

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday



PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

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

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

This is the day of celebration and praise.

We welcome our Sovereign with joy and gladness.

We lift our branches high in hope.

Hosanna in the highest!

Our Saviour comes in humility and peace.
Riding a donkey, he enters our city.

**Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.
Hosanna in the highest!**

God's reign draws near among us.
Love walks our roads and meets us here.

**We open our lives to Christ's presence.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Lift up your heads, O people of God.
Let the gates be opened wide.

**We enter with joy and thanksgiving.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Let us pray,

Living God, you give us this day, full of hope and promise. As people so long-ago waved palms in praise of Jesus, we bring our praises, too, that in joy you may take our lives and transform us. Through Christ we pray. **Amen**

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus and his disciples 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.'

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 glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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: Zechariah 9:9-10

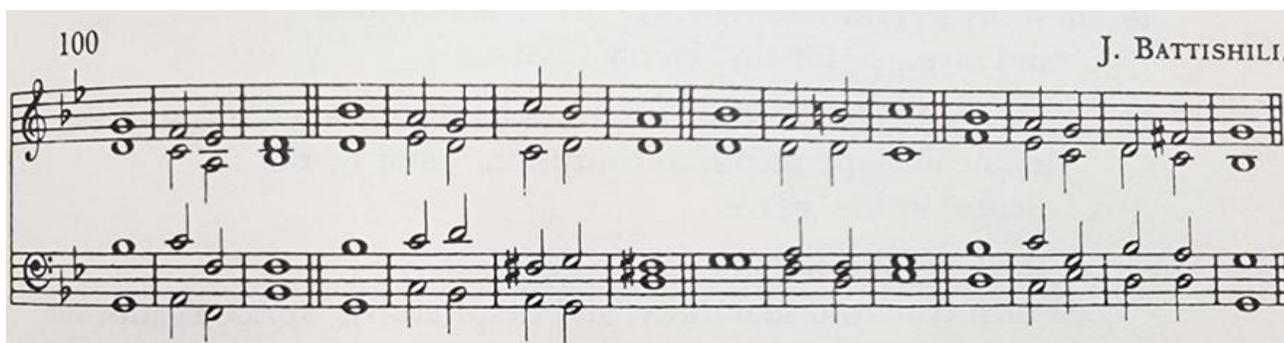
An oracle foreshadowing Israel's messianic era.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9 - 16



**Have mercy on me, o lord, for I am in trouble;
My eye is consumed with sorrow, and also
| my throat | and my belly.**

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with
sighing;**

**My strength fails me because of affliction, and | my
bones | are consumed.**

**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.

I am forgotten like a corpse, | out of mind;

I am as useless | as a | broken pot.

**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.
But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O Lord.
I have | said, "You |are my God."
My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from | those who |persecute me.
16 Make your face to shine up-| on your servant,
and in your | loving-| kindness save me.**

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

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Loving God, as Jesus entered Jerusalem humbly on a donkey and acclaimed by the crowds, strengthen your Church throughout the world to proclaim Jesus as sovereign and saviour. May we wave branches of praise in unity, welcoming Jesus' reign of peace in every nation. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, in the triumphal entry you showed Jesus as the gentle one who brings harmony, riding not on a warhorse but a colt of peace. Renew the earth under Jesus' care, healing lands scarred by greed and restoring balance to skies, waters, and soil. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of history, as the crowds cried "Hosanna!" to the one who comes in God's name, turn the hearts of leaders toward peace. Especially comfort the people of Ukraine, Sudan, the Middle East, and all enduring violent conflict, that weapons may fall silent and your realm draw near. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Christ, you accepted the crowd's praise knowing sorrow lay ahead; draw near to those who are ill and those grieving loss. Grant healing touch and whispered hope, turning their cries of pain into songs of trust in your saving love. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew, Joan, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Earlby, Bazil, for Grace and Cole and their mother Jennifer, Kathryn, Kelly, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Kim, Sheila, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious One, as Jerusalem's people spread cloaks and branches before you, bless our community at All Saints in Guelph. Inspire our worship, deepen our discipleship, and guide our service as we hail you anew in this Holy Week journey. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, the multitude in Jerusalem foreshadowed the great throng who now surround your throne; gather all the saints, living and departed, into your eternal city. May we join their unending "Hosanna!" until your reign is fulfilled throughout the cosmos. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY Seed that In Earth is Dying RED 330

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed The One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our living water and our merciful guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert and provided
them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our rock
and our water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his
life for the world.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized
gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be
revived for our journey by the love of Christ, through whom
all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, with the Holy
Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.
Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness!
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God

Congregation

Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy
on us. world: grant us peace.

Now is the Time of Grace

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va-tion.
Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta-tion.

Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode (verses 1 and 2)

Blue 183

My Song is Love Unknown (verses 1, 2, and 3)

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TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always. **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. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Dennis Kunze	Anne Stuart
Servers	John Szymanski Jan Neilsen	Michelle Normandin Kishan Gunawardene
Reader	Deborah Szymanski-Potts	Marie Karn
Greeters	Carole Mozuraitis	Bill & Jette Thomas
Ushers	Lucy Reid David Howells	Marilyn Colman Ray Steinke
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty
Counters	Richard/Linda Zytner Ann Sanders	Laura F Mann Kate Stuttaford
Flowers		

Coffee Hour	Annual Meeting	
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We pray for:

ACC The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and Queen’s College.

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

MOR The people and ministries of Millwoods Moravian Church in Edmonton.

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. We are looking for greeters in May. *Thank you.*

Annual Meeting: Our Annual/Vestry Meeting will take place **TODAY**, after the 10:00 a.m. service. Copies of the Annual Report and 2026 Budget are available in the narthex, please only take one copy per household. There will be a sandwich potluck after the service. Please bring sandwiches to share for lunch.

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — we need **canned legumes, school snacks and cooking oil (1L). Rice and lentils** are always needed. *We do not need any plastic bread tabs. We are taking reuseable grocery bags again. Thank you.*

Free to Read: The Guelph Tool Library is running the Free to Read Book Sale to celebrate **World Book Day on Saturday April 25, 2026 from 10 am until 3 pm in the main concourse of the Old Quebec Street Shoppes.** The goal is to sell those books that are frequently donated, such as best sellers and detective stories, and use the proceeds to purchase the technical books needed to support literacy and language programs in correctional facilities.

We are collecting books until **Sunday April 19, 2026.** This is a great opportunity to consider what books in your home are ready

for their next 'forever home'! (Please – no encyclopedias!) *Thank you.*

International Transgender Day of Visibility—March 31: First held on March 31, 2009, this day is dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society. Visibility enables trans people to experience less social isolation, it "illuminates and normalizes them to the rest of the world" and it builds empathy from the cisgender majority. It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the disproportionate levels of poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces compared to cisgender (non-transgender) people.



LOOKING AHEAD: March 30 — April 5

Monday 30	7:00 p.m.	Worship and Music, Parlour
Wednesday 1	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 2	9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Agape Dinner, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Service, Nave
Friday 3	10:00 a.m.	Good Friday Service, Nave
Sunday 5	8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Holy Communion—Nave

Church Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Closed Good Friday.