

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Celebrant: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Lay Readers: Connie Kadey and Jeff Oneski

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Jerusalem and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary and their clergy, The Rev. Leighton Lee, The Rev. Helen Dunn, and The Rev. Cyril Challice and for the Diocese of Calgary Synod Office Staff.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Cathedral Church of St. George with Transfiguration, the Ascension and Holy Redeemer and their clergy, The Very Rev. Patrick McIntosh and for the Diocese of the Windward Islands and Synod Office Staff.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Olive Holgate, Rev. Mervin Wolfleg, Jocelyn Hutchinson, Allan Knobbe, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Doug, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Linda Greene, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Shelley, Alison James, Julienne Hendrickson, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbane, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Eileen Williams, Andrew Howe.

Glenn Werth is warden on duty today.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by Eapen, Mary and Lincy Mathew for God to Bless Linita and wish her a Happy Birthday.

**The Sunday of the Passion
with the Liturgy of the Palms
April 13th, 2014**



**St. Peter's Anglican Church
903-75th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta 403-252-0393**

Our worship today begins the holiest week of the Christian year. It is characterized by first the excitement, joy and triumph of Jesus' glorious entry into Jerusalem where He is hailed as a king with palm branches and shouts of joy. The triumph and joy quickly turns, however, to the story of Jesus' passion - his suffering and death on the cross. Today's worship, and that throughout Holy Week, provides us with the opportunity to walk with Jesus in the Way of God. May you enter this journey with openness and steadfastness of faith.

Introit

Choir: *Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!* by Mark Hayes

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna to the Son of David.

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

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

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 Palm Gospel

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Matthew 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.'

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Blessing of the Palms

The people hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said

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 victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Procession

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Processional Hymn #181 All Glory, Laud, and Honour

The choir, liturgical party and children will process with palms during this hymn

The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

Silence is kept.

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

The Children will now go to Sunday School.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (50: 4-9a) Marilyn Shaw

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 backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; 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?

Reflection: The Reverend Dr. Jane Rowland

The Passion Gospel

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

A dramatic reading of the Passion narrative (see insert)

This is the Passion of the Lord.

Silence is kept. Choir Anthem: "Lead Me, Lord" by Jay Rowe

The Prayers of the People

Litany of Penitence

Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are your ways our ways. You look at the ugliest soul and see, still unstirred, the wings of an angel.

We scan the finest of our neighbours, anxious to find the flaw.

You view time in the context of eternity, and so find a place for waiting, for yearning, even for suffering, even for dying.

We demand instant results; and look for tomorrow before savouring today.

You know that only one who suffers can ultimately save, that is why you walk the way of the cross.

We fear that vulnerability which defies our power; and so we cry for crucifixion.

Your thoughts are not our thoughts.

Neither are your ways our ways.

And yet we know that your way is the ladder to heaven, while, left to our own devices, our ways slope downward to hell. But we are here, not to have our worst confirmed, but to have our best liberated. So we pray,

Forgive in us what has gone wrong, repair in us what is wasted, reveal in us what is good.

And nourish us with better food that we could ever purchase: Your Word, Your love, Your inspiration, Your daily bread for our life's journey, in the company of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in Christ Jesus we have been brought near, for he is our peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.**

Offertory Hymn #184 My Song Is Love Unknown

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3 – BAS page 198

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread #7, BAS (green book) page 213

The Communion

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, including children. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

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. Amen.**

All your works praise you, O Lord. **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God **we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

Amen.

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice
in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

Amen.

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #199 Who Would Ever Have Believed It.

There will be no recession or dismissal.

*Please feel free to remain in prayer and leave quietly when you wish,
to observe a prayerful Holy Week.*