

**ST. STEPHEN'S WITH ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH,
CHAMBLY AND GRACE CHURCH, L'ACADIE**



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**PASSION SUNDAY
MARCH 24TH, 2024**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry.”

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Andy O'Donnell

Organist: Colin Langille

Greeters: Mike and Wendy

Celebrant: Welcome

Opening Hymn: #181 – All Glory, Laud, and Honour – {Tune: St. Theoulph}

The service begins on Page 297 of the BAS with the "The Liturgy of the Palms."

Reading by Rev. Andy – Mark 11:1-11

Listen now for the word of God.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. **Amen.**

Sentence: **Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.**
{Philippians 2.8-9}

Collect of the day: See Page 299

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Anita Young

Today's first reading is taken from the book of Isaiah, Chapter 50, verses 4-9a
{Isaiah 50:4-9a}

Listen now to the Word of God.....

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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. 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.

The Lord God helps me; I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

[Silence followed by]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

The Psalm for this morning is Psalm 31 verses 9-16 found on Page 740 of the BAS. We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end on pg.742.

This morning's second reading is taken from Philippians Chapter 2 verses 5-11.
{Philippians 2:5-11}

Listen now to the Word of God.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[Silence followed by]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us..... **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Gradual Hymn: #182 – Ride On, Ride On In Majesty – {Tune: Winchester New}

Rev. Andy O'Donnell: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark, in the 15th Chapter, beginning at the first verse. {Mark 15:1-39(40-47)}

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So, the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which

means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

{40-47}

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Rev. Andy O'Donnell

The service continues on Page 188 with the Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THANKS TO LOWELL GRISHAM

Ellen Rennie

Loving God, through the passion of your Son Jesus you have poured out your divine life in love for us despite our evil: Strengthen us to take up our cross and to follow him, that we may share in your redeeming work, as we pray: We have trusted in you, O God. **We have said, "You are our God."**

Intimate and Infinite God, you have called your Church to be the community of the crucified One: Help us to walk in Christ's path of obedient humility, that we may be willing to suffer for the sake of your goodness. We have trusted in you, O God.

We have said, "You are our God."

In Christ's exultation upon the cross you have made a mockery of the pretensions of the rulers and authorities of the world: Grant to all leaders the strength to walk in Christ's way of humble service and save us from all tyranny and oppression. We have trusted in you, O God. **We have said, "You are our God."**

We bring to your care all whose lives are wasted with grief and their years with sighing: We pray for all who suffer throughout the world. We have trusted in you, O God. **We have said, "You are our God."**

Our times are in your hand, and you sustain the weary with a word: Uphold all in our community who endure shame or threat, that they may turn to the cross and be comforted. We have trusted in you, O God. **We have said, "You are our God."**

We pray for those among us who need your saving help, especially those for whom we pray, especially for our Foster Children Kasu and Maria, the Agle family, the Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lynn Pearce, Olga, the McConnell family, the Stedman family, Lil and Joe Robinson, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, Roslyn Macgregor, and Roy Wo. In the wider community, we pray for Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, Sheila & Art Atwood, Veronica Valentine, Carole Alain, Dr. and Mrs. Patenaude, Jordan, Sylvie & Guy, Sharron Edmunds Gillis, Frank Schneider, Bernard LaFleur, Francois Brazeau, George, Ruth and Brent O'Donnell, Pauline Ulric, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Ralph Derry, and Trinity Episcopal Church Lewiston, Maine. We have trusted in you, O God. **We have said, "You are our God."**

Gracious God, your Son Jesus endured mockery, pain and death in order to reveal to us your power that overcomes evil with love and brings life out of death: Guide and guard us in our earthly pilgrimage, that we may gladly share in his passion and be raised with him into your glory, who with the Holy Spirit lives and reigns , One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons, and Lay readers in the Diocese. We also pray for Hemmingford /Havelock St. Luke, Hemmingford, the Rev. Nick Brotherhood, Trinity, Havelock. In the world, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa. We also remember in prayer Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, Bishop Clara Plamondon, and for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James Almasi and the Rev'd Linus Buriani and our developing friendship with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille. Lord in your mercy; **Amen**

The service continues on Page 191 with the Confession and Absolution

The Peace Page 192

Offertory Hymn: #375 – At the Name of Jesus – {Tune: King’s Weston}

Prayer over the gifts: Page 300

Eucharistic Prayer #3 on Page 198

The Lord’s Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #7, Page 213

Prayer after Communion: Page 300

Doxology, Pg. 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Page 215

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Birthdays this week:
Bruno St-Laurent – March 26th
Katie Ellwood – March 26th
Megan Jutras (Ward) – March 27th
Stephanie Guerin (Moquin) – March 27th
Eileen Braganza – March 29th**

**“Happy Birthday to you, To Jesus be True,
May God’s many blessings
Keep falling on you.”**

Closing Hymn: LP #222 & MP # – Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Dismissal

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of Janice and the ACW Women.

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