

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 20, 2016
Palm/Passion Sunday



Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you for worshipping with us. Whether you are a first-time visitor, a faithful parishioner or a returning friend, please know that you always have a place at God's table. As you enter today, may the gathering of this community strengthen you to take God's compassion and peace to a world in need of both.

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HOLY COMMUNION AT EIGHT O’CLOCK

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Psalm 118:19-29,22:1-11

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Celebrant

Archdeacon Ken Cardwell

Preacher

Interim Transitional Minister Perry Chuipka

EUCHARIST AT TEN O’CLOCK

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE PARISH HALL

Parish Notices

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Greeting: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Exhortation, Collect and Blessing of the Palms

The GospelMatthew 21:1-4

Blessing

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSION TO CHURCH

Processional Hymn 181 **All Glory, Laud, and Honour**

Refrain: **All glory, laud and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,**

To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed one
- 2 The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And we with all creation, in chorus make reply
- 3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.
- 4 To thee before the Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted our melody we raise.
- 5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Processional Prayer..... p. 299

Collect for the Day p. 299

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Our passage is one of four servant songs found in Isaiah. The first begins “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen ...”. In late

Judaism, the servant was seen as the perfect Israelite, one of supreme holiness, a messiah. In the gospels, Jesus identifies himself as the servant (or slave), the one who frees all people.

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a Paul Millerd

Psalms 31:9-16 (sung by choir) p. 740

Paul has just urged the Christians at Philippi, through "encouragement in Christ", and moved by God's love for them, to "be of the same mind[set], having the same love, being in full accord ..." They are to "regard others as better than ... [themselves]", freely adopting a lowly, unassertive stance before others, replacing self-interest with concern for others.

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Vi Gaudet

Gradual Hymn 189:1,2..... **Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord**

The entry into Jerusalem represented a turning point for John's gospel; it was the last public appearance for Jesus. While it did not have the dramatic impact as the resurrection of Lazarus, it brought Jesus into Jerusalem and onto the "home turf" of the Pharisees and Sadducees. In John's gospel, when he entered Jerusalem, he would not leave until he revealed himself as the Messiah on the cross.

Gospel Reading John 12:12-16

Gradual Hymn 189:3, 4..... **Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord**

Sermon Interim Transitional Minister Perry Chuipka

Apostles' Creed p. 189

The Prayers of the People Angus Sheach

Intercessor: Let us pray, **Response: Have mercy, O God.**

Confession, Absolution and Exchange of the Peace..... p. 191

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Sentence: *All I care for is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. See Philippians 3:10*

Offertory Hymn 386 **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Prayer over the Gifts..... p. 300

Eucharistic Prayer 2..... p. 196

Sanctus/Benedictus Hymnbook 689

Lord's Prayer (music on page 918) top of p. 211

Breaking of the Bread 7 p. 213

Agnus Dei Hymnbook 690

A Chalice has been prepared for those who wish to share in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion by means of intinction. It is located beside the font.

You are invited to receive Prayers for Healing: After you have shared the Sacrament of the Eucharist or received a blessing and would like to receive prayers for healing with the laying on of hands, members

of the healing prayer team will pray with you, in confidence, in the meditation space at the back of the church.

Communion Hymn 191 **To Mock Your Reign**

Choir Anthem: O voz omnes (Lamentations 1:12) G. Croce

Post Communion Prayers p. 300, p.214

Transitional Prayer: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new. In this time of transition, fill us with your Spirit, that it might quell our fears, and rekindle our passion to proclaim that Christ is in our midst. Grant us assurance of your healing love, that we may, with wisdom and understanding, continue the best of our past and present ministries. Bless us with vision and hope, that we might discern your will for us in the days to come. And give us the courage to leave behind all that hinders us from becoming the community you call us to be. Amen.

