



## **Palm Sunday with the Liturgy of the Palms**



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# Welcome to this time of worship!

Thank you for joining St. James today. It is good that you are here! If you are visiting or looking for your spiritual home, please make yourself known to us. We welcome your presence with us.

Children are welcome here at St. James! Children can gather in 'The Prayer Ground' at the beginning of the service. If this is your first time here, please go with your child to meet the leader and inform them of any allergies or special needs. For those not wanting to leave their parents, the prayer-ground is available throughout the service.

An offering plate is located in the centre aisle of the sanctuary. If you wish to make a gratitude offering for the blessings from God in your life, simply place the offering on the plate before the time of the offertory hymn or e-transfer your donation at [saintjamesgiving@gmail.com](mailto:saintjamesgiving@gmail.com). Your gift will be used to support the varied ministries of St. James. Take a moment to give thanks to God for the blessings in your life today.



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The service is being livestreamed and recorded for viewing online.

The congregation responses are in **bold** type.

**Prelude** 'Great' Fugue in d minor

Gustav Merkel

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**One** We gather on the territory traditionally inhabited by the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe nations acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon wampum belt.

**All** **We commit ourselves to the work of truth and reconciliation with the Original Peoples of this land in a relationship of honour and mutual respect.**

*The theme of Palm Sunday is the transition from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem hailed as a king by shouts of "Blessed is the One who comes as king in God's name" (Luke 19:38). This transition leads to his betrayal, trial, humiliation, suffering and death just days later. As he hung from the cross, the soldiers mocked him saying, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." (Luke 23:38)*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

**One** People of Dundas, Hamilton, Flamborough and beyond, bring your garments and branches—Jesus is coming into town! Shout Hosanna!

**All** **Hosanna! Our deliverer has come!  
Let all the hungry be fed!**

**One** Jesus, the servant king,  
has come to show us a new kind of power.

**All** **Hosanna! Our liberator will set the prisoners free!**

**One** Let us worship the one who will save us from corruption.  
Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings!

**All** **Hosanna! Hosanna!  
The bread of life has come to sustain us.  
Believing this promise, let us worship together!**

**One** Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.

The people welcomed him with 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 his resurrection, by the 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. And so we pray:

Assist us mercifully with your help, O 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.**

*We remain standing as we are able for the Gospel of the Palms.*

One God is with you.

**All And also with you.**

One The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.**

*Luke 19:28-40*

After Jesus had said this, he 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 the Christ.

**Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

### **The Blessing of Palms**

One God be with you.

**All And also with you.**

One Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One 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.**

*Palm crosses and fronds are distributed.*

*The congregation is invited to follow the Clergy and Choir in procession.*

### **The Procession**

One Let us go forth in peace.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**HYMN CP 181** *All Glory, Laud and Honour*

### **Collect**

One Holy God, we gather on this Palm Sunday and find ourselves in solidarity with the crowds who shouted for salvation.

We know our needs, both individually and collectively.

**All Our hunger for righteousness and justice compels us to proclaim, “Hosanna! Save us!” two thousand years later.**

*One* As we begin this journey toward the cross,  
from admiration to despair,  
we know we are well-nourished for the path ahead.  
You have prepared us, fed us with love and truth,  
and refreshed our spirits throughout the Lenten season.  
Let us carry the spirit of Hosanna in our hearts, ready to  
serve and love, knowing the journey continues toward  
resurrection and renewal.

**All** **May the bread we break, both physical and spiritual,  
remind us of your presence in every step.  
Guide us on this path and sustain us for the work ahead.  
Amen.**

**Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (alternatively by verse)**

*One* Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter  
through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**All** **This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

*One* I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**All** **The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

*One* This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All** **"This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it."**

*One* Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

**All** **"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

*One* The Lord is God, and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

**All** **You are my God and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.**

One O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**GRADUAL HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (see insert)

**Reflection** *The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs*

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the Priest begins.*

One In the midst of all the pushing and shoving among us,  
in the world and in the church,  
propelled by anxiety and acted as brutality,  
You, O God, have planted yourself in all your fidelity.

You have placed yourself among us  
in steadfastness and abiding care  
present in the day, alert in the night,  
making us safe, and noticed, and cared for.

