

# PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24, 2024



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.

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 on our website.

## FIND YOUR PLACE

**WASHROOMS:** A wheelchair-accessible and gender-neutral bathroom is located in the hallway North of the lower auditorium. It can be accessed by the elevator near the office or any of the stairways and is available to all 24 / 7. The Childcare and Nursery have full and exclusive use of the washrooms in the lower hallway Monday to Friday 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The use of the lower Narthex washrooms is for church use 24 / 7 plus the lower hallway washrooms may be used by all on evenings and weekends when the childcare and nursery are closed.

**Bible Study** is on Tuesdays, at 9:30am in the lounge. During Lent, we will be studying together, "Act Fast," by Alydia Smith. This week we are reflecting on Good Defenders, pages. 77-94.

**Drivers Needed:** Flowers from the Easter Sunday service get delivered to our members in long-term care and assisted living. If you are available to help. please come to the church lounge at 10am on Easter Monday to pick up your delivery package. Thank you.

### Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday at St. Andrew's with Westworth, March 28 at 6:15pm

Good Friday at Westworth, March 29 at 10:30am

Easter Sunday Communion, March 31 from 10:00am-10:15am

Easter Sunday Lessons & Carols, March 31 at 10:30 am

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly eblast to know what is happening in the Church community!

<https://standrewsriverheights.com/news-4/newsletter/>



**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.

## **Palm & Passion Sunday**

GATHERING MUSIC: *Prelude on 'St. Theodolph'* (All glory, laud and honour) Healey Willan

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **VU123** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

WORK OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR COUNCIL: Rob Siddall

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: (*PIE Day Resources written by Rev. Tori Mulin*)

We proudly and lovingly acknowledge the land and territory that we stand and pray on as a faith community here at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church. We acknowledge and pray for the peoples, ancestors, and presence of the Indigenous peoples of Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. We acknowledge the Inuit and all peoples of this great land of Turtle Island and their ancestors and all seven generations before and after us in this place, this church, and this country of Canada. Thanks be to God for all creation.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Manual, 2024.*

In joy, we gather this day.

**Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ.**

In remembrance, we gather this day.

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

In festive celebration and quiet reflection,

We gather to worship and pray.

**Hosanna to the Son of God.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE:

**Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.**

OPENING PRAYER: *G Resources for Worship 2023 Lent & Easter, written by Taylor Croissant, Lethbridge U.C., adapted.*

God of All Glory,

We come to you today with grateful hearts for all you have done, for all you are doing, and for all you are going to do for us and for those who are in this world. So here we go! We welcome Jesus and shout out our praises with joy!

**Hosanna! Break out of the box and let loose with the joyous sound of praise!**

We sing a melody of praise to you, our God, and make music like never before!

**Blow those trumpets and shofars!**

Shout with joyous triumph!

**Let the rocks shout! Let the ocean's waves join in the chorus with their roaring praise until everyone everywhere joins in unison, "Hosanna! Glory to you, O God!"**

We celebrate, knowing that you, Great God, do all things well!

**We pray in the mighty name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU126** *Ride On, Ride On, the Time is Right* vs. 1, 2 & 5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Holy One, humble us as we come to you in prayer.**

**Forgiving God, as Gethsemane approaches, the shadow of the cross**

**lengthens and we become aware of all that we are not. We are not as courageous as you call us to be. We are not as faithful as the world needs us to be. Forgive us for our failures, O God. Renew us with your forgiving love and strengthen us to follow you so that we may take up our crosses, in confidence, without fear, trusting that your love is enough to sustain us now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM: Palm: *The Palms* (music and words, Jean-Baptiste Faure; translated, Millard/Barker)

Around our way, the palm trees and flowers

Send forth their perfume on our festal day.

Jesus appears, he comes to dry our tears.

Already crowds approach, and honour pay!

*Refrain:*

Join all and sing, His name declare,

Let every voice resound with acclamation:

Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!

Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His voice is heard, and nations at the sound  
Have now regained that freedom sought in vain.

Humanity shall everywhere abound,

For light to all the world is given again!

*Refrain*

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 11:1-11 read by Bernard Boland

ANTHEM: Passion: *Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st* (words, W.R. Bowie; melody, Unitas

Fratrum (1566), arr. Alice Parker, Robert Shaw)

Lord Christ, when first Thou cam'st to them,

Upon a cross they bound Thee,

And mocked Thy saving Kingship then,  
By thorns with which they crowned Thee:  
And still our wrongs may weave Thee now  
New thorns to pierce that steady brow,  
And robe of sorrow round Thee!