The Blessing

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Recessional Hymn 182 **Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

Dismissal: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude ... *The Postlude is the concluding offering of worship; Those who wish to leave during the Postlude are asked to do so quietly.*

Interim Transitional Priest

The Venerable Perry Chuipka

Assistant Clergy

The Venerable Ken Cardwell

The Reverend Paul Kett

Theological Students

Matt Kieswetter

John Paul Markides

Churchwardens

Charles Stuart Gillian Westwood Terry Rothwell

Director of Music

Marlin Nagtegaal, BMus., MMus., U.M.

Choral Scholar

Rebecca McKay BMus.

Parish Nurse

Elsie Millerd, RN, BN, DipCS, MTS

Chalice Bearers for March 20 2016

Margaret Hendley, Jean Wright, Ray Cloutier

Prayer Ministry Intercessors for March 20 2016

George Strack, Brenda Morrison

The Prayers of the People – March 20, 2016

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the Church Jerusalem and the Middle East, The Right Reverend Suheil Dawani, Bishop; and for the clergy and people of this part of our world-wide communion, and for our mutual mission and ministry. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

PRAY for Robert, our Diocesan Bishop and Linda, our elected Co-Adjutor Bishop; for Colin, Archbishop of Ontario; Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada; Susan, National Bishop, and Michael, Bishop of the Eastern Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. In our Anglican Church of Canada we pray this week for Archbishop Percy Coffin, the people and clergy of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray this week for the Assistant to the Bishop, and the staff of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

PRAY for the people, parishes and clergy of our own Waterloo Deanery, and especially this week for St. Georges, New Hamburg; and St. Bede's Chapel, All Saints', Church of the Holy Saviour, and St. Columba's, all in Waterloo.

FOR OUR COMPANION DIOCESE

PRAY for the Diocese of Amazonia, companion Diocese of the Diocese of Huron. Pray for the Bishop, clergy, and people of that Diocese, for the Cathedral Church of St. Mary. Pray for all who are troubled and fearful, due to violence and theft in Belem. Help us, as a Diocese, to find ways to support and learn from our companions in this Diocese.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KITCHENER

WE PRAY this week for Kathleen Mansell, Sue & Peter Mansell, Leslie & Greg Mason, Nancy & Joe Mattes and their families.

PRAY for Perry, our Interim Transitional Priest; Matt and John Paul, our theological students; for Ken and Paul, our assisting clergy, and the wardens and lay leaders of our Parish during this time of transition. Pray that we may plan for our future with unity of spirit, and with prayer and purposeful ministry.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO ARE ILL

WE PRAY this week for Joan; Sandi; Linda; Isabel; Kyle & family; Devon; Colleen; Pat; Kay; Ted; Tracy; Marlin.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

For a sustaining and uplifting journey through Holy Week, that we may once again walk the road through the passion, suffering and

death of our Lord, and arrive at the empty tomb with renewed faith and commitment.

For members of the Transition Team of our parish, as they lead us in reflection and action that will give us new insight and vitality.

For our parish and our Deanery as we offer support to Syrian newcomers. Continue to pray for the young Syrian family that have arrived under our joint sponsorship, and for those who will help them to settle. Pray for the Deanery Refugee steering committee, as they continue to enable the process of refugee resettlement here in the Region of Waterloo. Give thanks for the many who are supporting, both financially and with their time and talents, this resettlement and welcoming programme.

Parish Notices – March 20, 2016

Get in the Picture

Immediately following the 10 am service we will all gather in front of the nave altar to have a group picture taken. This is for our web site and will show the world what a great group we are. Don't be left out-get in the picture.

Blood Pressure Screening: The parish nurse is available after the 8 am and 10 am services today to do blood pressure screening and to make appointments for consultations on health concerns.

Fundscrip: The Next Fundscrip Order will take place Sunday April 10, 2016. Questions may be directed to fundscrip@stjohn316.com or by calling the Parish Office.

Support Simon on his Ride for Refugees On Sunday, April 3, Simon Guthrie, a member of St John's, will undertake a 12 hour bicycle ride to raise funds for the transportation needs of Syrian refugee families. Simon will start at 12:01 am and ride until noon on a stationary bicycle in the upper parish hall. He will finish shortly after the 10 am service that Sunday.

