

St. Saviour's Anglican Church Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter 2021

- Please note all services have been adjusted to comply with COVID-19 protocol.
- PLEASE NOTE for all services, we will operate on; first-come, first-serve basis. The Church can accommodate a maximum of 100 people at a service.
- Please wear your mask at ALL times. Maintain a safe physical distance. Sanitize.
- NO SINGING IS ALLOWED. The organ will be played, and hymnals given, to follow the hymn.

Service Schedule

PALM SUNDAY: 28 March 2021

07H30: Holy Eucharist with presentation and blessing of Palm Crosses.

09H15: Holy Eucharist with a procession of witness, presentation and blessing of Palm Crosses.

Monday in Holy Week:29 March 2021 19:30- Stations of the cross

Tuesday in Holy Week: 30 March 2021 19:30-Tenebrae service

Wednesday in Holy Week: 31 March 2021 09:45- Thanksgiving for healing: Holy Eucharist 19h30- Thanksgiving for healing: Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday: 1 April 2021

19h30: Commemoration of the Last Supper and the stripping of the Altar.

The night watch will take place for 1 hour after the Eucharist service and from 05h00 AM-06h00 AM on Good Friday morning.

Good Friday: 2 April 2021

We will have 3, 1-hour devotions, all three service will take the same form (liturgy of the word with 1 address and General intercessions). Space will be provided in the Church gardens for personal solemn adoration of the cross.

09h00- Good Friday devotion 12h00-Good Friday devotion 15h00-Good Friday devotion

Easter Sunday: 4 April 2021

05h30AM- Easter Vigil

(This service will commence outside, in the graveyard, with the lighting of the new fire and the Paschal candle.)

Holy Eucharist and renewal of Baptismal vows-07h30AM

Holy Eucharist and renewal of Baptismal vows-09h30AM

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION pg.172 An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the whole Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

Let us pray

Eternal God bless these palms to our use: grant that we who have received them may ever hail as King, and love as Saviour your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A reading from the gospel according to Mark. Glory to Christ our Saviour.

Mark 11:1-10

This is the gospel of Christ Praise to Christ our Lord

My brothers and sisters, we have heard how the crowds who welcomed Christ to Jerusalem cut branches from the trees to do him honour. During the procession, let us hold up our palms and praise Christ our King and Saviour.

Let us go forth in peace. In the name of the Lord All glory, laud, and honour To thee, Redeemer, King To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel Thou David's royal Son Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed one:

The company of angels Are praising thee on high And mortal men and all things Created make reply:

The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went: Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present: To thee before thy passion They sang their hymns of praise: To thee now high exalted Our melody we raise:

Thou didst accept their praises: Accept the prayers we bring Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King:



MONDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a human. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day¹.

¹ https://www.catholic.org/prayers/station.php

- 1. Jesus is condemned to death.
- 2. Jesus receives His cross.
- 3. Jesus falls for the first time.
- 4. Jesus meets His Mother.
- 5. The cross is laid upon Simon of Cyrene.
- 6. Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.
- 7. Jesus falls the second time.
- 8. Jesus speaks to the woman of Jerusalem.
- 9. Jesus falls the third time.
- 10. Jesus is stripped of his garments.
- 11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.
- 12. Jesus dies on the cross.
- 13. Jesus is taken down from the cross and placed in the arms of his mother.
- 14. Jesus is laid in the sepulchre.

TUESDAY: TENNEBRAE SERVICE

The service of *Tenebrae*, meaning "darkness" or "shadows", has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a monastic service for, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the people during Holy Week.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous event. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming sound of the *"strepitus"*; and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the 'Christ candle' at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of his ultimate victory.

Wednesday: Thanksgiving for Healing-Holy Eucharist

As a parish our Lenten theme was; healing and wholeness, this climaxed with a service of Holy Unction. At this service a commitment to healing and wholeness was undertaken.

Today, Wednesday in Holy Week, we as a community give thanks for healing.

Liturgy of thanksgiving for healing

God in his mercy has preserved you from sickness (violence, danger, or precarious situation) because all things come from Him. Therefore, you should give thanks to Him saying:

Praise the Lord, O my soul: All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits Who forgives all your sins And heals all your diseases,

Who redeems your life from the pit And crowns you with love and compassion,

Who satisfies your desire with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's

The Lord works righteousness. and justice for the oppressed.

But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children

with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his Kingdom rules over all.

Praise the lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, You his servants who do his will,

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Lord, have mercy upon us **Christ, have mercy upon us** Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen

I cried to the Lord. The Lord heard from the holy mountain.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. Because God has heard my supplication

The goodness of the Lord is upon all his children **His treats with compassion all his works.**

Strengthen my feet in your ways That I may not forget you.

Have mercy on those who fear you, Treat with mercy those who are true of heart. Let us pray

Merciful God, you have preserved your Servant, who, through your mercy has been healed from illness; grant that, having been restored to full health, we may thank you with our whole heart; and continue to do your will, through him who is resurrection and the life of all believers, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord bless you and watch over you.May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.May the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

<u>Thursday: Commemoration of the Last Supper,</u> <u>Stripping of the Altar and The Watch</u>

Maundy Thursday, is the Thursday before Easter that commemorates the Last supper of Jesus with the watch until the morning. This service includes the stripping of the Altar.

"In the Garden of Gethsemane, after Jesus prays in earnest to the Lord, the disciple Judas Iscariot leads a mob to Jesus to arrest him and try him in a kangaroo court, which ultimately leads to his execution.

Jesus predicts this will happen earlier in the night.

Before these events take place, Jesus participates in the Last Supper with his followers, in which he breaks the bread and passes around a cup of wine, signifying his sacrifice. In the Garden of Gethsemane, he pleads with the Lord to take away the cup of wrath from him but also submits to the Father's will. The apostles fall asleep during these hours of agony and anxiety"².

² https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/what-is-maundy-thursday-11628350.html

<u>A Pray for Maundy Thursday:</u> Lord Jesus Christ You commanded us to remember the night on which you were betrayed. Nourish us, we pray, with your presence and unite us by your love In the power of the Holy Spirit Amen.



Friday: Good Friday devotion and the veneration of the cross

Our Good Friday services will shift for this year from 1, 3-hour devotion, to 3, 1-hour devotions. There will be veneration of the cross at various points in the Parish gardens, this will be accessible from 8h00 AM to 17h00.

Good Friday devotions is a celebration of the Lords passion; and our theme for this year is; I THIRST.

The liturgy for the day will include; the liturgy of the Word in which God speaks through scriptures of God's saving love humankind; and, the general intercessions in which the Church prays the entire human race for whom Christ died.

Saturday: Holy Saturday

There are no services on this day. The Rector is available for Sacramental confession, and an appointment can be directly via email/WhatsApp/telephone call.

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<u>The Collect:</u> God our Father we have been baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ: grant that, by continually putting to death our sinful nature we may be buried with him and through the grave and gate of death may pass to our joyful resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Sunday: Easter Vigil, renewal of baptismal vows and celebration of the Resurrection

Our Easter vigil, commences in the graveyard, in the dark, and gradually light breaks through with the lighting of new fire, and the Paschal candle. We move from the graveyard-a reminder of death and morality into the Church a visible sign of resurrection and new life.

All our Easter services will include the renewal of baptismal vows, as we recall our baptismal promises and commit to a renewed and refreshed journey of faith.



On behalf of the Rector: Fr. Chesnay Frantz, his family, the Parish staff. Parish council and Churchwardens: may you have a blessed Easter, remembering the gift of the risen Christ in you and among you. God Bless you!