

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

**PEOPLE** Hosanna in the highest.

#### **Gathering Prayer**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. 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, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.

ALL Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, 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.

## **Blessing of the Palms**

- Celebrant The Lord be with you. **PEOPLE** And also with you. Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **PEOPLE** It is right to give our thanks and praise. It is right to praise you, almighty God, Celebrant 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.
  - PEOPLE Amen.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

#### **PEOPLE** And also with you.

Celebrant In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral territory of the shishálh Nation.

**PEOPLE** From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

Celebrant In this time and place, together, one people of God.

**PEOPLE** In the name of God,

Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God,

ALL 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 for ever. Amen.

## ✤ The Proclamation of the Word ✤

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a	Janet McIntosh
The Lord God has given me	
the tongue of a teacher,	
that I may know how to sustain	
the weary with a word.	
Morning by morning he wakens—	
wakens my ear	
to listen as those who are taught.	
The Lord God has opened my ear,	
and I was not rebellious,	
I did not turn backwards.	
I gave my back to those who struck me,	
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;	
I did not hide my face	
from insult and spitting.	
The Lord God helps me;	
therefore I have not been disgraced;	
therefore I have set my face like flint,	
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;	
he who vindicates me is near.	
Who will contend with me?	
Let us stand up together.	<i>cont</i> 'd over $\rightarrow$

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16 All read together	
<sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;	
my eye is consumed with sorrow,	
and also my throat and my belly.	
<sup>10</sup> For my life is wasted with grief,	
and my years with sighing;	
my strength fails me because of affliction,	
and my bones are consumed.	
<sup>11</sup> 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.	
<sup>12</sup> I am forgotten like a corpse, out of mind;	
I am as useless as a broken pot.	
<sup>13</sup> 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.	
<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.	
I have said, "You are my God."	
<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;	
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,	
and from those who persecute me.	
<sup>16</sup> Make your face to shine upon your servant,	
and in your loving-kindness save me."	
Glory to God, Source of all being,	
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;	
As it was in the beginning is now	
and shall be for ever. Amen.	
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11	
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus	2
who, though he was in the form of God,	
did not regard equality with God	
as something to be exploited,	
but emptied himself,	oor () ]
taking the form of a slave,	$cont'd over \rightarrow$

being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## The Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

DeaconMay God be with youPEOPLEAnd also with youDeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MatthewPEOPLEGlory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.'

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil,

asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying,

'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

## PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon...... Fr. Ayoob Adwar

## The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People

We ask for blessings for Ayoob and Bruce, our wardens, and all of us as we go through this time of uncertainty and anxiety. May we do all we can to keep each other safe and connected.

God in each one of us, Hear our prayer

We give thanks for the dedication and courage of all who work in the health professions, first responders, police, and all who are working to keep us fed and healthy, taking risks with their own lives. May they know that they are honoured and cherished, and may they be kept safe from harm.

God in each one of us, Hear our prayer

As the leaders of the world face up to the crisis of this world-wide COVID-19 virus pandemic, we pray that you will guide them to make wise decisions for their own people and also for the world. May we all do our part in helping to bring this disaster to an end.

God in each one of us, Hear our prayer

We ask for your blessings on those we know who are sick or in need of prayers, and for those who care for them. We pray especially for those on our prayer list:

Michele Beaudry, Gary & Ella Evans, Fred Hibbard Phil Hopkins, Janet McConnell, Lorelei Reier Sher & Morrie Sacks, Donna Walsh Wheeldon

We also remember those with ongoing needs:

Jill & Rik Diespecker, Geoffrey Dunbrack, Max Haugen, Robert, Jeannette Shouls, Chris Sooley

You may also add the name of anyone dear to you, either silently or aloud.

We pray for all who are suffering from the Corona virus, and all who grieve the death of a loved one. Isolation is a bitter thing at such a time, even though necessary. We ask that they may be comforted.

God in each one of us, Hear our prayer

Most especially, we remember the poor and marginalized, refugees crammed into makeshift camps, prisoners in overcrowded prisons, homeless people and those living in unsafe housing. There seems so little we can do, but we pray that the value of each one be remembered. All are beloved by you, Holy One. May they somehow feel your love. We are asked particularly to pray for Indigenous communities across Canada as they seek the protection they need at this time from a virus that could cause much more death and destruction than in other communities. We pray for Archbishop Mark Macdonald and all the pastoral care teams at work in each community, with thanksgiving for their dedication and witness.

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## **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. ~ Silence is kept. ~ Most merciful God. ALL we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you all. **PEOPLE** And also with you.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God,

PEOPLE the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## Blessing

182 Closing Hymn......Ride On, Ride On in Majesty Hark! 1 Ride ride in ty! on, on ma jes In ride ty! 2 Ride on, on in ma jes ride ty! The 3 Ride in jes on, on ma ty! Thy 4 Ride ride on in jes on, ma In 5 Ride ride in jes ty! on, on ma "Но -0 Sav - iour meek, pur all the tribes san - na" cry; tri - umphs low - ly pomp, ride on to die; 0 Christ, thy an - gel - squad - rons down with sad and of the sky look his the Fa - ther on last and fierc - est strife is nigh: pomp, ride die; bow thy meek head to low - ly to on gar - ments strowed. thy road with palms and scat - tered sue con - quered sin. be - gin o'er cap - tive death and now sac - ri - fice. see the ap-proach - ing won - dering eyes to sap - phire throne his own noint - ed Son. ex pects a -God, power, and reign. mor - tal pain; then take, 0 thy

Postlude.....Nuvole bianche by Ludovico Einaudi

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	PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK	
Anglican Communion	The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Rev James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles	
Diocese &		
Partners	Holy Trinity Mission in Bantey (twinned with St. Hilda's) Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, & the Clergy & People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr	
Local Agencies	Emergency Responders: RCMP, Fire Halls & Paramedics	
Parish Ministries	Parish Council	
Justice Umbrella	Kenya: students of Kyaithani/Lower Yatta Secondary Schools Indigenous communities across Canada who are highly vul- nerable to COVID-19	
Prayer Requests	<ul> <li>Michele Beaudry: recovering from hip surgery</li> <li>Gary &amp; Ella Evans: recovering from COVID-19 (Ella is sister to Annie Webb)</li> <li>Fred Hibbard: comfort and peace</li> <li>Phil Hopkins: strength &amp; peace while healing</li> <li>Karen, Jon &amp; Joshua: comfort while grieving</li> <li>Janet McConnell</li> <li>Lorelei Reier: comfort &amp; strength while undergoing treatment</li> <li>Sher &amp; Morrie Sacks: comfort &amp; encouragement</li> <li>Donna Walsh Wheeldon: heart disease investigation</li> </ul>	
Ongoing Need	Jill & Rik Diespecker, Geoffrey Dunbrack, Max Haugen, Robert, Jeannette Shouls, Chris Sooley	

Prayer requests are listed for 4 weeks - to extend, please contact the office.