Simon hopes to raise \$7000, the cost of bus passes for one year for two refugee families. This is a Deanery of Waterloo challenge. We are asking all local Anglican churches and others to support the ride.

You may support Simon by donating cash or a cheque payable to St John's, designating the donation for Simon's Ride for Refugees. Place your donation in an offering plate. Tax receipts will be issued by St. John's.

Alternatively, you can support Simon by make a pledge using the pledge form available in the narthex.

Let's all Support Simon Go Simon Go!

Easter Season Noon Hour Recital Series

Thursdays from 12:15-12:45 at St. John's; beginning Thursday March 31. March 31-Barrie Cabena; April 7-Joel Vanderzee; April 14-Martin Jongsma; April 21-Peter Nikiforuk; April 28-Kevin Lee; May 5-Marlin Nagtegaal

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation towards the EASTER SUNDAY flowers in memory of loved ones, please use the envelopes marked "EASTER FLOWERS". These envelopes are on the table in the Narthex. Please print the information requested and place the envelope on the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office no later than TODAY Sunday March 20th. If you are paying with a cheque, please make it payable to "St. John's ACW".

WEEKLY MEMORIAL FLOWERS: Every Sunday, memorial flowers are donated by parishioners in memory of a loved one or loved ones. **This year**, there are several Sundays (**March 20, July 17, July 31, August 21, October 30, December 18**) where no memorial flowers have been designated. For those Sundays, the ACW, at considerable expense, provides the flowers. Should you wish to provide memorial flowers on any of the Sundays indicated above, please contact the church office. Many thanks.

Jesus was a refugee too (Matt: 2:13 -15) Children: Jesus himself began his life in a situation similar to that of refugee children today. Many of the younger ones, like Jesus, are still with a parent or other caregiver who can try to protect them. Among the refugees are also older, unaccompanied children who are especially at risk. God calls us to open our hearts to all these children, welcoming and loving them as did the adult Jesus. (Matt 19: 13-15)

The Health Council invites you to join them on a virtual walk. By focusing, as you exercise, on the theme "Jesus was a refugee too" it is hoped that you will reflect on the current refugee crisis. Please sign up on sheets available in the Narthex and Upper Parish Hall. All forms of exercise count and will be converted to kilometers. The kilometers walked will then be compared to the distance that many refugees have walked to find safety.

March in Church School: This month we'll be learning about prayer as it relates to the stories of Holy Week and Easter.

Lay Readers' Conference - April 8 & 9, 2016 - Grace Church, Brantford Regional Ministry. Plan to join us for a time of study, fellowship and worship. We'll gather together as Lay Readers of the Diocese of Huron to further our preaching ministry, learn about how we can support new models of parish ministry and share what is exciting and helpful that others would benefit from knowing. Hotel and billet information available, upon request. Friday reception and Saturday breakfast and lunch included with registration. Early registration \$30 until March 1st, \$40 after that. Conference information: Renee Anderson (renee_btfd@yahoo.ca). Registrar: Dane Rice (ricedo333@hotmail.com).

Upcoming Bishops Friends dinner: Huron/Perth – April 27, 2016 – Mitchell Golf & Country Club (www.mitchellgolfclub.com) – Contact Stephanie Donaldson for further details: juniper@hay.net

A Service of Celebration and Welcoming for the Right Rev'd Linda Nicholls, Coadjutor Bishop of Huron will take place on Saturday, April 16th at the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, London @ 1:00 pm. Clergy are invited to vest, the colour being white. There will be a light reception after the service in the Great Hall. Bishop Linda will officially join the Diocesan Office on May 1st, 2016.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK – March 21 – March 27

Tuesday March 22

1:00 p.m. Meditative Prayer – St. Aidan's Chapel

Wednesday March 23

7:30 a.m. Early Eucharist with breakfast

7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer

Thursday March 24 – Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday March 25 – Good Friday

10:00 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy

11:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Saturday March 26

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sunday March 27 - Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Festal Eucharist

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