

The Eastern Townships Regional Ministry

**A Service of Holy Eucharist
For the Sunday of the Passion
(Commonly Called Palm Sunday)**



Grace Church (Sutton)

10 April 2022

Prelude: "Light shines through," by Martin How (1931-2015)

A Prayer for Regional Ministry

O God, you have called us together in this Regional Ministry to bear witness to your loving presence here in the Eastern Townships.

Scripture teaches us that while we are many, we all make up one body — the Body of Christ.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may fulfil the work you have given us to do in this place; for the sake of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom. Amen.

The Gathering of the Community

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

Hosanna in the highest.

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Wôbanakiak (Abanaki) First Peoples.

May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ,

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our 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 and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new 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 Gospel of the Palms (Luke 19:28-40)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus 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."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Blessing of the Palms & Procession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts 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. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



All glory, laud, and honour (CP #181)

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. R

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

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

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

5. Thou didst accept their
praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious
King. R

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day:

Let us pray,

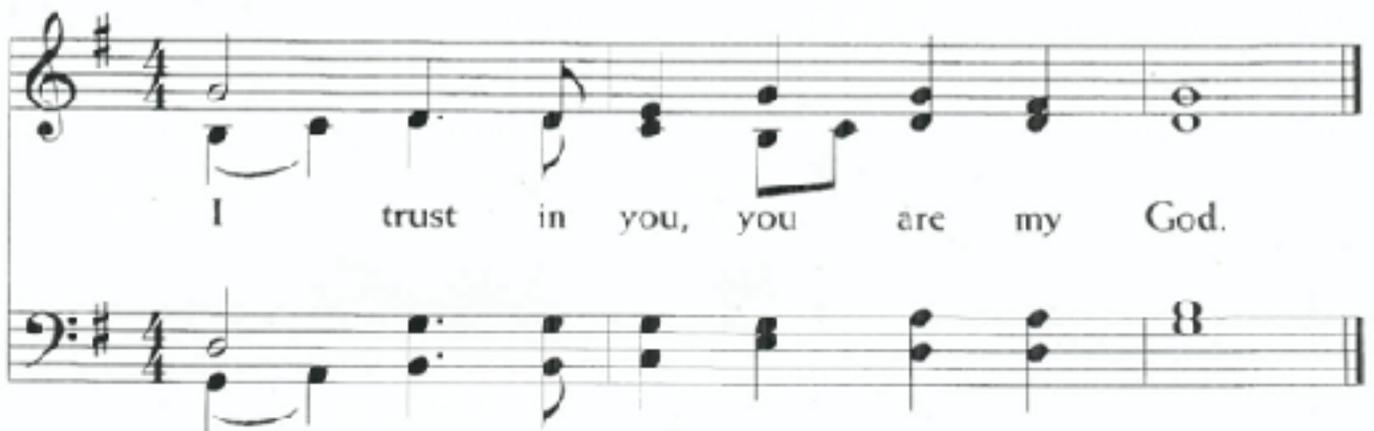
Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9

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?

Psalm 31



The image shows a musical score for Psalm 31. It consists of two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "I trust in you, you are my God." The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note B4, and finally a whole note G4. The piano accompaniment begins with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2, B2, and C3, then a half note B2, and finally a whole note G2. The score ends with a double bar line.

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In you, O God, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
Deliver me in your righteousness; incline your ear; come quickly to my rescue. *Refrain.*

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to keep me safe.
You are indeed my rock and fortress; lead me and guide me for your own name's sake.

Release me from the net that they hid for me, for you are my protector.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O God of truth. *Refrain.*

Have mercy on me, God, for I am in trouble; my eyes are wasted with grief, my soul and my body also

My life is worn out with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me in my misery, my bones are wasted away

I am the scorn of my enemies, yes, even of my neighbours.

My acquaintances shudder at the sight of me; when they see me in the street, they shrink away.

I have passed out of mind like one who is dead. I have become like a broken vessel.

I hear the whispering of many; fear is on every side, while they conspire against me, and plot to take my life. *Refrain.*

My times are in your hands deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me

Let your face shine on your servant, and save me, for your mercy's sake. *Refrain.*

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

O Love How Deep (CP #628)

1. O love, how deep, how
broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God,
should take
our mortal form for mortals'
sake.

2. God sent no angel to
our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human
frame
for us, and to this lost world
came.

3. For us he was baptized,
and bore
his holy fast, and hungered
sore;
for us temptation sharp
he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

4. For us he prayed, for us he
taught,
for us his daily works he
wrought;
by words and signs and actions,
thus
still seeking not himself but us.

5. For us by wickedness
betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple
robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and
death;
for us at length gave up his
breath.

The Gospel of the Passion (Luke 23:1-49)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please see the separate booklet with the Passion narrative.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

Led by Gail Booth



Offertory Music: "At The River," arranged by June Nixon (b. 1942)

The Great Thanksgiving

Let us pray,
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.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our salvation became obedient unto death. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory: where life was lost, life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus, we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name:

(CP #722 Sanctus
Tune: Picardy)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

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, out of isolation into community.

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.

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 the saints, and 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.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.**

The Communion

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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

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

Lamb of God,

who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,

who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

*Music during Communion:
My Song Is Love Unknown (CP #184)*



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

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.

The Blessing

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (CP #182)

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

2. 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.

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

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is
nigh;
the Father on his sapphire
throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

5. 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.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Winchester New" by C.S. Lang (1891-1971)



Holy Week in the Eastern Townships

Wednesday

- Evening Prayer (on Zoom, same link as for Sunday) at 4PM

Maundy Thursday

- St. George's (Granby) Agape Service at 6PM
- Grace Church (Sutton) at 7PM
- All Saints (Dunham) at 5PM followed by a light meal

Good Friday

- Grace Church (Sutton) at 10AM
- Trinity Church (Cowansville) at 12noon
- St. George's (Granby) at 3PM
- Church of the Ascension (West Brome) at 4PM

Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service in Sutton at 6AM
- St. Thomas (Noyan) at 9AM
- All Saints (Dunham) at 10AM
- Grace Church (Sutton) at 10:30AM
- Trinity Church (Cowansville) at 10:30AM
- St. George's (Granby) at 11AM
- St. James the Apostle (Stanbridge East) at 11AM

