

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE EASTER
PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2017

*Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 23 & 24 | Exodus 11 | St. Matthew 26

**9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist with the
Blessing of Palms**

The Blessing of the Palms

Priest: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes
in the Name of the Lord!

People: **O King of Israel: Hosanna in the Highest!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: As we stand let us pray.

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O God, whose Son for our salvation came down from heaven,
and, when the hour of His Passion was at hand, willed to enter
into Jerusalem riding upon an ass, and to be hailed as King by
the multitude: Increase the faith of those who trust in Thee, and
mercifully hear the prayers of thy supplicants. Let thy manifold
mercies come upon us; and vouchsafe to bless these branches
and crosses of palms, that all who carry them may be filled with
Thy benediction; and grant that as the Hebrew children met the
same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, with branches of palms in

their hands, crying Hosanna in the Highest, so we also, carrying
these emblems, may with good works go forth to meet Christ
and attain to everlasting peace and joy; through the same Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bless and sanctify these branches and crosses of palm, O Lord,
that we who bear them in Thy Name may ever hail Jesus as our
Lord and King, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, to whom
with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world
without end. **Amen.**

During the distribution of palm crosses, the Congregation will say:

Psalm 118:19-29: *page 484*

The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-11

The Holy Eucharist

The Collect: *page 150*

The Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 22:1-11: *page 354*

The Collect and Epistle: *page 150*

Gradual Psalm 22:12-21: *page 355*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew
(please see the insert)

The Creed: *page 71*

The Homily

The Consecration: *page 82*

Post-Communion Prayer: *page 85*

*Please join us in the Parish Hall following the
10:30 Celebration for **Coffee and Conversation.***

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Flowers at Easter: Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure that your donation includes the names of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed; and to help us to include that information in the Easter bulletin, we'll need to know by today. For more information, please speak to the Rector.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

APRIL 10: MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Reading of the Passion
- 8:30 p.m. – Compline (in the Chapel)

APRIL 11: TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Reading of the Passion
- 8:30 p.m. – Compline (in the Chapel)

APRIL 12: WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Reading of the Passion
- 8:30 p.m. – Compline (in the Chapel)

APRIL 13: MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar
(at All Saints', Marysville)
- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar
- 8:30 p.m. – Compline (in the Chapel)

APRIL 14: GOOD FRIDAY

- 8:30 a.m. – Matins (in the Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. – Solemn Liturgy of the Crucifixion
- 6:30 p.m. – Vespers
- 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

APRIL 15: HOLY SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
- 8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil and the Lighting of the New Fire

APRIL 16: DAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection
- 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection

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What we need faith to see is this: that the dead Jesus, forgotten and abandoned, naked and hanging on the Cross, is truly the Love of God Incarnate. In the wounding of his fragile being is the fullness of the divine glory. He is not ashamed to be our God.

Aaron Riches

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From the Rector _____

Who is this? The entire city is asking the very same question. Just days before the Feast of the Passover, as the city is crowded with visitors from all over the region, one visitor in particular has attracted a great deal of attention. Entering the city seated on a donkey, He has been welcomed by throngs of people; who greet him by laying their clothes on the road before Him and cutting down branches from the trees and laying them down as well. And even more amazing are the things that they're saying: *Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the Highest!*

By their very words these people give their answer to the question which ran throughout the city: 'He is the Messiah', they say; 'He is our king'; 'He is the very one for whom our hearts have longed'; 'He is the one for whom we have prayed for so many many years'. The Messiah has come; He has finally come, and the people of Jerusalem greet him with all of the enthusiasm that their hearts can muster; with all of the enthusiasm of those who have waited all their lives to see this one day; with all the enthusiasm of a long-suffering people:

Imagine, if you can, what it means to wait so long, so unbelievably long, to have your dreams come true. Imagine what it means to wait and wait and wait even longer still to see your innermost hopes realized. Imagine what it means to live so long with such a large empty space in your life; with such a large space so long unfulfilled. Imagine that, and we can just begin to understand the excitement of that day; an excitement that filled the whole city with confusion:

How do we answer that question today? What do we understand, in our hearts and in our minds; what do we understand of who this man is? What has He done in our lives? And what could He do if we would only let Him?

