

St. John's Anglican Church

Parish of Horton, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

We are a welcoming & affirming community to all persons.

March 28th, 2021 Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday

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8AM MORNING PRAYER, THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Today palms are blessed and waved in celebration to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We then take home palm crosses as a sign that we welcome Christ and his love into our hearts. Extra palms are available for those who are sick or shut-in. Please deliver one to someone who is not here today and invite them to one of our Holy Week services.

Collect: 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.

Reader: Pat Moore

Greeter # 1 - Mary McMillian Usher - Beth Turner

10AM A SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Sunday of the Passion with the Liturgy of the Palms

Guest preacher Ginny Wilmhoff

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: **Aus Tiefer Not Schrei Ich Zu Dir** (*Heinrich Scheidemann*)

The Liturgy of the Palms, p. 297

The Procession (COVID style), p. 299

Following COVID measures this year you are asked to remain in your

pews/chairs and wave your palm branches in the air.

*as we sing, **#181, All Glory, Laud, and Honour***

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

Musical selection: **Let the Bright Seraphim** (*G.F. Handel*)

Shannon MacKay, soprano and Noah Hartlen, trumpet

Kyrie Eleison

Leader: Jesus entered Jerusalem to shouts of joy, but soon those voices were filled with anger. As we prepare to hear the Passion story, let us open our hearts and acknowledge our need of God's mercy.

People: **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Leader: Let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Creator of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

We have not loved you with all our being, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves: we have disfigured your image in which we are made. **Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

In your mercy, forgive what we have been and what we have done, guide us and help us to amend our lives, and bring us to fullness of life in you. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect of the Day: Holy and immortal God, as we enter into this holy week turn our hearts to Jerusalem, so that, united with Christ and all the faithful, we may enter the city not made with hands, your promised realm of justice and peace, eternal from age to age. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

While the Passion is being read, the Sunday School children will bring forward items listed below to create a small scale version of the hill at Golgotha and garden tomb. Please be seated until you are asked to stand.

Reading Mark 11:1-11 read by Alacrity Fry

1st reader: Jesus is anointed for burial (Mark 14:1-11)
(precious stones are brought forward to symbolize the jar of costly ointment)
Stay with me, remain here with me, Watch and pray, watch and pray

2nd reader: The institution of the Lord's Supper (Mark 14:12-25)
(black/grey speckled rocks symbolize betrayal)
Stay with me, remain here with me, Watch and pray, watch and pray

3rd reader: Jesus prays in the garden and is arrested (Mark 14:26-52)
(plants/palm branches symbolize the garden; black rocks symbolize betrayal and coloured rocks symbolize growing suspicion and anger against Jesus by many others)
Stay with me, remain here with me, Watch and pray, watch and pray

4th reader: The questioning before the chief priests (Mark 14:53-65)
(coloured rocks symbolize further suspicion and distrust; torn cloth symbolizes the blindfold put on Jesus and the moral blindness of the priests)
Stay with me, remain here with me, Watch and pray, watch and pray

5th reader: The denial of Jesus by Peter (Mark 14:66-72)
(sand and white rocks symbolize Peter's denial and claim of innocence)
Stay with me, remain here with me, Watch and pray, watch and pray

6th reader: Jesus is sentenced to death (Mark 15:1-20)
(grass symbolizes the whip used to flog Jesus; black/grey speckled rocks symbolize betrayal and suffering)
Stay with me, remain here with me, Watch and pray, watch and pray

7th reader: Jesus is crucified (Mark 15:21-39)
(three crosses and stones symbolize the crucifixion of Jesus and the two criminals)
Stay with me, remain here with me, Watch and pray, watch and pray

8th reader: Jesus is laid in the tomb (Mark 15:40-47)
(the plant symbolizes the tomb from which new life will come; cloth symbolizes the cloth Jesus' body was wrapped in; a rock seals the tomb)

Sermon – Ginny Wilmhoff

Responsory:
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation, in you I hope all the day long.
O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Prayers of the People: Ian MacDonald

The Lord's Prayer: Let us gather our prayers in the words that Jesus taught us: **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.**

Offertory: *The offering is brought forward. We say together the Prayer Over the Gifts:* **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.**

Blessing: As you step into this holiest of weeks, may you travel with courage, with love, and with the uneasy peace that is the gift of faith; and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #184, My Song is Love Unknown
The Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: **Ciacona in D** (Johann Pachelbel)

Please allow the Usher to guide you out, starting from the back pews.

Greeter # 1 – Jim Nelson Greeter # 2- Judy Wilmot

Usher – MaryEllen Finlay Counters – Mary & Murray Phillips

1st reader: Mark 14: 1-13 read by Karen Ferguson
2nd reader: Mark 14: 14-25 read by Karen Ferguson
3rd reader: Mark 14: 26-52 read by Debbie MacDonald
4th reader: Mark 14: 53-65 read by Debbie MacDonald
5th reader: Mark 14: 66-72 read by Margaret Coghill
6th reader: Mark 15: 1-20 read by Margaret Coghill
7th reader: Mark 15: 21-40 read by Ian MacDonald
8th reader: Mark 15: 42-47 read by Ian MacDonald

SERVICES FOR April 4th, Easter Sunday

8:00 am BCP Holy Communion

10:00 am Contemporary Holy Eucharist

(Following the 10am service we will hold a Easter Egg hunt!)

Cycle of Prayer

Please remember in your prayers...

- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui along with the parishes of St. George's & Strait-Chedabucto, Nova Scotia.
- All who are in need of God's healing grace: Gloria, Connie, Heidi, Ann Watson, Kathleen, Rob Phillips, Don & Betty Little, Sylvia, Roger Harris, Vange, Tracey, Becca, Kathy, Willie, Annalee, Louisa Patterson, Bill Pearman, Gerry, Bob Best, Jean, Robert, Beth, Jean & Betty, Pam Finlay, Audrey, Danylo Dzwonyk, Tom Fitches, Steve Denino, Tahlia, Sasha, Sylvia & Peter.
- All whose memory we cherish and whose presence we miss,

Flowers for Easter: Anyone wishing to have memorial flowers in the church for Easter, please contact Cathy Stewart at 902-670-5655 and leave a message.

Announcements

Mark these dates on your calendar

Fridays, 10:30-11:15am: Christian Meditation at the church. All are welcome to this simple practice – instructions are given each week.

From the Rev. Nicole Uzans: Next week, I am available for in-person appointments from Thurs-Sat. You can always reach me at 902-956-4892 (text or call) and nicole.uzans@gmail.com

Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday *with communion & stripping of the sanctuary*, April 1st, 7pm; Good Friday *meditations on the 7 last words of Jesus*, April 2nd, 7pm; Easter Sunday, April 4th, 8am *BCP with communion* and 10 am *contemporary service with communion*. There will be an Easter egg hunt after the 10am service on Easter Sunday.

WAICC Good Friday Walk with the Cross 2021: Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council will have a virtual walk of sorts for Friday, April 2, via a video on their website (<http://www.waicc.org>) and YouTube

channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQUANVNw1SfTBdzkxM2CIBg>). A print version will also be available.

Let your Blue Lights Shine over Easter weekend for April 2nd World Autism Awareness & Acceptance Day. Cowboy Harrison is in his 6th year of his initiative Light It Up Blue here in the valley. See all the blue lights and wear blue please. Donations to S.M.I.L.E. at Acadia University and the Annapolis Valley Chapter of Autism Nova Scotia are welcome by contacting Harrison Czapalay or Vicki Harris at 902-542-3421 or missvicki@eastlink.ca Hopefully his BBQ will be back in 2022!

Church & Community News

A special thank-you to Shannon and Noah for sharing their musical talents with us this morning. Shannon and Noah are both in their 4th-year at Acadia and will be performing their graduating recitals (via livestream) in April. Noah's recital is on Friday, April 16 at 7pm and Shannon's is on Saturday, April 18 at 7pm. You'll be able to find the livestream links for their recitals on the School of Music website (music.acadiau.ca) as well as on the School's Facebook page.

O Light of Light - The St. John's choir is delighted to share their most recent virtual anthem, "O Light of Light" by Richard Shephard. The video is now on the St. John's YouTube channel, or you can access it via this link: <https://youtu.be/uYJrtdUjGn4>