

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

*The congregation gathers in the **parking lot** (weather permitting) or in the narthex.*



WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (*Spoken responsively*)

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

**"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."**

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.**

By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosanna! O LORD, save us!

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners 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 the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th Chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches

that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you, O God, for revealing yourself in the person of Jesus Christ. Today we remember how he entered the city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed messiah and ruler by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and we who carry them. Grant us grace to follow Jesus in the way of the cross so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter life in all its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

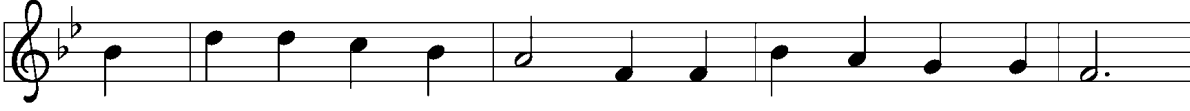
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,




to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

In the church when all have arrived at their pews.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

CHOIR ANTHEM

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

An oracle foreshadowing Israel's messianic era.

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. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse 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.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend both Jesus' humility and exaltation.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY Prepare the Royal Highway 264 RED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

For your church, that its praise would be authentic, inspired, and joyful. With the Anglican and Lutheran churches across the country, we pray today for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and Queen's College; and for the congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For a world deluded by impressive but illusory displays of military force, power, and wealth, that its eyes would be opened, and it would have the courage to submit only to ways of love and compassion. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who yearn for wholeness, salvation, and healing, that they would be comforted by the humble ministry of your people. We especially remember before you those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Ken, Jim, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John and Julianna, Deborah and Ron, Elijah, Florence, Nicky and Dwayne, Sadie, Beth, and those we name before you in our hearts. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our congregation of All Saints, that this Holy Week would be a blessed time of prayer and reflection on Jesus' life-giving example and gift to us. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The congregation may sit or kneel.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Our self-centered living, exploitation of other people, and failing to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you,
we confess to you, O God.

Our longing to have what is not ours, and hearts that are not at rest with ourselves,
we confess to you, O God.

Our misuse of human relationships and our unwillingness to see Jesus in others,
we confess to you, O God.

Jealousies that divide families and nations, rivalries that create strife and warfare,
we confess to you, O God.

Judgementalism, uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
we confess to you, O God.

Reluctance in sharing the time, talents and resources you have given us,
we confess to you, O God.

Waste and pollution of creation, and lack of concern for those who come after us,
we confess to you, O God.

Hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm,
we confess to you, O God.

Timidity at talking about the movement of Jesus in our lives,
negligence in worship and prayer, and wasting your gifts of love
and grace,

we confess to you, O God.

Restore us, O God, restore our relationships with you, with our
neighbours and with creation, and renew a right spirit within us.

Amen

The presiding minister addresses the congregation.

According to God's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all
who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to
the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

SEED THAT IN EARTH IS DYING

RED 330

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace
for we pray in your most holy name.

Amen

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: ... Amen, come, Lord, Jesus! Amen, come, Lord, Jesus!

C: **Amen, come, Lord, Jesus! Amen, come, Lord, Jesus!**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Amen, come, Holy Spirit! Amen, come, Holy Spirit!

C: **Amen, come, Holy Spirit! Amen, come, Holy Spirit!**

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.
A - men.

JESUS' PRAYER (A Paraphrase by Bill Wallace, Aotearoa/New Zealand)

**O most Compassionate Life-giver,
may we honour and praise you;
May we work with you to establish your new order of
justice peace and love;
Give us what we need for growth,
And help us, through forgiving others, to accept
forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all
evil,
For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and
forever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God

1. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:
Have mercy on us...
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace...
4. Lamb of God, you are way of mercy and love...
5. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Nothing Can Trouble

Blue 568

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Blue 306

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Blue 446

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Praise to You o God of
Mercy RED 208**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, and renewed.

God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

SENDING SONG Ride On, Ride on in Majesty BLUE 182

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Christine Morrison	Penny Richards
Servers	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze	John Syzmanski Kishan Gunawardene
Reader	Val Webb	Deborah Syzmanski-Potts
Ushers	Bill & Judy Rogers	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze Lucy Reid David Howells
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud	Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud
Counters	Laura F Mann Janet Weigel	Jan Nielsen Anne Stuart
Flowers		Joe & Merike Rutten
Coffee Hour	Pearl Robinson, Marilyn Coleman & Sheila Chappel	

Women of Faith—Lenten Self Denial: Envelopes and pamphlets are available on the table in the narthex. Please help

yourself. This year we are supporting Women in Crisis and Royal City Mission.

Food Security = Income Security Petition: TODAY is the last day to sign petition. The ask is that the Government of Ontario raise the financial support given to people who receive support through Ontario Works (currently \$733 month for a single person) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (currently \$1,308 month).

Books for the Free to Read Program can be dropped off until April 14, 2024.

Holy Week 2024: Looking ahead we are planning an Agape Meal at 6:00 p.m. on **Maundy Thursday (March 28)** followed by Eucharist and stripping of the altar at 7:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet for the Meal and we will need ushers to help with the elevator that night.

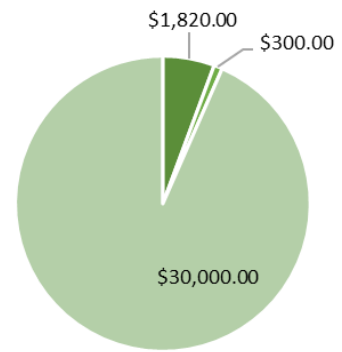
Readers are needed for a dramatic reading of the Gospel according to Mark, as well as a cross bearer, for **Good Friday (March 29)** at 10:00 a.m. If you can help please contact the office. Please stay after the service today for a short rehearsal. Thank you.

NEW Photo Directory: There is an updated copy of the Photo Directory now available on the table in the narthex. Please support the printing cost of \$5.00 per copy by adding "Photo Directory" to the Other line of your offering envelope, or the message line of your etransfer. Thank you.

Annual Reports: Please submit your reports to Janet Weigel by **April 2, 2024**. Our next Annual Meeting/Vestry Meeting is May 5, 2024. jweigel0220@rogers.com

Silvercreek Community Market: Please donate **all non-perishable items** again, except pasta. We are always in particular need of **RICE, red lentils, pasta sauce** and **cooking oil (1L size)**. Other needed items include breakfast cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, canned legumes, meat and fish. Thank you.

March 24 Fundraising Update



■ Donation ■ Pledges ■ Target (\$30,000)

Environmental Stewardship Update: We have had great support for our fundraising in the first weeks of the campaign. This pie chart will be updated each week to show our progress towards our goal of \$30,000 by the end of August. *Thank you!*

LOOKING AHEAD: March 25— 31

Monday 25	1:00 p.m.	Outreach Meeting, Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music, via Zoom
Tuesday 26	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	POM Project, Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 27	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
Thursday 28	6:00 p.m.	Agape Meal, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service, Nave
Friday 29	10:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service, Nave
Sunday 31	8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday, Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Holy Communion—Nave