

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2, 2023



The Season of Lent has ended. We begin our journey together through Palm and Passion Sunday, commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We also remember Passion Sunday as we reflect on Jesus' last week. We gather for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services. We can not celebrate Easter until we have our Good Friday. Today is Palm and Passion Sunday.

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

WASHROOMS: Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details found at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE: Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.

BIBLE STUDY: We meet Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! Contact klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

BOOK CLUB: We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome! [Ruth - mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca](mailto:Ruth-mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca)

OUTREACH: Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.

PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS: Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers are always needed. Contact Jan Demeduk to volunteer at j.demeduk@hotmail.com

ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC: Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! Choir Director—music@standrewsriverheights.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, fundraising, outreach, Sunday morning coffee & tea. If you are interested, email the church office at office@standrewsriverheights.com.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 2 at 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 pm
Good Friday at St. Andrew's with Westworth, April 7 at 10:30am
Easter Sunday Communion, April 9 from 10:00-10:10 am
Easter Sunday Celebration with the Choir and Trumpeter, April 9 at 10:30 am



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

Order of Service

GATHERING: *Hosanna, loud hosanna* (Ellacombe)
arr. Albert Travis

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *Prairie Spirit United Church*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land.

The relationship with the land is at the center of our lives.

We acknowledge the first peoples and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. The land we worship and live on is part of Treaty 1.

Our water comes from Treaty 3 and our hydro from Treaty 5 territories.

We acknowledge errors made in the past by those arriving from other lands and we pledge to work towards the right relationships with all First Nations people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2023.*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Line the festival procession with branches.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN: **VU122** *All Glory Laud and Honour* ♪ (Refrain)

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,

now in the Lord's name coming,

our King and blessed one. R

The multitude of pilgrims

with psalms before you went;

our praise and prayer and anthems

before you were present. R

To you, before your passion,

they sang their hymns of praise,

to you, now high exalted,

our melody we raise. R

Their praises you accepted;

accept the prayers we bring,

**great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king. R ♪**

OPENING PRAYER

PALM PROCESSIONAL PLAY - Matthew 21:1-11

Written by Lindsay Lefebvre & Elizabeth Brown

Narrator: Evan Demeduk

Bunny: Jan Demeduk

Jesus: Elliot Ragot

Disciple 1: Andrew Dolinsky

Disciple 2: George-Antony Shariff

Owner: Maggie Ragot

Donkey: Abigail Rieger

HYMN: **MV128** *When They Heard That Jesus was Coming* vs.1, 2 & 3 ♪ **When they heard that Jesus was coming,**

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

All the people went out to meet him.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Spread their cloaks and branches before him,

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Children sang with palm branches waving.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Blest is he, like David before him.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Blest is he, God's blessing upon him.

Sing hosanna to the chosen one!

Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,

sing hosanna to the chosen one! ♪

CHILDREN'S TIME-The Lenten Tree

SOLO: Evan - *Hosanna to the Lord* (text, Frans Mikael Franzen; music, Bradley Ellingboe)

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!

Let every hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!

Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments!

Shout and sing!

God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
 Your king, yet every nation its tribute too may bring.
 All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing.
 His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.
 His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
 So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding:
 Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE: *The Minister's Annual Manual 2005 adapted.*

Merciful God, you have heard our shouts, both intentional and unintentional. You have heard our murmuring, both surprising and matter-of-fact, that denies Jesus as Lord.
At times we turn away from your goodness and grace.
Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.
Grant us new life, that we may find meaning in the lives given us.
May we boldly proclaim that we are a forgiven people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 27:11-54 read by Derek Morphy
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* (text, Fanny J. Crosby; music, William H. Doane)
 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
 There's a precious fountain;
 Free to all, a healing stream
 Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:
 In the cross, in the cross,
 Be my glory ever;
 Till my raptured soul shall find
 Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
 Love and mercy found me;
 There the bright and morning

star
 Shed its beams around me.
Refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
 Bring its scenes before me;
 Help me walk from day to day
 With its shadows o'er me.
Refrain

Near the cross, I'll watch and wait,
 Hoping, trusting ever,
 Till I reach the golden strand
 Just beyond the river.
Refrain

SERMON

HYMN: **VU127** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* (tune VU108) ♪ **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 winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice

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. ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
 We remember Jesus as we begin our journey through Holy Week
 Sung response: **MV100** *Lord God, You Love Us*
Lord God, you love us,
source of compassion.

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

A thank you today to our singers, our soloist, Evan and our scripture reader, Derek Morphy.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER: **VU916** *A Translation*
**Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
May your name be made holy,
May your dominion come,
May your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
And forgive us our debts,
As we have forgiven our debtors;
And do not put us to the test,
But rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
And the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU539** *God of All Good* vs. 1
**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,
use them your holy purpose to fulfil;
tokens of love and pledges brought anew
that our whole life is offered to your will.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU121** *Tree of Life* vs. 4
**Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew,
we may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.**

POSTLUDE: Meditation *Edward d'Evry*

YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

Announcements

Remember in prayer:

Renee Chateauneuf (Kelly McKeag's partner) who is in St. Boniface Hospital.

Coralie Standing is in Charleswood Nursing Home, 5501 Roblin Avenue, Room 614B.

The St. Andrew's Senior Choir is pleased to announce the return of its annual Choir Show: "*A Crazy Little Thing Called Love*" on April 22, 2023. There will be a 7:30pm performance, as well as a 1:30pm matinee. Tickets are \$20 (12 and under: \$10) with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch are provided. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase by the glass. Tickets are available for purchase through the office Mon-Fri 8:30am-2:30pm. If you would like to pick up your tickets on Sunday mornings in the Narthex, please email or call the church office to order your tickets ahead of time. Tickets are also available online through [Eventbrite](#). Seating is limited, so please get your tickets early!

There won't be Bible Study this Tuesday, Bible Study returns Tuesday, April 11th.

Got any loose change? The Coin Canister is at the back of the church. Drop-in spare coins for Oak Table-1JustCity for their needs for food for their breakfast program.

Scripture Readings for next week

Acts 10:34-43;

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4,

*John 20:1-18



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