The events of Palm Sunday can seem hopelessly irrelevant or archaic unless we realise that the Christ who rode into the city of Jerusalem on that day is the very same Christ who wants to come to us this day. He wants to fill all the empty spaces of your life, to answer your most earnest hopes and dreams, to meet the inner longings and wishes of your soul, to give you the kind of hope that the people of Jerusalem knew on that day. When we wave our palm branches and crosses and cry out our "Hosannas," do we dare imagine what this God might save us from?

From anger; or illness; from depression; from the strife in our families; or from the endless cycle of violence; from humiliation; or boredom; from staring at the ceiling at three a.m. wondering why we exist; or from bitterness; arrogance; or loneliness; and from all our fears.

This year let us look again at the story of Christ's Passion and Death; this story that will unfold through the days of Holy Week; and in looking, let us see again its power. Let us look again at a story that shines brightly with love in a world where cynicism has clouded our vision; a story that shouts out for all to hear that God is love, and in Him above all other things we will find love. Let us look again at this story; and in looking on Him let us find our true selves - as people yearning for Him as much as He yearns for us; as people seeking to serve Him in every part of their lives even as He serves us by surrendering His life.

Parish Notices and Updates _____

To help the parish save on paper and photocopying costs, the members of the congregation are asked to leave the reusable bulletins inserts (hymns, psalms, etc.) in the pews or on the table at the back of the church following the service.

St. Mary's branch of Anglican Church Women will be meeting on, *Monday, April 10th*, beginning with lunch at 12:00 noon followed by a business meeting. The women of St. Mary's are warmly invited to join them. For more information please speak to Joan Keswick at 472-2193 or the Rector.

As we do each year, we invite you to join us in the Parish Hall on *Maundy Thursday, April 13th*, starting at 5:30 p.m. for a bowl of soup in advance of our evening Celebration. This year's meal will focus on foods of the Middle East. Volunteers will be preparing a simple meal that we can share in commemoration of the meal that Jesus shared with His disciples on the evening before His arrest. *If you wish to help with the meal, please speak to Bill Knox or Janice Stockall.*

A signup sheet has been placed on the easel in the narthex for those who would like to take a shift during our Watch between the end of our Maundy Thursday service and the beginning of the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday. ***Please note that we have altered how the Watch will run this year.*** The Watch will be kept in the Chapel from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight on Maundy Thursday and again from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m. on Good Friday. In addition to that, members of the Parish are invited to keep the Watch prayerfully at home anytime from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Feel free to sign up if you wish to share in this quiet prayerful ministry. If you have any questions please speak to the Rector.

Because of scheduling conflicts, this week's Friday morning Bible Study is cancelled this week and will resume on Friday, April 21st. Everyone is encouraged to attend our Good Friday service at 10:00 a.m.

Members of St. Mary's Altar Guild are asked to gather on Saturday, April 15th, at 9:30 to do our annual cleaning of the Church before Easter.

Lots of thanks go to those who were able to participate in our recent Bowling Tournament, as well as to those who supported them. Adele Knox, Bob Saunders, Chris Chisholm, Jean Vanstone, and the Rector represented St. Mary's. In all, an incredible \$7500.00 for Bishop McAllister College and Anglican Seminary in Uganda! We especially need to thank the people of All Saints' in Marysville, and their Parish Deacon, the Revd. Kevin McAllister, for coming up with the idea and carrying it out so well.

Very sincere thanks are also offered to all those who helped prepare and serve at our recent Congregational Dinner. Almost 100 people, both members of St. Mary's and guests, enjoyed a delicious dinner and delightful time together as the Family of God. Thanks to Bill, Jean, Joan and Janice for organising the event; and to all those who gave of their time to help make it happen. We hope to do it all again next year!