



*The Sunday of the Passion,
with Liturgy of Palms
March 29, 2026*

St Aidan's, Elmvale Acres
The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

*Welcome to St. Aidan's--we are blessed by your presence today! Hymns are found in the blue "Common Praise" book.
We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People.*

The Liturgy of the Palms

Hymn: Give Us Oil for Our Lamps *Process with the Choir to the back of the church, waving your Palms.*

1. Give us oil in our lamps, keep us burning,
give us oil in our lamps, we pray;
give us oil in our lamps, keep us burning,
keep us burning till the break of day. *Refrain*

2. Give us joy in our hearts, keep us praising,
give us joy in our hearts, we pray;
give us joy in our hearts, keep us praising,
keep us praising till the break of day. *Refrain*

Refrain: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest.**

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 Liturgy of the Palms

The Holy Gospel

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 21:1-11

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Blessing of the Palms

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.**

Follow the Procession back to your seat, as we sing:

**3. Give us peace in our hearts, keep us loving,
give us peace in our hearts, we pray;
give us peace in our hearts, keep us loving,
keep us loving till the break of day. *Refrain***

**4. Give us love in our hearts, keep us serving,
give us love in our hearts, we pray;
give us love in our hearts, keep us serving,
keep us serving till the break of day. *Refrain***

***Refrain: Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
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Collect of the Day

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.**

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from Isaiah

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?

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31.9–16

Have mercy on me, O Lord, **for I am in trouble;**
My eye is consumed with sorrow, **and also my throat and my belly.**
For my life is wasted with grief, **and my years with sighing;**
My strength fails me because of affliction, **and my bones are consumed.**
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.**
I am forgotten like a corpse, out of mind; **I am as useless as a broken pot.**
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.**
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. **I have said, “You are my God.”**
My times are in your hand; **rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**
Make your face to shine upon your servant, **and in your loving-kindness save me.”**

A Reading from Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

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Gospel Procession: **Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

The Holy Gospel

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what

should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Matthew 27:11-31

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Homily

The Prayers of the People

Response: God of our salvation, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lynn, Sandra, Sharron, Katie, Meredith, Joyce, Ronald, Rita, Lorna, Francilien.

The Peace

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

Hymn 182: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer Two

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.** [...]

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

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.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Communion

For Communion from the Pews, tell our Sidesperson, or raise your hand; otherwise, Communion is offered at Altar Rail.

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of mercy transform you by grace, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 184: My Song is Love Unknown

After worship, all are welcome to Coffee Time in Lindisfarne Hall!

Scent Awareness: To ensure a safe and comfortable environment for all, St Aidan's strives to be a scent-reduced zone. Please be mindful of strong Perfumes, Colognes, and Personal Products.

Status of the Lent Project: Arch Street School Clothing Drive: The generosity of the Parish has been phenomenal! We will make the last delivery of clothing to the school after Easter. Thanks to all who have supported our 2026 Lenten Outreach Project, and especially to Connie, Audrey, Cathy, and Peter for organizing it!

Lenten Coin Challenge: Thank you to everyone who took and filled a jar, and to the Wednesday Crew for this great challenge! Jars can be returned in the Basket in the Link. Be sure to put your name on the jar, so you can get a charitable donation receipt.



Easter Sunday for Children - Sunday School and Easter Egg Hunt! All kids and grandkids are welcome to St Aidan's Easter Service on April 5th at 9:30 am. There will be Sunday School in Lindisfarne Hall, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt after worship!

St Aidan's Alpha Course: St Aidan is offering an Alpha Course! This course is designed for those who are new to Christianity, or exploring their faith. From April 21 to June 9, we will meet every Tuesday at 5:30 pm for dinner, videos, and discussion. If you are interested, speak with James Phillips or Rev. Rosemary.

Your Help Requested: Last month Vestry passed a motion asking all parishioners to connect with their networks to promote St Aidan's as a potential location for long term rentals. With an ambitious target for rental income, your help is needed to reach our goal. A one-page poster is available that you can use to talk to your friends.

Easter Flowers: You are invited to contribute money towards the Easter Sunday sanctuary flowers. If you would like your loved ones to be listed in the church bulletin, please print their names to the sheet posted in the link by Wednesday, April 1st. All monies for flowers must be separate from regular donations and cheques should be made payable to "St Aidan's Anglican Church". Put your contribution in the special EASTER FLOWER OFFERING envelope located with the sign-up sheet, complete the information on the envelope and place it on the collection plate. *A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$20 and over.*



March 29 – April 5, 2026

Tuesday in Holy Week: Sunrise Morning Prayer at 7:00 a.m. (coffee and buns to follow)

Wednesday in Holy Week: Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 11:00 a.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter: Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 pm

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Holy Eucharist as well as Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

All are welcome on Wednesdays for BCP Eucharist at 10:00 am, and/or Coffee Time at 10:30 am!

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Intercessor: Kathryn Noel
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HOLY WEEK

MARCH 29 - APRIL 5

PALM SUNDAY

CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AT 9:30 A.M.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

MORNING PRAYER SERVICE AT 7:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 A.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 7:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AT 11:00 A.M.

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 AT 7:30 P.M.

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

HOLY EUCHARIST AS WELL AS SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M.