**All We confess that we don't always see or seek you out.  
We forget your promise of abiding love,  
and wholeness of life.  
Forgive us O God, and help us remember...  
that if we fail to see or seek you out,  
you see and seek us out,  
that you promise us abiding love, and wholeness of life.  
So evidence your fidelity as to curb our anxiety,  
as to restrain our brutality,  
as to overcome our alienation.  
By your fidelity, renew us, renew the church,  
renew the city, renew the world.  
Give us the safety to love you fully,  
to love neighbour well,  
to be made whole, in glad obedience.**

One God proclaims these words of assurance:  
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine.”  
In +Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer by Walter Brueggemann ‘Awed to Heaven,  
Rooted in Earth’. p. 118*

## **Peace**

One The peace of Christ be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN CP 184** *My Song Is Love Unknown*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

*Please stand as you are able for the Prayer over the Gifts and the Great Thanksgiving*

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

One Generous God,  
we give because you have satisfied our needs with the  
bread of life. Use these fruits of our labour and inheritance  
to bless our community with love. **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

One The Lord be with you.  
**All And also with you.**  
One Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**  
One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
One It is our joy and destiny to praise you, O God,  
For in wondrous love you cast stars into space,  
And in meek obedience your Son surrendered to cruel nails.



With loving-kindness you called your people in Abraham,  
and in covenant with Moses  
you bound up your life in theirs.  
Through exile you stayed close to them,  
and in Jesus you came among them  
bearing the fullness of grace and truth.  
Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death:  
Yet in resurrection you exalted him,  
and in sending your Spirit  
you shed glory on all people.  
And so we rejoice with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
singing the song of your unending praise.

**All    Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

One    Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One.  
Your Son comes on a donkey in your name.  
As Jesus entered Jerusalem to bear our sorrows  
and suffer for our sins, enter our hearts and confront  
our waywardness today.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that we may be your Son's crucified and risen body.  
Send your Spirit upon this bread that it may be living bread,  
and on this wine that it may be the cup of salvation, that  
together they may be for us the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it  
to his disciples, saying,  
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
“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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

One Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One Humble God,  
your Son did not exploit his status but emptied himself.  
Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited,  
in world or church: on all who are humbled,  
by state or employer or family member,  
on all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love.  
As you highly exalted your Son who had become a servant,  
highly exalt your children who suffer for righteousness,  
or grieve those they have cherished,  
or bend the knee to one who does not honour them.

Fill the earth with your justice and peace,  
until every heart shall sing and every tongue confess  
that you are the joy of their desiring:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God,  
in all ages and forevermore. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

One Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us as we  
sing:

**All 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 for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of Bread**

One Siblings in Christ, the table is set for you.  
God so loved the whole world that God sent Jesus to feed  
us all. God freely gives us love and life  
so we might freely give love and life to others.  
If you are hungry, tired, weary, or worn,  
there is space for you here.  
Come, the bread of life and the cup of blessing await you.

One The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome at God's table.  
If you require gluten-free wafers please indicate  
to your server.*

**COMMUNION HYMN CP 60** *I Come with Joy Unknown*

**Ablutions Anthem** *'Sing Hosanna'*

*Paul Wigmo*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*(Standing as we are able)*

One Holy God, here at this table, we have encountered Jesus'  
Spirit, bringing us wholeness so we might be satisfied by  
the bread of life.

Because Jesus faced death and emerged victorious,  
this bread does not spoil; this cup never runs dry.

**All As we leave this place of worship,  
our spirits are renewed and rejuvenated.**

**There is enough for each of us.  
Therefore, we will share this joy and love with others.  
Amen.**

### **Blessing**

One Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all your days: and the blessing of God, the Maker, the Lover, and the Keeper of all, be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 182 *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty***

The service will not conclude with a doxology or a dismissal.

Symbolically, through our procession this morning, we have entered Jerusalem. By omitting the regular closing, symbolically, we stay in Jerusalem during Holy Week.

Following the Palm Sunday Poem, you are invited to leave the church quietly so others may stay to pray if they wish.

Coffee and friendship await you in the Dundas Room.

***†Flowers on the altar are given by Tony Carr in loving memory of the best siblings, Mike and Jean Carr.***

### **Today's Ministry Team**

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Preaching and Presiding | The Rev. Canon Leslie Gerlofs   |
| Parish Deacon           | The Rev. Deacon Ann Vander Berg |
| Organist/Choir Director | Richard Hansen                  |
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| Server                  | Mark Mainprize                  |
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| Warden on Duty          | Janet Cannon-Davison            |