O wounded hands of Jesus, build  
In us Thy new creation;  
Our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,  
We wait Thy revelation:  
O Love that triumphs over loss,  
We bring our hearts before Thy cross,  
To finish Thy salvation.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 14:1-11 read by  
Bernard Boland  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU143** *My Song Is Love Unknown*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU113** *To the Desert  
Jesus Came* vs. 4

♪ **From the ashes to the hill,  
we'll travel on our Lenten road.  
Hand in hand we'll cross this sand,  
and share each other's heavy load.  
Together through the valley,  
we'll watch the changing sky.  
Together through the valley,  
as Easter's dawn draws nigh.** ♪

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU962**  
♪ **May the blessing of God go before you.  
May her grace and peace abound.  
May her Spirit live within you.  
May her love wrap you 'round.  
May her blessing remain with you always.  
May you walk on holy ground.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Intermezzo*

#### 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

Thank you to our singers and our scripture reader, Bernard Boland.

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#### Music Note

Today's first anthem is composed by Jean-Baptiste Faure (not the more well-known Gabriel Fauré), who was an operatic baritone, composer and art collector in Paris in the late 1800s. He was praised for his rich singing voice and stage presence as an opera performer. Our second anthem is an arrangement of a familiar hymn-tune, that we usually sing with more uplifting text (see VU216), with a text for Passiontide. It is an interesting contrast, highlighting the conflicting emotions of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter.

#### Announcements

**Memorial Flowers:** What is the Memorial Flowers Fund? Every year during Lent, St. Andrew's raises money for the St. Andrew's Flower Fund in memory of loved ones. Donations can be made in amounts of your choosing and you can name as many people as you wish. All loved ones named will be listed in an 'In Memoriam' section in our order of service on Easter Sunday. This fund is used to purchase flowers/plants to decorate the church during special times of the year. If you would like your 'In Memoriam' to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please forward the form and your donation to the church office by mailing it in or dropping it off in the mailbox **no later than Monday, March 25th, 2024**. Any donation to the Memorial Flowers Fund will be included in your yearly income tax receipt. Forms are located in the narthex or can be found on our website under "publications/forms".

**The St. Andrew's Senior Choir** is pleased to announce the return of its annual Choir Show: "*Spring Bouquet*" on April 27, 2024. There will be a 7:30pm performance, as well as a 1:30pm matinee. Tickets are \$25 (12 and under: \$15) with reserved cabaret seating; snacks and punch are provided. Wine and beer will also be available for purchase by the glass. Tickets are available through the church office Mon-Fri from 8:30am-2:30pm and Sundays after the service in the Narthex. Tickets ordered during the week are also available for pickup Sundays after the service. 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. Seating is limited, so please get your tickets early!

### Coming Up...

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday worship @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, MARCH 25

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Wes & Dean practice (sanctuary) @ 2:15pm

Rental—Judy Oatway (sanctuary) @ 5:30pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Maundy Thursday worship @ 6:15pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Good Friday worship at Westworth United Church @ 10:30am

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Decorating the Church @ 9am

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Easter Sunday communion @ 10am

Easter Sunday Lessons & Carols @ 10:30am

#### MONDAY, APRIL 1

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

Worship meeting (lounge) @ 10:45am

P&A meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

RHS yoga (lounge) @ 10am

Piano tuner (sanctuary) @ 2:30pm

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @

Rental—University of Manitoba (sanctuary) @ 4pm

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 8:30am

Rental—University of Manitoba (sanctuary) @ 4pm

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Virtuosi (sanctuary) @ 12:30pm

#### MONDAY, APRIL 8

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 1:30pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium) @ 7pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 7pm

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Handbell choir (lounge) @ 6pm

Choir (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Rental—Katy (sanctuary) @ 10am

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Worship @ 10am

Rental—Katy (sanctuary) @ 6pm

### 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?

### More Announcements

If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription to the Broadview Magazine, please contact the church office by Monday, April 5, 2024. Please make your cheque for \$30.00 payable to St. Andrew's River Heights United Church.

**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:

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16—25

or Hebrews 4:14—16; 5:7—9

John 18:1—19:42

