

# Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023 + 4pm



*Image: 'Entry Into the City' by John August Swanson*



THE  
**ABBHEY**  
CHURCH

*Beloved companions in the Spirit -  
Come as you are offering our lives  
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*

## **Welcome to the AbbeyChurch**

No matter who you are or what you are carrying today, know you are beloved and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation – and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarized in our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God - with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.

# We Gather

## **Palm Procession**

*We will meet in Balmoral parking lot and walk either through the church or around the block to Quadra entrance.*

## **Processional Songs: Hosanna Loud Hosanna**

Hosanna, loud hosanna  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the lovely anthem rang;  
to Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
mid an exultant crowd,  
the victory palm branch waving,  
and singing clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our redeemer,  
the Lord of heaven, our king.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice. *(repeat as needed)*

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## **Opening Song: All Glory, Laud and Honour**

All glory, laud, and honour  
to you, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel  
and David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name coming,  
the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels  
is praising you on high;  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before you went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems  
before you we present.

To you before your passion  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.  
As you received their praises,  
accept the prayers we bring,  
for you delight in goodness,  
O good and gracious King!

Theodulf of Orleans (8th c) trans: Neale © CJM MUSIC / OneLicense

**Poem: Hymn to Christ the Saviour** Clement of Alexandria  
Read/selected by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

## **We Proclaim**

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our  
hearts to hear the Gospel.*

## **Gospel Acclamation: Lord to Whom Shall We Go**

Lord to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life  
We've come to believe and to know  
That You are the Holy One of God *repeat*

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## **The Gospel**

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

**With our words and with our lives!**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark (11:1-11)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this: ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting:

“Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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**Guided Meditation**    Written by Meagan Crosby-Shearer, EC

*Silence for meditation.    Bell / Silence / Bell*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as affirm our faith  
[we say together]*

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.** The United Church of Canada (A New Creed)

## **Our Prayers**

Lynn Mills

## **Confession**

### **Sung Trisagion**

**Ho—ly God.**

**Ho—ly and mi—ghty.**

**Ho—ly I—mmortal One.**

**Have mer—cy. Have mer—cy on us. repeat 3x**

*4th century or earlier. This version Juan Fernando Ortega 2011 Stylos / CCLI*

*Bell. Silence for personal confession. Bell.*

## **The Absolution / Assurance of Grace**

## **The Peace**

Beloved in Christ, The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### **And also with you!**

*We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.*

*During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set. Contributions to our common life can be placed in the record player in the back of the space. Cheques made out to 'The Emmaus Community'. Charitable receipts will be issued if you provide your address.*

### **Offertory Song: For What it's Worth**

There's something happenin' here  
What it is ain't exactly clear  
There's a man with a colt over there  
Telling me that I got to beware

*Refrain* It's time we stopped  
Hey, what's that sound?  
Everybody look what's going down?

There's battle lines being drawn  
Nobody's right if everybody's wrong  
Young people speaking' their minds  
Getting so much resistance from behind  
*Refrain*

What a field day for the heat  
A thousand people in the street  
Singin' songs and carryin' signs  
Mostly say "hooray for our side"  
*Refrain*

Paranoia strikes deep  
Into your life it will creep  
It starts when you're always afraid  
Step out of line, the man comes and takes you away  
*Refrain*

Stephen Stills, Atco Records, 1966.

# We Celebrate

## **Invitation To the Table / Prayer Over The Gifts**

Sacred Disrupter, Source of our Salvation, you lure us out of the dull and destructive. You capture our attention with your love, turning us toward the gifts of heaven. With joy and expectation, we cry, "Hosanna!" Receive all we offer this day and show us the way to follow you. Amen.

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## **The Communion / The Holy Eucharist**

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!**

Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands! All of creation echoes the silent music of your praise. When sin had scarred the world, You made a covenant to renew the whole of creation. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and a justice that would never fail.

**Glorify to you forever and ever.**

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom all our hungers are filled. You have sent your Holy Spirit as a mighty stream to refresh and renew the face of the earth. Therefore with the company of heaven and all of your creation we sing:

**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.**

While Jesus was eating with his disciples, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me." **Glorify to you forever and ever.**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the wine and after blessing it, poured it, gave it to them and said, “take, this is my blood, do this in remembrance of me.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us in Jesus your Child:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Show us your way in the wilderness and shape us into a people of hope, justice, and love. As grain was scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread, so may your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in your love.

**Amen.** *St. Lydia's Table, alt.*

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

**Our Father (Mother/Source/Parent) 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free (from Origin Bakery). Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup. Please do not dip the bread into the cup.*

### **Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

Pre-recorded. Agnus Dei (feat. Jen Reardon) ·

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## **Communion Song: Come & Journey with a Saviour**

Come and journey with a saviour  
who has called us from our birth,  
who has washed us in the waters,  
and who loved us on the earth.

*Refrain:* Come and journey, come and journey  
with a saviour who has come.  
We are all God's sons and daughters,  
in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward,  
come and seek him deep within,  
where he meets us in our living,  
in our striving and our sin. *Refrain*

Come and journey, journey outward,  
telling others of his name,  
telling others of his glory,  
of his cross and of the same.

Come and journey, journey outward,  
where the cross call us to care,  
where injustice and where hunger  
and the poor call us to share. *Refrain*

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## **Communion Song: Come My Way, My Truth My Life**

Come, my way, my truth, my life  
such a way as gives us breath  
such a truth as ends all strife,  
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength:  
such a light as shows a feast,  
such a feast as mends in length,  
such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart:  
such a joy as none can move,  
such a love as none can part,  
such a heart as jo—y in love

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# We Are Sent

## Prayer after Communion / Blessing

God of the Way, on this Palm Sunday, we recall the energy of collective hope. The kind that cuts through oppressive lies. The kind that catches like fire. The kind that is born of faith in You and in each other. Walk with us as we walk with you through death and into resurrection, for the sake of Jesus our Companion. **Amen.** @enfleshed2021, alt.

## Blessing

### Closing Song: Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode

Into Jerusalem Jesus rode,  
triumphant King acclaimed;  
palm branches spread to honour his way,  
garments laid down as tokens of praise;  
shouts of "Hosanna" surged through the throng  
into Jerusalem.

Within Jerusalem Jesus stood  
masquerade King reviled:  
thorns made a crown (grim satire of truth),  
robe like a wound thrown over his back:  
echoes of "Crucify" filled the air  
within Jerusalem.

Outside Jerusalem Jesus hung,  
crucified king despised;  
wood formed a cross suspending his life,  
soldiers cast lots to deal out his clothes;  
his lonely cries: "My God"; "It is done"  
outside Jerusalem.

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*We are invited to leave the space in silence  
As we enter Holy Week*

# Holy Week Schedule

**Monday: 530pm - Soup and Conversation**

- Belmont House

**Wednesday: 8pm - Compline**

- Belmont House

**Thursday: 530pm - Supper Church with foot washing-**

- Belmont House

**Friday: 3pm - Good Friday Worship** - Balmoral/Quadra

**Friday: 7pm - Jesus Christ Superstar** - Belmont House

**Saturday: 10am - Quiet Day** - Balmoral/Quadra

**Sunday: 6am - Easter Dawn** - Willows Beach

**Sunday: 4pm - Easter AbbeyChurch Eucharist**

- Balmoral/Quadra

**Easter Monday: 5:30pm - Potluck Easter Feast** -

- Belmont House

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