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St. Chad's is a Christian parish that worships and learns in a spirit of unity, caring for one another and for the needs in the community.

**Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday**

**April 5, 2020**

Intro to worship

This is not an easy time to be CHURCH. We must practise social distancing from one another, to show our love of neighbour. Protecting the vulnerable and flattening the curve of this virus IS love of neighbour. We are used to being in the presence of one another, of shaking hands, sharing the "Peace", giving up our offerings to God and the ministry we all share. It feels empty to be in this space.

The room is never empty, though, whether it is in this sanctuary or in your own home. God is present and we hope you too will know that each of you is present here in this place. God is present, wherever the people gather, even when it is virtual.

It is good to push out the voices of fear and anxiety and rest and nest in God's arms, here in this place, as we gather and listen to the Word of God spoken and written in our hearts

**For Palm Sunday** you are invited to put a plant near your worship space, a reminder of palm branches used in the celebration of Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem.

**GATHERING**

Announcements

Acknowledgement of the Land

In this time and place we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, and Dakota people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. As we come from many places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.

We gather in the name of the living God.

***We stand in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.***

Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

***We pray with God's people around the earth and across the ages.***

Heaven and earth are one.

***In the unity of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Blessing of the Palms:

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

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, knowing his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.

We follow him from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection cross. As we share his resurrection and new life, assist us 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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

God of glory, in this time, where we cannot stand with one another in procession, help us to see the faces our own community of St. Chad's, that we do stand together in love, by physical distancing. We are never far from you, O God and together we proclaim your glory from our places of isolation. We look to the day when new life will come from our experiences and you will be there with your mighty acts of love and kindness. Bless these palms that wait in anticipation of that day, when we will gather as one in safety. Give us courage to step into this day, knowing you are with us, through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21: 1-11)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Message:

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 forever. **Amen**

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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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 forever. **Amen**

Hymn All Glory Laud and honour

### **WORD**

**We listen to God's Word spoken in scripture**

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."**

*Gospel*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (27: 11- 54)*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel of Christ

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

Message "Where is God's passion, God's love for the world, touching us today?"

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Hymn **Ride on King Jesus, Ride On**  
(Steve Bell, Signpost Music, with permission)

Prayers of the People Our response is "Your mercy is great"

## SENDING

### Blessing

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

### Hymn

When We Face an Unknown Future

### Dismissal

Our worship has ended; our service in the world now continues. Go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **Credits:**

Morning Prayer Outline - [anglican.ca](http://anglican.ca) (liturgical texts)

Prayers of the People - [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)

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### **We pray for:**

Yvette, Jennifer, Ally, Gil, Allan, Corey, Sally, Audrey, Joy, Kay, Chase, Faune, Jodie, Asfaw, Kyle, Colin, Lois, Peter, Bill, Robbie, Julie, Joe, Don, Connie, Cheryle, Elaine, Tim, Laura, Annabele, Brenda, April, Tom, Matthew, Joanna, Carrie, Wayne, Bob, Randy, Gail, Dave, Segurbjorg, Nathan, Larry, Debbie, Kathy, William, Nicole, Susan, Sylvia, Taylor, Joan, Marvin, Willow and her family, Marion, Tyler, Mandie, Bailey, Will, Jennie, Gloria

### **Announcements**

If you are having difficulty getting on Facebook to find the live-streaming of our services, please contact Rev. Elaine or Brent Jackson know via email at

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