

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



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**THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION  
SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2023**

**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

**Celebrant: Welcome**

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

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

**FIRST GOSPEL READING**

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

**People: And also, with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, in the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter,  
beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse {Matthew 21:1-11}

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they 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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

**ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Collect: Pg. 299**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**Lynn Osborne**

Today's first reading is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 50 verses 4-9a

{Isaiah 50: 4-9a}

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; therefore, 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 Pages 740 of the BAS.  
We shall read the Psalm together with the Prayer at the end.***

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, 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: #192 – Were You There - {Tune: Were you There}

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 Matthew, in the 27<sup>th</sup> Chapter, beginning at the eleventh verse. [Matthew 27:11-54]

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So, after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two

do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So, when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So, he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

*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 – Anita Young**

With thanks to Lowell Grisham

Presider: Gracious and loving God, you have shown us that the way of the cross is the way of life, and through your Son Jesus you have taken upon yourself all of the evil, sin and violence of the world, even death itself: Take into your divine heart the needs and concerns of your children, and hear us as we pray: Make your face to shine upon your servants, **and in your loving-kindness save us.**

Litanist: As Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, humbling himself and being obedient to the point of death, so inspire your Church to follow faithfully in the way that he has led us, that we may share in his exaltation and resurrection. Make your face to shine upon your servants, **and in your loving-kindness save us.**

As Jesus confronted the powers and principalities of the world -- the kings and emperors and authorities of religion and state -- so empower us to unmask all injustice, envy, violence and greed, that your divine light may cast out all darkness. Make your face to shine upon your servants, **and in your loving-kindness save us.**

As Jesus became one with the poor, the criminal, the outcast, and the dying, so send your resurrection grace unto all who suffer, that they may be comforted by the promise of your heavenly kingdom. Make your face to shine upon your servants, **and in your loving-kindness save us.**

As Jesus carried his cross with compassion and humility for all of the sin and suffering of the world, so let us reach out to our neighbors in steadfast love and willing service. Make your face to shine upon your servants, **and in your loving-kindness save us.**

As Jesus accepted pain, humiliation, contempt, and powerlessness with patient strength and steadfast hope, be present in your divine glory with 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, Sylvia Dawson, Joel and Sarah, Donald Sloane, Jennifer, Derek Marchand, Ted Neville, Leslie Ederer & John Rennie. In the wider community we pray for Patrick Turgeon, Virginia, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Keith Donahue, Dianne, Luna Utrera, Yolanda, Pauline, Jerry Prokoki, Ann Barton, Alvin Powell, Sheila & Art Atwood, Veronica Valentine and Dominique & Carole Alain. As Jesus gave himself to the Father in thankful surrender, hear our grateful hearts in our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for Al Hopkins. Make your face to shine upon your servants, **and in your loving-kindness save us.**

Presider: Through the humble trust of Jesus on the cross you have showed us the path of eternal life, O God: Give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **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 pray also for Saint Philip, Montreal West, The Rev. James B. Pratt. In the world we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. 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, 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 Pg: 192

Offertory Hymn: #386 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - {Tune: Rockingham}

**Prayer over the gifts: Page 300**

Eucharistic Prayer #2 on Page 196

**The Lord's Prayer, Page 211**

The Breaking of the Bread #7, Page 213

**Prayer after Communion: Page 300**

**Birthdays this week:  
Tiffany Goodfellow – April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Ellen Rennie – April 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

Closing Hymn: #182 – Ride on, Ride on in Majesty – {Tune: Winchester New}

Doxology: Pg 214

Dismissal/Blessing: Pg. 215

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Coffee will be served in Randell Hall immediately following the service courtesy of the Slote Family.

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