April 13, 2025 *Palm Sunday*

Today's liturgy begins with a palm procession, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

The congregation gathers in the **parking lot** (weather permitting) or in the narthex.



WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Morning after morning, God grants us a new day; wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God equips us to face whatever the day may hold; watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God. We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation. Se the gates of righteousness thrown open for us. enter to praise God's marvelous works.

God's steadfast love endures forever! Blessed is the one who comes in God's name. Let us pray,

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!"

 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

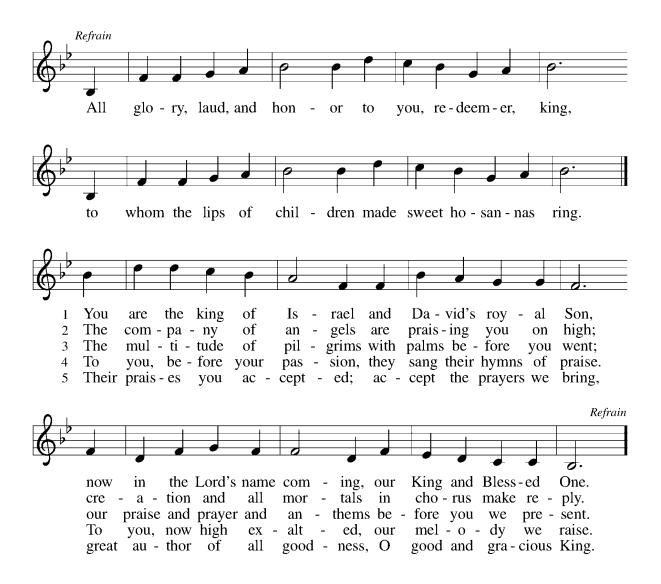
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you, O God, for revealing yourself in the person of Jesus Christ. Today we remember how he entered the city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed messiah and ruler by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and we who carry them. Grant us grace to follow Jesus in the way of the cross so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter life in all its fullness; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory Laud And Honor



In the church when all have arrived at their pews:

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. **Hosanna in the highest!**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution.

⁴ 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. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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; ⁸ he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. 9a It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God. Word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

(Sung antiphonally between the choir and the congregation)



God's mercy en- I dures forever. **R**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend both Jesus' humility and exaltation.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY Ride On, Ride On in Majesty BLUE 182

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Ken and Matzi, Irene, Jack and Sharon, Karen, Mary, Klaus and Margita, Kathryn, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Guillermo, Joanne, Micah, and those we name before you in our hearts. *(silence...)* God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors, priests, and deacons, altar guilds, musicians, assisting ministers and servers, ushers, and office staff. Instill in us awe and joy, that our service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all! And also with you.

OFFERTORY Ubi Caritas Et Amor

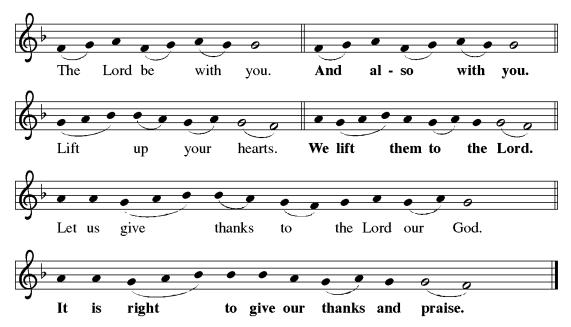
- 1. Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
- 2. Live in charity and steadfast love, Live in charity; God will dwell with you.
- 3. Where true charity and love abide God is dwelling there. God is dwelling there.
- 4. Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

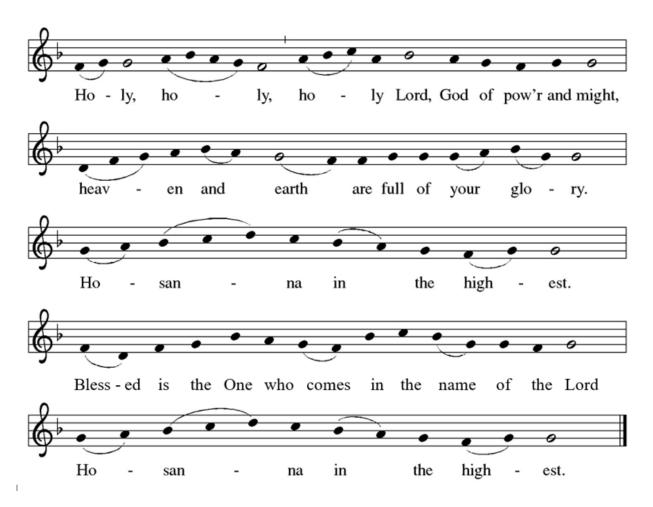
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant

to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,

to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of Christ; through, with, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

