

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for our Primate, the Most Rev Linda Nicholls; for our Provincial Metropolitan and Diocesan Archbishop, the Most Rev Anne Germond; for the Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin, and our Archdeacon, the Ven Glen Miller, and for our parish of the Church of the Ascension and our Incumbent, the Rev Jeff Hooper.

In the Diocese of Algoma, we pray for the parish of St Paul's, Thunder Bay, and for the ministry of the Ven Dr Deborah Kraft, the Rev Gordon Holroyd, and the Rev Anne Carr. We pray, also, for the Rev Beverly Van der Jagt and her ordination to the presbyterate on April 22 (D.v.).

We pray for reconciliation with the Indigenous Peoples of this land: Merciful God, be with us as we seek to heal old wounds and find joy again in our relationships. Replace all hearts of stone with hearts of flesh; give us gifts of honesty and openness, and fill us with your healing power and grace.

We pray for the following people for God's healing and strength during the coming week, especially – Tamara, Marshall, Kay, Dave Fowler, Annette, Barbara, Claudette, Gerry, Mary Rose, Sarah, Jaqueline, Colin, Catherine, George, David, Dan & Marc, Gary, Lucette, Estelle, Richard, Maggie, Carol, Marjorie Morton, Rob Caines, Vince, Chris, Connie Lee, David Caines, Trischa, Ed, Lori, John P, Ivan, Audrey and her friends, companions, and neighbours at L'Arche, James, Darryl Keen, Heather, John, Sonia, Nancy, Victoria P, Mark, Craig, Dana, Nancy Turner, Rick, Carol, and Debbie.

We pray for those who are living in retirement residences or nursing homes: Laurent Constantineau, Sybil Crawford, Marlene Moulton, Betty Bonas, and Daryl Keen; may they always feel God's presence in their lives.

We pray for those who have died, especially for Milt Fleming: grant Milt your peace, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him; We pray for those who are bereaved, and especially for the Fleming family, for the Van der Jagt family, and for the Ranta family: *Grant, O Lord, to all who are bereaved the spirit of faith and courage, that they may have strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; not sorrowing as those without hope, but in thankful remembrance of your great goodness, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. Almighty God, Father of mercies and giver of comfort, deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn; that casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

In our parish, we pray for wardens, board members, and lay leaders; we pray for parents, grandparents, and godparents, for spouses and siblings, for children and dependents, for all families and friends; and especially we pray for those with whom we are hurt, angry, or at cross-purposes; that by Christ's example, and through His grace, all hearts may be turned to your purpose, O Lord.



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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Lk 4.18-19) Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023

Welcome to our worship! Please know the Anglican Church teaches that all who are baptized with water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are welcome to receive the sacrament at the time of Communion.

Sunday of the Passion:

Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist

Sunday morning 10.00 am
live-streamed on Facebook
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Liturgy, BAS, pp. 185—215

(readings are per Revised Common
Lectionary, NRSVA translation)

Liturgy of the Palms BAS, pp. 297-9

Collect of the Day BAS, p. 299

Opening Hymn 181; All Glory Laud...

Liturgy of the Passion

First Reading Isaiah 50. 4-9a

Psalm 31 BAS, pp. 740-1

Second Reading Philippians 2. 5-11

Gradual Hymn 551; My Faith Looks...

The Passion of Our Lord (Mt 26.14-27.66)

Sermon

Confession of Faith BAS, pp. 188-9

Prayers, Confession,

Absolution, Peace BAS, pp. 190-2

Offertory Hymn 184; My Song is Love...

Prayer over Gifts BAS, p. 300

Eucharistic Prayer #2 BAS, pp. 196-7

The Lord's Prayer BAS, p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #7; BAS, p. 213

Communion Hymns #68 ; #70

Prayer after Communion BAS, p. 300

Doxology, Dismissal BAS, pp. 214-15

Closing Hymn 386; When I Survey...

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Collect for the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday: Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel Reading for the Liturgy of the Palms (*Mt 21.1-11*)

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!" 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."

Psalm for the Liturgy of the Palms (*Ps 118, vv 1-2, 19-29*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, "His mercy endures for ever."

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; he who is 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 the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! Lord, send us now success.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord; he 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."

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Liturgy of the Passion

First Reading (*Isaiah 50. 4-9a*)

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?

Psalm 31, vv 9-16 (*BAS, pp. 740-1*) **Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit**

Second Reading (*Philippians 2. 5-11*)

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.

Holy Gospel (*St Matthew 26.14 - 27.66*)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, from the Gospel according to St Matthew, will be read in parts from the pulpit and the lectern.

Prayer over the Gifts: 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.

Prayer after Communion: God our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever.