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WE GATHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THIS PLACE

We acknowledge that we gather and minister on the ancestral lands of Coast Salish people, and honour with gratitude and humility the people of the x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh), and k^wik^wəłəm (Kwkwetlem) Nations. We and others in the Diocese of New Westminster continue to search and pray with Indigenous brothers, sisters and friends for truth and justice, and that the Spirit's reconciling love will be with us....

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Introduction & Opening Prayers

(we stand)

Celebrant: Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

A Reading from the Gospel

(we stand)

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Deacon: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 19: 28-40

Deacon: The Good News of Christ!

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Blessing of the Palms

(we stand)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

(The palms are distributed.)

The procession will proceed outside around the church and back up the stairs to the Narthex where we will gather to process into the church.

The Procession

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: VU# 646 “We Are Marching”

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God;

we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of (the light of) God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oooo,

we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of (the light of) God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oooo,
we are marching in the light of God.

*Source: South African trad.song 20th
century, trans. Ander Nyberg*

When all have returned and in their pews...

Processional Hymn

(we stand)

CP #182 “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

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

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.

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

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;

the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

(we sit)

Celebrant: As we gather on the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish
Nations, let us pray that the Spirit's reconciling love will
be with us.

~Silence~

The Gloria:

(sung by all)

CP #365 "Glory to God on High"

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory
bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit, one in glorious light.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy
Christ, Have mercy.
Lord, Have mercy.

THE LITURGY OF THE PASSION

Collect of the Day:

(said by all)

Almighty and everliving God, **in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk *(10am service)*

(we sit)

WE PROCLAIM AND DISCERN THE LIVING WORD

First Scripture Reading:

(we sit)

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31: 9-16

(said by all responsively)

- 9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- 12 I am forgotten like a corpse, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
*
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, “You are my God.”

15 My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving kindness save me.”

Second Scripture Reading:

(we sit)

Philippians 2:5-11

Gradual Hymn:

CPWI #303 “Enter into Jerusalem ”

(sung 3 times)

Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God’s house.
With the healthy and the sick, with the worker and the weak,
Let us go to God’s house.
Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God’s house.
Come and run with the wind with the God who reigns in peace,
Let us go to God’s house.

Refrain:

*We go celebrate, we go celebrate, we go celebrate, O Israel!
Praise the name of the Lord on high, praise his name in song.
Praise the Lord with heavenly song, with a heavenly song,
With a heavenly song, praise the Lord.*

*Words: Richard Ho Lung
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The Passion Gospel:

Luke 23:1-49

Reader: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

~ Silence ~

Sermon: The Rev. Miranda Sutherland

(we sit)

~ *Silence* ~

The Apostles' Creed

(said by all)

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

(we kneel, stand or sit)

Sung response: God of mercy hear my prayer...

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you in**

thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We Share the Peace of Christ *(we stand)*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

From ancient times, the Christian custom has been to greet each other as a sign of the peace we share through Christ. As Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers”. We ask that you pass the peace in no-contact ways—nodding, bowing, etc.—with those not in your household/bubble.

WE CELEBRATE GOD WITH US IN HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn: *(10am service)* *(we stand)*
CP # 181 “All Glory, Laud, and Honour”

*(We collect people’s contributions to the ministry & mission of St. John’s.
We encourage you to give online as possible at stja.ca/supporting-st-johns)*

*Refrain: All glory, laud, and honour to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed one. *(Refrain)*

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *(Refrain)*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. (*Refrain*)

To thee before thy Passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. (*Refrain*)

Prayer over the Gifts *(said by all)*

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING *(we kneel, stand, or sit)*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Celebrant 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 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.

Sanctus:

(8:30am service) *(said by all)*

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

(10am service) CP # 735

(sung by all)

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

Celebrant

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, on the night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “**Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.**”

In the same way, after supper he took the cup of wine and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying; “**Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for everyone for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of me.**”

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all on upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(8.30am service)

(said by all)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(10am service)

(sung by all)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray...

Our Father 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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and thine is the power.

And the glory forever, the glory forever. The glory forever, amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,
All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive: if you are baptized, we invite you to receive Communion; if you are not baptized, we invite you to receive a blessing.

Since the Eucharist is a corporate spiritual practice, please maintain a receptive and quiet attitude as others are receiving Communion. Treat this time as part of your Eucharistic meditation.

Wine is offered for those comfortable receiving it. Note: intinction [dipping the bread in wine] is not permitted in our Diocese. You are welcome to receive the bread alone if you wish, and to bring the bread back to your seat before consuming; if masked, feel free to stay masked.

WE ARE SENT OUT AS BEARERS OF NEW LIFE

Prayer after Communion *(we stand) (said by all)*
God our help and strength, **you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son, we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **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.**

Choir Anthem: “Blessed Be the King!”

Words and music by Joyce M. Griffiths

Blessing

Recessional Hymn:(10am service)

(we stand)

CP # 602 "Lift High the Cross"

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name!*

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.

Refrain

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.

Refrain

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.

Refrain

Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.

Refrain

Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.

Refrain

Dismissal

(we stand)

Response: Thanks be to God!



CLERGY CORNER



Little Villie and the Palm Sunday Parade



It was a sunny Saturday evening, and Little Villie was absolutely elated. The announcement had been made at church the Sunday before, that there would be a Palm Sunday march just like the year before! Villie couldn't help but chatter excitedly with her parents and siblings about it. She loved the fun of the procession, the waving of palm branches, and the general buzz of excitement. It was like a mini parade, and she had invited some of her friends to join in the fun. "It's just like hiking and camping, but with more waving!" she said, imagining the excitement as if it were another outdoor adventure.

But this time, something was different. Villie was starting to think deeper about the march. After all, she wasn't just excited about the march itself—there was a sense of curiosity building in her heart. That night, as the family gathered around the dinner table, Villie asked, "Mom, I've always wondered why Jesus rode a donkey and not a horse. Horses are so fast, and donkeys are kinda... well... slow."

Her mom smiled at the thoughtful question. "You're really thinking hard about this, aren't you, Villie?" she said. "That's a good question. I think we'll find out more during Palm Sunday Service and in Sunday School. But you are right to wonder. Donkeys were a symbol of peace, and Jesus came to bring peace. Maybe that is why Jesus chose the donkey instead of a horse."

Villie's mind was buzzing with more questions, and she wasn't done yet. "And what about the song?" she continued, looking confused. "'Ride on in lowly pomp, ride on to die.' That part always confuses me. It is happy because we are singing and waving the palms, but it seems so sad because it's talking about Jesus marching to die. Why would we sing such a happy song when the words sound so sad?"

Her mom paused for a moment, impressed by Villie's depth of

thought. “You’re really on to something, Villie. That’s something to listen for when we are in church tomorrow. Maybe you’ll find the answer there. And then, we can talk about it more after dinner.” With a nod, she agreed as everyone who was curiously listening, all smiled.

The next day, the excitement of the Palm Sunday march was electric. Villie eagerly participated, waving her palm branch high, her friends beside her, laughing and chanting along. She still couldn’t shake her questions, though. Why did Jesus choose a donkey? What did it really mean to march to die? Was it all part of some big plan?

As the parade wound down and the crowd made its way back to the church, Villie couldn’t wait for the Service to begin, hoping the answers to her questions would soon unfold. And as she listened intently to the reading of St. Luke 19:28-40, where Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the donkey, she was still wondering.

Scripture Reference: St. Luke 19:28-40

Questions Villie Could Ask After Palm Sunday Dinner:

1. Why did Jesus choose a donkey instead of a horse? What does that tell us about the kind of king He was?
2. Why is the crowd so joyful when Jesus enters Jerusalem? Why does it say they were praising God for the miracles they had seen?
3. The song we sing says “Ride on to die.” What does that mean, and why would Jesus march to die?
4. When the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke His disciples, He said, "If they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." What do you think He meant by that?
5. Is it possible for us to march in some way, as Jesus did? What does it mean to follow Jesus in His journey?

Theological Reflection

Villie’s curiosity had deepened her understanding of the Palm Sunday event, and she was eager to continue her exploration of the meaning behind this important day. The questions she asked not only showed her growing faith but also revealed her growing wisdom as she searched for deeper meaning in her relationship with Jesus.

The joy of Palm Sunday can be a time to celebrate Jesus as our King, but it also invites us to reflect on His humility by riding on a donkey and His ultimate purpose—giving His life for us. Just like Villie, when we have questions, we can come closer to God to find the

answers, growing in understanding, faith, and love.

As we reflect on Little Villie's story this Palm Sunday, who will you discuss her questions and insights with during this Holy Week? How can these conversations help deepen your understanding of Jesus' journey and the true meaning of His sacrifice and love for us?

Prepared by Mother Miranda

Thank you to those who assisted with the Services today:

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8:30 am Service

*Intercessor & Coffee Hour: Ferne Malcolm
Reader & Lay Assistant: Sharon Cooper*

10:00 am Service

*Ushers: Sue Meredith, Betty Moore
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