

# PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING

Sunday, April 13, 2025



Lent is a time of reflection, contemplation, and preparation for what is to come. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5 and lasts until Easter, April 20.

This year we are looking at Lent through the eyes of The Covenants God made. This is the Sixth Sunday of Lent and we reflect on God's Covenant of Presence. God is present with us as we journey through Holy Week following the footsteps of Jesus.

## 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.

## Holy Week Services

- Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 am, Guest Preacher, Rev. Jeff Cook
- Maundy Thursday at Westworth, April 17 at 6:15pm
- Good Friday at St. Andrew's with Westworth, April 18 at 10:30am
- Easter Sunday Communion, April 20 from 10:00am-10:15am
- Easter Sunday Lessons & Carols, April 20 at 10:30 am

**Today is Palm Sunday.** Children and youth are to meet downstairs and process in during the Processional Hymn at the beginning.

Make sure to subscribe to our weekly Online newsletter 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: *Hosanna, loud hosanna*  
(Ellacombe) arrangements by Philip Moore and  
Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

CENTERING WORDS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: **VU122** *All Glory Laud  
and Honour*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP:

It is faith that brings us here!

**We trust that God accompanies the one who  
comes riding on a donkey.**

It is hope that brings us here!

**Hope that Jesus embodies God's love, God's  
peace, God's healing.**

It is joy that brings us here!

**And so, we greet Jesus with our shouts of  
'Hosanna!'**

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY: *Gathering Resource  
for Worship, 2025, written by Christine Jerrett, In-  
wood, Ontario*

Read by Andrew Dolinsky

PRAYER:

**God-with-Us, as we enter Jerusalem, compan-  
ions with Jesus, we renew our commitment to  
following the Way he taught. Even as we shout  
"Hosanna," we know that this word means  
"God save us," and, indeed, in our world today,  
we are aware of so many ways that we long for  
you to save us. We celebrate, yet we despair.  
We hope, yet we doubt. Today, we lean into  
your presence with us. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN: **VU124** *He Came Riding on a Donkey*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**God, we are called to follow the way of Jesus.  
We are called to come before a cross and there  
encounter the pain and suffering of this world.  
And yet we are called to be an Easter people.  
God, we love to sing 'Hosanna,' but we often  
find it difficult to love as Jesus loved – to love  
even those we do not like, to forgive those who  
seem so indifferent to the hurts they cause, to  
offer healing in places of brokenness. God, re-  
new our faith. Let Easter life flow through us.  
In Christ's name we pray. AMEN**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

As we enter this holy week, as we prepare again to  
hear the stories of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem, Je-  
sus sharing a last meal with his disciples, Jesus  
being arrested and crucified; as we prepare to be  
again amazed by an empty tomb and Easter resur-  
rection, we remember, that at all times, Jesus was  
held in God's love. We remember, and we trust,  
that at all times we are held in God's love and in  
God's amazing grace. Thanks be to God. AMEN

ANTHEM: *On That Day When He Rode into Jeru-  
salem* (text and music, Mary Kay Beall; arr. John  
Carter)

On that day when he rode into Jerusalem,  
Everyone came to see the promised King.

On that day when he rode into Jerusalem,  
For miles and miles around, you could hear them  
sing.

They sang, "Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!"

They sang, "Hosanna!" to the promised King.

"Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!"

Glad Hosannas made the heavens ring!

On that day when he rode into Jerusalem,

Everyone thought he would wear a crown.

No one guessed when he rode into Jerusalem

How the tide would turn and bring him down.

So, they sang, "Hosanna!"...

On that day when he rode into Jerusalem,

Everyone thought he would rule the land.

No one knew when he rode into Jerusalem

That soon there would be nail-prints in his hand.

So, they sang, "Hosanna!"...

