Voice of God Goes Out
(Blue Book) (Tune Blue Book # 557 Sursum Corda)

The Homily- *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Jesus Creed
We have confidence in Jesus
who healed the sick, the blind, and the paralysed.
And even raised the dead.
He cast out evil powers
and confronted corrupt leaders.
He cleansed the temple.
He favoured the poor.
He turned water into wine,
walked on water, calmed storms.
He died for the sins of the world,
rose from the dead, and ascended to the Father,
sent the Holy Spirit.

We have confidence in Jesus
who taught in word and example,
sign and wonder.
He preached parables of the kingdom of God
on hillsides, from boats, in the temple, in homes,
at banquets and parties, along the road, on beaches,
in towns, by day and by night.
He taught the way of love for God and neighbour,
for stranger and enemy, for outcast and alien.

We have confidence in Jesus,
who called disciples, led them,
gave them new names and new purpose
and sent them out to preach good news.
He washed their feet as a servant.
He walked with them, ate with them,
called them friends,
rebuked them, encouraged them,
promised to leave and then return,
and promised to be with them always.
He taught them to pray.
He rose early to pray, stole away to desolate places,
fasted and faced agonising temptations,
wept in a garden,
and prayed, 'Not my will but your will be done.'
He rejoiced, he sang, he feasted, he wept.

We have confidence in Jesus,
so we follow him, learn his ways,
seek to obey his teaching and live by his example.
We walk with him, walk in him, abide in him,
as a branch in a vine.
We have not seen him, but we love him.
His words are to us words of life eternal,
and to know him is to know the true and living God.
We do not see him now, but we have confidence
in Jesus. Amen. © Brian McLaren

Prayers of the People – *Spencer Stevens*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 184 My Song is Love Unknown
vs. 1-4, 6 (Blue Book)

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer (sung)

May God be with You
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.
Celebrant: Blessed are you gracious God
… join in their unending hymn.

Sanctus:
Holy, holy, holy are You,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant: On the night he was handed over
... mystery of faith:

Choir: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.
All: Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Celebrant: Recalling his death,…
... now and forever.

All: Amen.

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant: Lamb of God
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion

HYMN # 18 O Laughing Light, O First-Born of Creation *(Blue Book)*

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High *vs 1-4, 7 (Blue Book)*

The Dismissal

"Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem."
Our Saviour is on a journey,
and the way leads through opposition and misunderstanding.
Jesus invites us to follow him.
This journey leads through the shadows of betrayal,
the night of Gethsemane,
the afternoon darkness of Golgotha.
"Then Jesus told his disciples,
'If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."
Our Saviour is on a journey.
May we have the grace to follow this Christ,
and to give our very lives.
For in giving away our lives, we find them,
and in dying we live.

Silence