

Palm Sunday

A large, stylized graphic of a palm frond in a vibrant green color. The frond is positioned horizontally across the bottom of the 'Palm Sunday' text, with its stem extending to the right and its leaves fanning out to the left.

Church of St. John the Evangelist

Eflora, Ontario

Palm Sunday – April 14, 2019

Welcome to St. John's – If you are new or visiting with us this morning, welcome! We are delighted that you are here. Please introduce yourself by signing our guest book, or by completing one of the Visitor's Cards and Envelopes available in the pews. One of our Sidespeople will be happy to answer any of your questions about St. John's or today's worship.

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (BCP)
9:00 am Contemporary Eucharist (BAS)
11:00 am Choral Mattins (BCP)



Hearing assistive receivers (stethoscope/earphones) are available from the sidespersons.
Large print hymn and prayer books available at the back of the church.

Introit Hosanna to the Son of David

Weelkes

Gospel of the Palms Luke 19.28-40

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy Spirit.

V. Let us go forth in peace to greet the King of Glory.

R. In the name of the Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 130 All glory, laud, and honour

St. Theodulph

Sentence, Exhortation, and Confession (4-6)
Preces, and Responses (6)

Venite, Exultemus Domino (6)

Barnby

Lesson 1 Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he awakens—
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.

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?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Psalm 23 (356)

Goss

(Congregation may be seated during the Psalm)

Lesson II Luke 23.1-49

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him,

and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Benedictus (9)

Walmisley

The Apostles' Creed, Responses, and Collects (10-12, 150)

Anthem Crucifixus

Lotti

And was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.....

Hymn 131 Ride on! ride on in majesty!

Winchester New

Homily The Rev'd John Lockyer

Offertory Hymn 596 My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

Prayers, Blessing of Palms, Grace

Recessional Hymn 139 O Sacred head, surrounded

Passion Chorale

Please join us for coffee hour after the service downstairs in Thompson Hall. This is a great opportunity to greet newcomers and old friends.

The flowers at the Altar are to the Glory of God. The palm branches at the Altar today are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Canon Harold Thomasson, the gift of the Rt Rev'd Ralph Spence.

Sidespeople

Readers

Altar Guild

Coffee Hour Hosts

David and Barbara Watkins

Gospel of the Palms

Lesson

Gospel

Heather Morris, Pam Gradwell

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Announcements for Sunday, April 14, 2019

THE WEEK AHEAD

<i>Monday-Thursday</i>	8:45-9:15 am	<i>Mattins (in Church)</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	12:15 pm	<i>Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows (Cathedral)</i>
	5:30-6:30 pm	<i>Volunteer Choir Practice (in Church)</i>
<i>Holy Wednesday</i>	10:30 am	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	6:30 pm	<i>Choral Eucharist and Stripping of Altar</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	11:00 am	<i>Solemn Liturgy and Meditations (Parish Choir)</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	9:00 am	<i>Decorating for Easter</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

<i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:00 am	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
	9:00 am	<i>Contemporary Eucharist</i> <i>Readings Isaiah 65.17-25, Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24</i> <i>Acts 10.34-43, Luke 24.1-12</i>
	11:00 am	<i>Choral Eucharist (Parish Choir)</i> <i>Readings Isaiah 65.17-25, Luke 24.1-12</i>

GUEST CONDUCTORS

Today, we welcome Ken Hull as our guest conductor.

NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

We are so looking forward to welcoming John Wiens as our new Director of Music on Sunday May 19 that we have created an office space for him in the Parish Centre. John is moving from Winnipeg where he is director of Polycoro Choir and the choir of the Church of St Michael and All Angels. Please join in extending a warm welcome to John by being at church on his first Sunday, May 19.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Parish Choir, which sings at the 11am service, is entirely funded by donations from people like you. As the Parish Choir Fund is a separate Trust Fund and is not part of the operating budget, please mark your donation "Parish Choir". You can make your donation online through our website as a one time or ongoing monthly gift. You can also ask a Sideperson for a Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G.) form if you wish to give as a monthly debit from your account. Whatever method you use, please identify your gift as "Parish Choir". Thank you for your intentional generosity.

