

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church

(Congregation established 1913)

March 25th, 2018

Palm Sunday

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

We Adore You O Christ and We Bless You
Because By your Holy Cross Joy has come to all the world!

MORNING PRAYER AT NINE-FORTY

Book of Common Prayer Book, Page 6-15, Psalm 24, Exodus 11, Matthew 26

LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY COMMUNION AT HALF-PAST

Book of Common Prayer, pp. 76-85

Nursery (for infants and toddlers) is available in Good Shepherd Nursery.

Godly Play in the Children's Worship Centre for children 3 - 6 years. "Today's story is 'Jesus the King' John 12:12-13. Leaders: Melanie B, Sandra D.

Coffee and Tea Following the service, please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the upper hall. Hosts: Nat and Mary R

This Week at St. Mary`s

Monday to Friday	8. 30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10. 30 am	Forever in Motion Seniors Exercise Group
Wednesday	10.30 am	Mom and Tots Group
Maundy Thursday	9.30 am	Women's Time Out Bible Study
	6.00 pm	Maundy Thursday service and Agape
Good Friday	2.00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord`s Passion
	9.00 p.m.	Tenebrae
Easter Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion, Blessing of the Easter Baskets and Easter Brunch

LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY COMMUNION

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Responses

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! R/Hosanna in the Highest!

Introduction to the Service

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

R/ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

R/Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Blessing and Distribution of the Palms

The Lord be with you. R/And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R/It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us go forth in peace. R./ In the name of Christ. Amen.

Chant in Procession: Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode

Hymn: 181 All Glory Laud and Honour

Collect for the Day

Old Testament: Isaiah 50. 4-9a. R./ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31. 9-16

Thou hast not shut me up into the' hand of' the' enemy; / but hast set my' feet' in' a' broad' place.

HAVE mercy upon me, O LORD, for I' am' in'trouble, / and mine eye is consumed for very heaviness'; yea', my' soul and' my' body.

For my life is waxen' old'with' sorrow, / and my' years' with' mourn'ing.

My strength faileth me because of 'my' ad'ver- sity, / and' my' bones' are' con'sumed.

I am become a reproach because of' all' mine' enemies, / and e'specially' un'to' my' neighbours;

And they of mine acquaintance' are' a'fraid of me; / and they that see me in the' street' flee' from me.

I am clean forgotten, as a dead man' out' of' mind; / I am become' like' a' bro'ken' vessel.

For I have heard the whispering of the multi- tude, and fear is on' eve'ry' 'side; / while they conspire together against me, and plot to' take' a'way' my' life.

Epistle: Philippians 2. 1-5 R./**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: 482 Come and Journey with a Savior.

(Nursery and Worship Centre Children follow the crucifer to the back to meet their leaders).

Please sit.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Narrator: When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death; and they bound him and led him away and delivered him to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that he was

condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver... to the chief priests and the elders, saying,

Judas: "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood..."

Narrator: They said,

Chief Priests: "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

Narrator: And throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself... But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests: "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

Narrator: So they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him on whom a price had been set by some of the sons of Israel, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord directed me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: "You have said so."

Narrator: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?"

Narrator: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge; so that the governor wondered greatly. Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barab'bas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Whom do you want me to release for you, Barab'bas or Jesus who is called Christ?"

Narrator: For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife: "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much

over him today in a dream."

Narrator: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the people to ask for Barab'bas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said,

Crowd: "Barab'bas."

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

Narrator: They all said,

Crowd: "Let him be crucified."

Narrator: And he said,

Pilate: "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Crowd: "Let him be crucified."

Antiphon: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One have Mercy Upon us.

Narrator: So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered,

Crowd: "His blood be on us and on our children!"

Narrator: Then he released for them Barab'bas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head... and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator: And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head.

And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyre'ne, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Gol'gotha (which means the place of the skull) they offered him wine to drink, mingled with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

Please stand.

And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews..."

Narrator: Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying,

Bystanders: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Narrator: So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying,

Chief Priests: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him; for he said, "I am the Son of God."

Narrator: And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour.

Narrator: And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: "Eli, Eli, la'ma sabach-tha'ni?"

Narrator: that is, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Antiphon: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One have Mercy Upon us.

Narrator: And some of the bystanders hearing it said,

Bystanders: "This man is calling Eli'jah."

Narrator: And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave it to him to drink... But the others said,

Bystanders: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come and save him."

Narrator: And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom and the earth shook, and the rocks were split; the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe, and said,

Centurion: "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Narrator: When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests: "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

Narrator: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Antiphon: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One have Mercy Upon us.

Sermon

The Prayers Let us pray to the Lord. R/**Lord, have mercy.**

Offertory Hymn: 386 When I Survey

Invitation, Confession and Absolution

(Prayer Book p. 76, 77)

Great Thanksgiving, Peace, Prayer of Humble Access

The Communion

Communion Anthem: What Shall I Render to the Lord Psalm 116: 12-14, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the Name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Lord's Prayer

Thanksgiving after Communion

(Prayer Book p. 85, 86)

Blessing

Dismissal **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 185 Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle

PARISH LIFE NOTES

The prayer team is not available to pray after communion today.

Light and Peace Lenten Gatherings for Families. 5-7 pm tonight, March 25th. Hosted by Adam and Alana S. Taco Time! Beef and Tortillas provided, please bring other toppings to share! Talk to Alana or Adam or to Heidi D for more information.

Maundy Thursday, March 29- Please bring bread, cheese, fruit, or vegetables for the agape meal.

Easter Sunday, April 1 – Please bring a brunch food item to share at the Easter brunch.

Easter Bread Baking Workshop Monday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Lunch provided sign up sheet on the Landing.

Worship Service at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre - will take place next Sunday, April 1, at 1:30 pm. in the chapel. A team from St. Mary's leads the service and porters residents to the chapel. We invite you to share in this outreach. Please call Rem W for more information.

TONIGHT at 7:30 p.m., the Luther Bach Choir presents "Music for Passiontide." The performance will take place in the Rex Schneider Auditorium (second floor) at Luther College at the University of Regina and includes choral and instrumental music by J.S. Bach, Brahms, Hadyn and Schütz. A freewill offering will be collected and a reception follows.

Twelve St Mary's parishioners are needed for foot washing for the Maundy Thursday evening service. Please contact Carol M by Tuesday if you are able & willing.