



Sunday March 29, 2026
The Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Lament Our Great Sin

Pachelbel

Order for the Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Introduction:

Celebrant: Dear Friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of the 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 on the cross. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew

People: **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!" 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." *(Matthew 21:1-11)*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Blessing of the Palms *[Please remain standing and raise your palm]*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to praise you almighty God, for the act 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.' Sanctify these branches with your blessing, that we, who follow Christ the King in exultation, may reach the eternal Jerusalem through him, who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honour

CP 181

[tune: St. Theodulph]

**All glory, laud and honour to thee Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring**

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.

To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Symbolic Knocking on the Church Door

[The gates of the Holy City and Temple were locked and only those who had the right could enter. The processional cross will knock on our church door to remind us of this.]

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

[With palms waving and with shouts of Hosanna, the procession enters the sanctuary (now, our Jerusalem) as our Lord rode into the fabled city of so many years ago.]

Hymn: *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

CP 182

[tune: Winchester New]

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes "Hosanna" cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp, ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel-squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
thy last and fiercest strife is nigh:
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp, ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Collect of the Day [*Please remain standing*]

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading **Isaiah 50:4-9A**

Reader: The First Reading is written in the fiftieth chapter of the Book of Isaiah beginning at the fourth verse

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? (*Isaiah 50:4-9A*) **Reader:** The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 31:9-16



Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: The Second Reading is written in the second chapter of The Letter of Paul to the Philippians beginning at the fifth verse

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. *(Philippians 2.5-11)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel of the Passion

The Passion Narrative according to Saint Matthew

The Homily

(please sit or kneel)

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

CP 184

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

CP 735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

(please sit)

Celebrant: 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, **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: 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 sons and daughters; 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. ***People:***
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(please be seated)

Anthem

Crown Him King of Kings

Bach

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: 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.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: 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.

Passiontide Blessing

Celebrant: May God the Father of mercies, who gave to you an example of charity in the passion of his only-begotten Son, grant that, through your service of God and of your neighbours, you may receive the ineffable gift of his blessing. Amen.

Celebrant: As Christ obtained the gift of everlasting life, so may you escape death through your belief in him. Amen.

Celebrant: May your following the example of his humility bring you to share in his resurrection. Amen.

Celebrant: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn:

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

CP 533

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dorian Fugue (the wonders of creation)

Bach

***If you have another commitment today,
and need to depart the church during the postlude, feel free to do so quietly.***

If you wish to contact Rev. Johanna, her email is, revjohannapak@gmail.com. For phone contact, please use the church 905-852-7016.

- **Memorial Flowers** – if you wish to have flowers in the church for Easter, please fill in the Easter Flower Offering envelope at the back of the church and place on the offering plate **TODAY, March 29th**.

This Week at St. Paul's

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

- 7:00 pm – Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

- 10:00 am – Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2, 2026 – Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 pm Holy Communion, Washing of Feet and Stripping of Altar and Sanctuary

Friday, April 3, 2026 – Good Friday

- 10:30 am - Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
- 4:00 pm – Cantorei Sine Nomine performing Buxtehude ‘Membra Jesu Nostri’

Saturday, April 4, 2026

- 10:00 am – Choir practice
- 11:00 am – Altar Guild meet to prepare for Easter

Sunday, April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday

- 10:30 am – Eucharist

Readings for Next Sunday

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- John 20:1-18

Upcoming Events

- **Ukrainian Easter Egg (Pysanke) Workshop** – a workshop will be held in the Lower Hall at St. Paul's on **April 13, 14 and 16 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm**. All materials will be supplied. \$25.00 per person, maximum 8 students. This workshop will be taught by **Peter Browne**. Peter has been writing Pysanke for more than 40 years, and has taught many workshops for both children and adults. Please pre-register by **Wednesday, April 8th, 905-852-6853**.
- **Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 2:00 pm - Celebration of New Ministry Service for Reverend Johanna**. More details will follow. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this celebration in the life of our parish.
- **St. Paul's Creative Crafters** – All crafters are welcome. If you are a seasoned crafter or just starting out or want to learn and create. Come share your passion for handmade fun!

What to expect:

- gather and share your love of knitting, crochet, stitchery, paper crafts and more
- skill sharing ideas learning new techniques
- become a part of our prayer shawl ministry, providing shawls, pocket squares and more to members of our community
- you are welcome to bring your own craft projects and enjoy some fellowship with others

Join us the **first Tuesday of every month** in the church lounge from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

For more information contact Doreen Stainton – email cedarviewarts@gmail.com

- **St. Paul's Choir** meet for choir practice on Friday mornings from 10:30 am until 12:00 pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. New members are always welcome and encouraged. Please let Stu know if you would like to participate.

**For the health and comfort of those with allergies
St. Paul's is a "scent free" facility.**