

From the Rector _____

Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

Where is God when tragedy strikes? Maybe that question has filled your heart before. When tragedy has struck your life; or the life of someone you love. Where is God when human hearts turn to wickedness and evil? When nature rises up without warning to strike the innocent and the young? Or when the suffering gets to be too much to bear? Where is God in all the brokenness of our very broken world? Questions like these rise up every day; somewhere, someone, is struggling with some great sorrow; and when we do, we instinctively want answers; something that we desperately hope will make sense of the senseless. But the fact is, so often we never get such answers. At best, sometimes we are given small glimpses and hints; assumptions and guesses; tiny windows into the mystery of hatred and suffering and evil. But, in the end, they're only glimpses. Nothing that really allows us to comprehend the incomprehensible; or rationalise the irrational.

But in the face of all of this, this much I think we do know: that the God who watched in horror as Cain murdered his brother Abel, setting in procession the long sad story of humanity's inhumanity; the God who saw the suffering and affliction of his people in Egypt; the God who has been witness to more horror and pain and violence than our hearts could even begin to contain, has watched and seen all of this not because he does not care about us, but because he cares so much more about us than we can possibly imagine.

He cares so much about each and every one of us that he allows humanity, you and me and everyone else, the freedom to do and be whatever we choose to do and be; the freedom to choose life or death; the freedom to choose love or hate; light or darkness. The God who honoured us in a way unlike any other part of his great creation by making us in his own image, by giving us the freedom to will, is the God who chooses to honour that freedom. Even in those tragic moments when humanity chooses darkness and wickedness and evil, God refuses to dishonour the image in which we were made; even when we choose to dishonour it in each other. God is not powerless to stop evil; but he instead allows us the freedom to choose, even when we sometimes choose darkness and sorrow rather than light and life. That much we know. But even that is not the whole story. Because this God who watches does not watch as some uncaring or disinterested bystander; nor as some bored spectator. He watches as one who has chosen to enter into all of that darkness and wickedness and evil. That's what we see so clearly in the Cross.

God does not simply sit back and let all of human brokenness and suffering unfold in its unrelenting sorrow. He takes all of that brokenness and suffering and pain upon himself; he lifts it from us and carries it to the Cross; he bears it with us and for us. So that even in those moments when we know the brokenness of human life most acutely; even in those moments when evil and violence become all too real, all too painfully evident, we know, because of the Cross, that Christ knows and shares our sorrows with us; lifting them from us and taking them to the Cross.

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REMINDER: The schedule of Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist each weekend is as follows:

Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. @ St. Mary's

Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. @ All Saints'

Sunday @ 11:00 a.m. @ St. Mary's

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Parish Notices and Updates _____

FLOWERS AT EASTER: Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate or by arranging to have a donation dropped off at the Rectory. Please ensure that your donation includes the names of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed; and to help us to include that information in the Easter bulletin, we'll need to know by this weekend. For more information, please speak to the Rector.

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY is cancelled this week and will resume on April 14th.

FAITH IN ACTION: Building hope for tomorrow in the face of climate change. Have you considered switching to an electric vehicle? Electric vehicles can save you money, pollute less, and help us care for creation, but there are several things you should know before you buy your first electric vehicle. Join Andrew Mathis to discuss the different types of electric vehicles, the options for charging electric vehicles, and what to consider when choosing an electric vehicle. This event is taking place here at St. Mary's from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11th.**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

APRIL 3: MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints', Marysville*
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, with the Reading of the Passion

APRIL 4: TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints', Marysville*
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, with the Reading of the Passion

APRIL 5: WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints', Marysville*
6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, with the Reading of the Passion

APRIL 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints', Marysville*
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, with the Stripping of the Altar
@ *All Saints', Marysville*
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, with the Stripping of the Altar

APRIL 7: GOOD FRIDAY

- 9:30 a.m. – Solemn Liturgy of the Crucifixion
@ *All Saints', Marysville*
11:00 a.m. – Solemn Liturgy of the Crucifixion
4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

APRIL 8: HOLY SATURDAY

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints', Marysville*
4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection

APRIL 9: EASTER DAY

- 8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints', Marysville*
9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection,
@ *All Saints', Marysville*
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection

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Now to the gate of my Jerusalem,
The seething holy city of my heart,
The saviour comes. But will I welcome him?

