



**Palm Sunday**

*Unbroken*  
*A living faith*

**April 13, 2025**

## Palm and Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 2025

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

Prelude "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" F. Silvester

### THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

A: **Hosanna in the highest!**

\*Hymn 344 v. 1-3 "All Glory Laud and Honour"

Jesus: "I tell you ....cry out."

\*Hymn 344 v. 4, 5 "All Glory Laud and Honour"

Duet "Theme and Variations" Beethoven

Jesus: Would that even today you knew the things ... did not recognize the time of your visitation.

Hymn 346 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

### THE PREPARATION AND EATING OF THE LAST SUPPER

Narrator: And so said all the disciples, over and over again.

Communion

Communion Hymns 471, 468, 494

### THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN

Hymn 347 v. 1 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Narrator: Now after sharing in the Passover ....When he came to the place he said to them:

Jesus: Pray that you may not enter into temptation.

**Assembly: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Narrator: Then Jesus withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed.

**Assembly: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done... Your will be done... Your will ... be done.**

Narrator: When he arose after praying, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. Jesus said to them:

Jesus: Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation.  
**Assembly:** **Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, even from the evil within ourselves.**  
Narrator: Now while Jesus was still speaking...But Jesus said to Judas,  
Jesus: Judas, would you betray me with a kiss?  
Judas: Hail master.  
Narrator: When the disciples realized that they had come to arrest Jesus, they said,  
**Assembly:** **Lord, is it time? Shall we strike with the sword?**  
Narrator: One of them drew out his sword ... cutting off his ear. But Jesus said,  
Jesus: No more of this!  
Narrator: And he touched the slave's ear, and immediately he was healed.  
**Assembly:** **Forgive us our sins, even as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
Narrator: Then they seized him and led Jesus away.

## THE JUDGEMENT

Hymn 347 v. 2

*"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

## DAWN FRIDAY: JESUS BEFORE PILATE

\*Narrator: Now the whole company arose...but Jesus was given over into their hands to be crucified.

## FRIDAY MORNING: CRUCIFIXION

\*Hymn 347 v. 3

*"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

Narrator: Now Jesus was given over into their hands.  
**Low Voices:** **As they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and ordered him to carry Jesus' cross.**  
**High Voices:** **Behind Jesus there followed a great multitude of women who bewailed and lamented him.**  
Narrator: Jesus said to them...  
Jesus: ...Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.  
**High Voices:** **Forgive us our sins.**  
**Low Voices:** **And they cast lots to divide the garments of Jesus.**  
**High Voices:** **Forgive us our sins.**  
**Low Voices:** **And the people stood by watching. But the rulers scoffed at Jesus.**  
Pilate: "Jesus saved others, let Jesus save himself... and we will believe in Jesus."

**High Voices:** Forgive us our sins.

**Low Voices:** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering Jesus vinegar.

**High Voices:** There was an inscription over him which said, "This is the King of the Jews."

**Low Voices:** Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us our sins.

Judas: One of the criminals who was crucified with Jesus ... Save yourself and save us!"

Peter: But the other rebuked...."Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

**Assembly:** Forgive us our sins. Deliver us from evil. Yours is the kingdom.

Narrator: And Jesus said to the criminal...

**Assembly:** and the power

Jesus: Truly, truly, I say to you...

**Assembly:** and the glory...

Jesus: Today you will be with me in paradise.

**Assembly** forever and ever. Amen.

Solo "Were you there when he cried out at the end?"

Narrator: Having said this he breathed his last...stood at a distance and saw these things.

## **LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON: BURIAL**

Narrator: It was the day of preparation... on the Sabbath day, they rested, according to the commandment.

Silence

Duet "Nocturne" Mendelssohn

Prayers

Offering & Anthem "What a Beautiful Name" Fielding & Ligertwood

\*Offering Hymn 186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

\*Offering Prayer

General Announcements

\*Blessing

Hymn (see page 5) "Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now"

Dismissal

Postlude "All Glory, Laud and Honour" R. Daveluy

# Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

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## **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister:** Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Scott Kuschnereit

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Dylan Siebert,  
Drew Aarssen

**Choir Director:** Corey Linforth

**Solos:** Dylan Siebert, Corey Linforth, Hannah Swiderski

**Duets:** James Meadows-Helmer (cello), Sebastian Meadows-Helmer (violin)

**Dramatic Reading:** Scott Kuschnereit, Dennis Golem, Bob Loeb sack, Linda McLellan

**Cross Bearer:** Paul Gross

**Torch Bearers:** Sue and Delaney Laking

**Communion Server:** Lynda Karn

**Broadcast:** Jason Smolak

**Building Monitor:** Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

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## **Worship Notes**

**In our prayers** Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan,  
Henry, Maureen and John.

### **Important Information for today's worship**

- **Offering:** Offering plates will be passed out today during the Offering solo.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the post-

lude.

- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

## General Announcements

**Good Friday Service:** Undesignated and loose offerings will be donated to Out of the Cold.

**Gentle Vibes in the Sanctuary:** Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Introducing a new monthly event, at our special location, for everyone who needs to relieve stress. Live music played by the incredibly talented Zac Perry will create the chill vibes for thoughtful yoga-inspired movement and guided relaxation provided by Angela of Angels-Landing Yoga & Wellness. Everyone is welcome. No experience is necessary. A yoga mat and a blanket will be required. Our location is the beautiful sanctuary at St. Matthews. Dates include: Sunday April 27 at 2pm, Saturday May 10 at 7pm, and Sunday June 22 at 2pm. Cost is \$30 + tax (\$33.90) per person per class. Please use this link to register: <http://www.angels-landing.ca/special-classes.html>

**Church Breakfast Group:** We meet next on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome. Our speaker will be Father Toby Collins from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, our downtown neighbour. He will speak to us about Tiny Home Takeout, their innovative and growing program that provides high quality meals (menu changes daily with a choice of calzones and a side dish) based on 'Grab a Bite. Give if You Can.' They believe in providing fresh, quality and nutritious food to everyone in our community, ensuring all have access to delicious, wholesome meals. Father Toby is also on the board of and actively involved

with A Better Tent City. Unfortunately our March speaker, Tonya Verburg had to cancel literally at the last minute sadly due to a death in her family. We plan to try to reschedule this presentation.



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