

PALM SUNDAY

HOSANNA TO THE KING

Sunday, March 29, 2026



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.

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Holy Week Services

- Maundy Thursday at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church with Westworth, April 2 at 6:15pm
- **Good Friday at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church with Westworth at April 3 at 10:30am**
- Easter Sunday Communion, April 5 from 10:00am-10:15am
- Easter Sunday Lessons & Carols, April 5 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 Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC: *Settings of 'All Glory, Laud and Honour'* (St. Theodulph) by Andrew Moore and J.S. Bach

WELCOME & WORK OF THE CHURCH

PALM PROCESSION

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *Gathering Worship Resources for Worship Planners, Lent/Easter 2026, written by Bill Steadman, Goulais River U.C., Goulais River, Ont.*

This day brings with it joy and celebration, uncertainty and anticipation.

This day brings us to a new place of discernment and preparation.

This day leads us into the realities of Holy Week, into the truth and challenges of living the promises of faith and hope.

This day leads us beyond the past and into a future that is yet to be revealed.

This day we are led into worship with palms and hosannas. Let us worship.

SOLO: Loralie Friesen - *Glad Hosannas* (Mary E. Caldwell, text and music)

Glad hosannas sounding clearly,
Back and forth the echoes fly,
Waving palm fronds, tipped in sunlight,
Arched against the morning sky.

Sandaled footsteps, restless, eager,
For a crowd is drawing nigh,
Searching faces watch and wonder
As a man comes riding by,
Hear the shouts and glad hosannas
As a man comes riding by.

Who can know his way leads onward
To a hilltop, not a throne?
Who can know it leads to Calvary
And a cross he bears alone!

So the people sing hosannas
To the One whom they adore,
Hear the shouts of adulation
From a thousand throats or more!
Sing hosanna to the Son of God forevermore!

LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY: CANDLE OF UNITY
VU108 *Throughout These Lenten Days and*

Nights vs. 1

♪ Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ our, guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day. ♪

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2006, ed., Mary Scifres and B.J. Beu.*
Faithful One, we want to be as faithful to you as you are to us.

**Help us sing your praises joyously and proudly, even when the jeering crowds frighten us.
Walk with us in moments of celebration and times of trouble.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HYMN: **MV128** *When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6*

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 21:1-11 read by Rhonda Kennedy

SERMON:

Celebrating Palm Sunday

ANTHEM: *They Carried My Lord Away* (J. Paul Williams, text; Joseph M. Martin, music)

They carried my Lord away
To an empty tomb where he was laid.
On the cross he died;
A spear pierced his side.
They carried my Lord away.

They carried my Lord away
To an empty tomb where he was laid.
Nails had pierced his hands;
Death had left its brand.
They carried my Lord away.

Friends had come to take his body down.
Gentle hand had laid him on the ground.
The son of God had laid aside his crown.
They carried my Lord away
To an empty tomb where he was laid;
Placed in death's dark room,
Soldiers sealed the tomb.
They carried my Lord away.

Walking Through Holy Week

HYMN: **VU149** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
We wonder how we might support them.

♪ **Send your peace on our world, God, you, the creator of peace. Our hearts fill with peace, God. You are the source of healing peace.** ♪

Send your peace on our world, God, you, the cre-a - tor of peace.

Our _ hearts fill with peace, God. You are the source of heal-ing peace.

Then Let Us Sing #135
Words and music: traditional Palestinian and Lebanese; English translation: Terry MacArthur

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *Larghetto (from Concerto in F major)* G.F. Handel

OFFERTORY PRAYER

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **VU108** *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights vs. 5*

♪ **So let us choose the path of One who wore, for us, the crown of thorn, and slept in death that we might wake to life on Resurrection Morn!** ♪

POSTLUDE: *Gabriel's Oboe* Ennio Morricone Elliot Ragout - Oboe

"Gabriel's Oboe"

"Gabriel's Oboe" was composed by Ennio Morricone for the 1986 movie *The Mission*. The piece plays during a pivotal scene when Father Gabriel (played by Jeremy Irons) enters the South American jungle and makes contact with the Indigenous Guaraní community. Instead of using force or words, he plays a simple, haunting melody on his oboe to communicate peacefully. The melody represents peaceful connection across cultures, spiritual devotion and faith, and the power of music as a universal language.

Announcements

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

The children have been making crosses during the Season of Lent which are on the Communion Table for everyone to see. Easter Sunday they will be available for any who would like one.

Can you spare a few hours or an afternoon for a visit with Greg Fearn, who fell and is recuperating at home? This will enable Linda to run and do some errands or whatever she needs to do. Email Linda at linfearn2@gmail.com

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, soloist, Loralie Friesen, and our scripture reader, Rhonda Kennedy. Thank you to Elliot Ragot for playing oboe.

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Announcements

Remember in prayer:

- Margaret Lumley, Karen's Mother, she fell, broke her hip and is in the hospital.
- Diane Bewell, who fell and is out of hospital at Deer Lodge for Rehab.

Bible Study this Wednesday is cancelled due to Holy Week Services.

If you would like to subscribe or renew your subscription to the Broadview Magazine, please contact the church office by Friday, April 3, 2026. Please make your cheque for \$30.00 payable to St. Andrew's River Heights United Church. You are also welcome to pay via e-Transfer. *Broadview* is an independent Canadian magazine featuring award-winning coverage.

On Thursday, April 9th at 11:00 Rev. Patricia Baker is facilitating the service at the Boulton. Patricia currently is not ministering at any pastoral charge. She is in formal association with us at St. Andrew's Community of Faith. If anyone would be willing to play the piano, help with the singing and be present for the service, please let Rev. Karen Lumley or the office know.

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 pur-

chase 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, March 30th, 2026**. Any donation to the Memorial Flowers Fund will be included in your yearly income tax receipt. Forms can be found on our website or in the narthex.

There are small posters for you to pick up at the back of the church to remind you what is recyclable in the collection boxes.

Coming Up...

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Palm Sunday

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—River City Sound

(auditorium) @ 5:15pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Joint Maundy Thursday Service

(sanctuary) @ 6:15pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Joint Good Friday Service (sanctuary)

@ 10:30am

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Easter Sunday Communion Service

(sanctuary) @ 10am

Easter Sunday Lessons & Carols

(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.

MONDAY, APRIL 6

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Bible study (lounge) @ 9:30am

Rental—River City Sound

(auditorium) @ 5:15pm

Rental—Joy Cooper (lounge) @ 6pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Handbell choir practice (lounge) @

6pm

Choir practice (sanctuary) @ 7:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Rental—Caitlin Broms-Jacobs sanctu-

ary) @ 5pm

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Scouts (auditorium) @ 6pm

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