Malcolm Guite, "Palm Sunday"

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and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him the name which is above every name; that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father.

Psalm 22:12-21:

12 MANY oxen are come about me; / strong bulls of Bashan close me in on every side.

13 They gape upon me with their mouths, / as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; / my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums, / and thou bringest me into the dust of death.

16 For many dogs are come about me, / and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me.

17 They pierced my hands and my feet; I may count all my bones: / they stand staring and looking upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, / and cast lots upon my vesture.

19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD; / thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword, / and my life from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth; / thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the wild oxen.

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

(please see the leaflet)

The congregation, except for the readers, may be seated for the reading of the first part of the Passion Narrative. Everyone is asked to stand when the Narrator begins the final paragraph on the second page, which describes the arrival of Jesus at Golgotha.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT PALM SUNDAY

April 1, 2023

Christ our Lord became obedient unto death: O come, let us worship.

Holy Eucharist
with the Liturgy of the Palms

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Priest: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!

People: **O King of Israel: Hosanna in the Highest!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Priest: As we stand let us pray.

Priest: O God, whose Son for our salvation came down from heaven, and, when the hour of His Passion was at hand, willed to enter into Jerusalem riding upon an ass, and to be hailed as King by the multitude: Increase the faith of those who trust in Thee, and mercifully hear the prayers of thy suppliants. Let thy manifold mercies come upon us; and vouchsafe to bless these crosses of palms, that all who carry them may be filled with Thy benediction; and grant that as the Hebrew children met the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, with branches of palms in their hands, crying Hosanna in the Highest, so we also, carrying these emblems, may with good works go forth to meet Christ and attain to everlasting peace and joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bless and sanctify these branches and crosses of palm, O Lord, that we who bear them in Thy Name may ever hail Jesus as our Lord and King, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

During the distribution of the branches and crosses, the congregation is invited to join in the saying of Psalm 118 below, reading those words in bold font.

Antiphon: **The Hebrew children, carrying branches, went forth to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the Highest!**

The LORD is my strength and my song; / **he has become my salvation.**

Hark, glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: / **"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted, / **the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"**

I shall not die, but I shall live, / **and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

The stone which the builders rejected / **has become the head of the corner.**

This is the LORD's doing; / **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day which the LORD has made; / **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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The Holy Gospel:

St. Matthew 21:1-11

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

Priest: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(please see the blue booklet)

Collect for Palm Sunday:

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Epistle:

Philippians 2:5-11

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, counted it not a prize to be equal to God, but emptied himself, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



JESUS WENT TO JERUSALEM to announce the Good News to the people of that city. And Jesus knew that he was going to put a choice before them: Will you be my disciple, or will you be my executioner? There is no middle ground here. Jesus went to Jerusalem to put people in a situation where they had to say yes or no. That is the great drama of Jesus' passion: He had to wait upon how people were going to respond.

Henri J. M. Nouwen, "A Spirituality of Waiting,"

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April 2, 2023

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Holy Eucharist
with the Liturgy of the Palms

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

- Priest: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!
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During the distribution of palm crosses, the Choir will sing the following:

Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24

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THE PROCESSION

Priest: Let us go forth in peace;
People: **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn: 130 (ST. THEODULPH)

During the singing of the hymn, a procession will be led through the Nave.

The Station *between verses 3 and 4*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(please see the blue booklet)

The Collect: *page 150*
The Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 22:12-21: *page 355*
The Epistle: *page 150*
GRADUAL HYMN: 132 (REDHEAD NO 76 (146))

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Nicene Creed: *page 71*
The Homily
Offertory Hymn: **The Flaming Banner of our King**
please see the bulletin insert
The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy
C: **Hear our prayer**
The Consecration: *page 82*
Recessional Hymn: 131 (THE KING'S MAJESTY RB 449)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the Celebration for
Coffee and Conversation.*

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