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 19:28-40 read by  
Bernard Boland

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

HYMN: **VU127** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty* (tune  
VU108)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Ride on! Ride on in  
majesty* (Winchester New) arr. Malcolm Archer

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SUNG RESPONSE: **VU116** *Giver of the Perfect Gift* vs. 4

♪ **Oh, may these our Lenten days,  
blest by thee, with thee be passed,  
that with purer, nobler praise  
we may keep thy feast at last.** ♪

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **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.** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Christ lay awhile in death's strong bands* (Christ lag in Todesbanden) J.S. Bach

### Music Note

Our first hymn, "All Glory, Laud and Honour" is one of the most beloved Palm Sunday hymns. The text was written by St. Theodulph of Orleans in 820, while he was in prison for speaking out/conspiring against King Louis the Pious. It originally had 39 couplets (78 lines), now thankfully shortened to the verses we have here -- otherwise we might have been singing this all morning! The tune we sing is from the 1613, composed by Melchior Teschner for a German hymn, "Valet will ich dir geben." Although it is also known at ST THEODULPH, in honour of the Saint who wrote the text we now pair with it.

### Announcements

**Rev. Jeff Cook** retired in 2023 after 39 years in ministry. Jeff served four years in Saskatchewan Conference, then served 35 years in team ministry with Rev. Carol Fletcher at Transcona Memorial United Church. Jeff and the Rev. Walter Farquharson co-authored the book "An Audacious Invitation: A Reflection on the Gospel According to John." Jeff was a nominee for Moderator in 2012. He enjoys writing, sketching, and reading, and has been learning to play the Bodhran (the Irish flat drum).

**Sunday morning Book Study Group** are reflecting on *Something Sacred Reflections on Music and Faith*, Week 5, pages 60-73. Book Study is on Sunday after Church in the lounge.

**Bible Study's date has been changed for one week.** Bible study will be on Tuesday, April 15th, at 9:30am in the lounge. This week we are studying John 20.

### 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. Thank you to our candle reader, Andrew Dolinsky. Thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Cook.

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## Upcoming Services

- Sunday, April 27th - Baptism
- Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Indoor/  
Outdoor Picnic, dress casual,  
service downstairs, fun/food/  
community

**A group of St. Andrew's folks** delivers a route for the Meals on Wheels program. The route takes just over an hour to complete, and we each choose the dates that work for our schedule. We are looking for a couple of people to join our team! Please contact Allison Koots at 204-284-5826 or the church office if you would like more information.

**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 **no later than Monday, April 14th, 2025**. Any donation to the Memorial Flowers Fund will be included in your yearly income tax receipt. Forms can be found in the narthex.

**The Fellowship Group** hosts coffee time after church most Sundays but needs assistance. On May 4<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, a volunteer is needed to prepare the coffee time.

If you are available, please sign up. Thank you very much.

**Walks on Tuesdays** with Westworth continue every week at 1pm. If you would like to be informed about the routes of these walks and would like to have your email provided to the organizers, please let the church office know.

## Coming Up...

### SUNDAY, APRIL 13

**Palm Sunday Service @ 10:30am**  
*Rental—River City Sound*  
*(auditorium) @ 2:30pm*

### MONDAY, APRIL 14

*Rental—Katherine Mayba (sanctuary)*  
*@ 10am*  
*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am  
**ABC (lounge) @ 1pm**  
**Council meeting (board room) @ 7:30pm**

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am  
*Rental—River City Sound*  
*(auditorium) @ 5:15pm*  
*Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6:15pm*

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @ 6pm  
**Joint Maundy Thursday Service @ Westworth United Church @ 6:15pm**  
Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

### FRIDAY, APRIL 18

**Joint Good Friday Service (sanctuary) @ 10:30am**

## 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?

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

**Decorating the church (sanctuary) @ 9am**  
**Service @ 2pm with reception**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

**Easter Sunday Communion Service (sanctuary) @ 10am**  
**Easter Sunday Lessons & Carols (sanctuary) @ 10:30am**

### MONDAY, APRIL 21

*Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm*

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Wes organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 10am

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am  
*Rental—River City Sound*  
*(auditorium) @ 5:15pm*