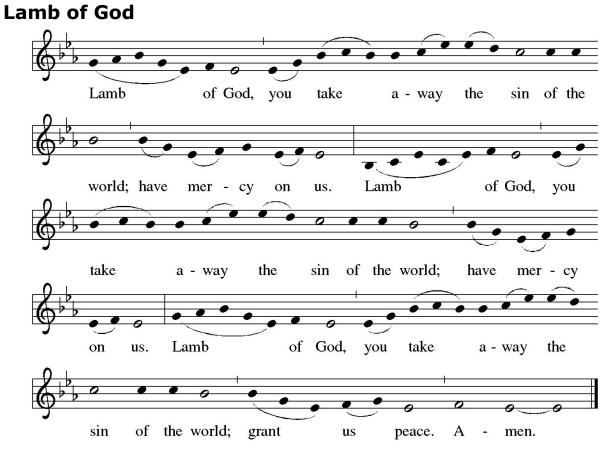
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread, Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come! Thanks be to God!

DISTRIBUTION



Communion Hymns:

Nada te turbe My Song is Love Unknown Hark, the Glad Sound! BLUE 568 BLUE 184 RED 239

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE For The Bread Which You Have Broken

BLUE 74

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with favour and give you peace. **Amen.**

The blessing of the God of life be ours. The blessing of the loving Christ be ours. The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours, To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.

SENDING HYMN Prepare the Royal Highway RED 264

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Penny Richards	Laura B Mann
Servers	Laura F Mann Laura B Mann	Michelle Normandin Julianna Stephens
Reader	Bill Clatworthy	Greg Elliott
Greeters	Michele Altermann Norm Frid	The Heaney family
Ushers	Ray Steinke Marilyn Coleman	Ray Steinke Marilyn Coleman
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty
Counters	Norm Frid Dennis Kunze	Christine Morrison Dennis Kunze
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Michele Altermann Kate Stuttaford	

We pray for:

ACC The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

ELCIC The congregations of the Central Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

MOR The Rt. Rev. Amy Gohdes-Luhman, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday April 20, 2025.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at <u>cjmorrison263@gmail.com</u>

The Associates Those who are the partners or caregivers of people experiencing cognitive change or memory loss are invited to come to the church on **Tuesday April 15, 2025 at 1:00 pm**, for a talk by our own Robin Smart of the Guelph-Wellington Alzheimer's Society on **Anticipatory Grief:** *feelings of grief and loss that caregivers experience, and how to handle them.*

Parish Care Workshop has been moved this month to the following week, **April 22 at 1:00 p.m**. Our speaker will be Julie, from Hospice Wellington discussing **"How to Access Health Care Supports"**. This is a relevant topic as our parishioners seek opportunities to continue living at home and also ponder moving to a health care facility.

Flowers for Easter: Altar Guild is collecting donations towards purchasing Easter flowers. Please give funds to Laura B. Mann, Sheila Chappel, or Bonnie Lichty if you wish to enhance the nave on April 20th.

Formula Fund: Please consider donating to support this quiet but valuable outreach ministry! Just write Formula Fund on the Other line of your envelope or message line of an etransfer. *Thank you.*

Silvercreek Community Market: We regularly need rice and red lentils! We currently have 270 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month — for April we need school snacks and 35 more bottles of cooking oil (1L) for the April 17 Market. We do not need any plastic bread tabs but are running low on

reuseable grocery bags. Thank you.

Turn Debt into Hope: Please see Jan Nielsen with her clip board to sign the petition asking governments to address the need to help poor countries struggling under insurmountable debt. For further information, see the April issue of *Connections*, eblasts or talk to Jan.

Later is Too Late is a participatory climate documentary co-produced by Nancy Nicol and Seniors for Climate. Seniors for Climate organizers and videographers in communities across Canada shared documentation of their events with Nancy, from which she created, Later is Too Late, a powerful documentary that tells a story of climate activism and hope for a better future. A free event but you must register in advance: zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/later-is-too-late-apowerful-documentary-of-climate-activismand-hope



Monday 14	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music, Parlour
Tuesday 15	1:00 p.m.	The Associates, Parlour
	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship, Rose Head Hall
	6:00—9:00 p.m.	Rental, Choir Room
Wednesday 16	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum, via Zoom
Thursday 17	9:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	5:00 p.m.	Agape Dinner, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service, Nave
Friday 18	10:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service, Nave
Sunday 13	8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Holy Communion—Nave

LOOKING AHEAD: April 14 – 20