WOMEN'S DINNER IN APRIL

Please note that there will be no gathering in Holy Week for the Women's Dinner in April. Instead we meet in May, and potentially in June, on the third Wednesday of the month.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church **office** will be closed April 19 (Good Friday) and April 22 (Easter Monday).

EASTER FLOWERS

You are invited to give a donation towards the cost of Easter flowers in memory of loved ones. Please contact Elaine Dightam at 519-843-5091 or at elaine.dightam@gmail.com this week to indicate your intentions. If you wish your loved ones names to be included in the Easter bulletins we will need to know by Monday, April 15. Please mark on an Envelope "Easter Flowers" and include the names of those in whose memory the gift is given. A gift of any amount will be gratefully received.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHOIR

Children and youth are invited to participate in the St. John's Children and Youth Choir which rehearses on Thursdays at 4:45pm. Please contact Emily Petrenko through the Parish Office for more information.

REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP CLOSING

On behalf of the St. John's Refugee Support Group, many thanks to all who have contributed to our funds. With your assistance we have been able to augment the effects of those groups in Centre Wellington who adopted refugee families and individuals over the past years. Our group has decided to close its account in St. John's and to redirect our efforts in other outreach projects in the parish.

BIBLE STUDY AT PORTAGE

You are invited to participate in helping with the Monday evening Bible Study at Portage. This is an opportunity to engage the residents of Portage in the Bible, respond to some of their questions, and provide some music and prayer together. It is a significant outreach where we all learn new insights and sometimes leads to the request for baptism. We meet at Portage on Mondays, 7:00 to 8:00pm. We all support one another, so there's no expertise required. If you would like to learn more, please ask Peter Scott or Dave Tinker.

MAKING AN INTENTIONAL COMMITMENT TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Perhaps you have never been baptized or confirmed. Or, perhaps you come from another tradition and have never formally been received into the Anglican Communion by a Bishop. Or, perhaps you have navigated all those ecclesial requirements earlier in your life, and you are interested to reaffirm your commitment to the Christian faith. If you are interested in learning more about any of these public rites as a way to declare your intention to follow the way of the cross as a way of love, then

please speak to the Rector. There is a service of Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception into the Anglican Communion at Christ's Church Cathedral in Hamilton on Sunday June 9th, 4:00p.m.

BISHOP'S COMPANY DINNER - MONDAY MAY 27, 6:00PM

We are hoping to have ten people from St. John's attend the Bishop's Company Dinner on Monday May 27th at Michelangelo's Banquet Centre in Hamilton. The cost is \$75 per person. The Bishop's Company allows the Bishop to financially support clergy, lay workers, and their family members who are in transition or in crisis, and to support theological students in their studies. This year, we are honoured to have The Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz, Primate of Canada, as the guest speaker. Archbishop Fred is a warm and engaging speaker who represents the voice of the church of Canada internationally, and holds the figurehead of the unity of the church in Canada. He will be retiring from his role as Archbishop in July, when the members of General Synod, who will gather in Vancouver, will elect our new Primate. If you are interested in attending the dinner, please let the Rector know.

ANGLICAN JOURNAL

If you wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the Anglican Journal or the diocesan paper, The Niagara Anglican, please contact the subscription office at 1-866-333-0959 or online at anglicanjournal.com/yes.

PATRONAL LUNCH – Sunday May 5

Let us know what food you can bring for the Patronal Lunch scheduled for Sunday May 5 at the Elora Community Centre. Please leave a message at the Parish Centre or contact Christine Kerr or Bryan Rankine directly. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to be together on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. You can contact Christine at kerrcl@gmail.com.

FOOD BANK

Our present needs are for school luncheon foods, juices, puddings, and fruit cups. As well we are very low on hamburger helper and side kicks. There is a list on the bulletin board suggesting further donations. Any help would be most appreciated.

PARISH MAILING LIST

If you would like to be on the St. John's Parish Mailing List to receive copies of our quarterly newsletter, or would like to receive parish news through email, please complete a pew card with the necessary information and give it to one of the Sidespeople. Copies of our Easter newsletter are available at the back of the church.