

## RECTOR'S REFLECTION

Last week saw the conclusion of our Lenten study of the 23rd Psalm. As I shared with at least one of the study groups, my eyes were opened anew to the message of the psalm and I learned a lot not only from my own reflections on the words but from the reflections of the other participants. It was a gift to be a part of the study. One of the things that we talked about was the valley of the shadow of death. What is it? For some it is the place where we find ourselves at the moment of crossing the threshold from mortality to immortality. For others it represented the numerous times throughout our lives that we find ourselves lost, devastated, or grieving. The valleys are the places where we encounter darkness and loneliness and it takes God to get us out. Most of us agreed that, while we would all prefer not to find ourselves in the valley, being there could be good because that's where God is.

I relate this to you this week because it seems to me that on Palm Sunday, the crowds are all rallying around Jesus crying out, "Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!" Jesus has entered the city of Jerusalem in triumph and the crowds are happy to join the party, shouting and waving palm fronds.

But, only a few days later, the party is over. The people are gone. Jesus, the only one awake in the Garden of Gethsemane, prays to the Father to not make him walk through the valley, but asks for the courage to make the journey if that is the Father's will. Betrayed and forsaken, Jesus was lifted up on the cross, with so many of his followers nowhere to be found. In his deepest valley, as he went to his death, only a few women and John remained. He even felt at a particular moment that God had forsaken him. If ever there were a valley of the shadow of death, our Lord was in it.

This week, we sing wonderful Palm Sunday songs, chiefly "All Glory, Laud, and Honour" and "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty", loudly and joyfully proclaiming Jesus as our King. We hold up palms in tribute to the Son of David. We are in almost every way like the crowds that jostled for a view of the man on the donkey, riding to his death in the Holy City. So, I wonder, where will we be found during this Holy Week of shadow and death? Will we, like so many, avoid the pain of the cross? Will we stay away from anything that causes us to be uncomfortable, as so many of us do in our daily lives? Or, will we, like the shepherd who wrote the 23rd Psalm, learn to embrace the shadow, because we know that's where God is? Will we walk alongside Jesus through his valley of death, because we want to know God more deeply? Will we accept that God loves us for who we are, but wants us to be more? These are the profound questions of faith that confront us in the liturgies of Holy Week. Unlike the crowds on Palm Sunday, we know that Easter will follow—that there is a light that shines through the shadow. But, before the light, the shadow lengthens: where will you be found?

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.

## REGULAR SERVICES

### All Saints', Tyendinaga

Sunday Celebration—8:30 a.m.

### Christ Church, HM Chapel Royal of the Mohawk

Sunday Celebration—10:30 a.m.

### Third Sundays Combined Parish Service

April to September—Christ Church—10:30 a.m.

October to March—All Saints'—8:30 a.m.

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## Vision Statement

To be a Spirit-filled and life giving place where strangers become friends and friends become disciples.

**Sunday 28 March 2010  
Palm Sunday**



**LITURGY OF THE PALMS**

Greeting and Invitation

*Presider* Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*People* **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessing of Palms

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Processional Hymn CP 181

*Presider* Let us go forth in peace.  
*People* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16 BAS 740



In- to your hands, O Lord, I com-mend my spi-rit.

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Gradual Hymn CP 373

Gospel Luke 19:28-40

Homily

Nicene Creed BAS 188

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution 191

Peace

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Offertory Hymn CP 431

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3 BAS 198

Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy) CP 735

Lord's Prayer BAS 211

Breaking of the Bread 7 213

Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God) CP 747

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, Bearer of our sin, have mercy on us. Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace, give us your peace.***

Communion

Music: SB 3, CP 377

*All are welcome to join in the Eucharistic feast. As you come forward for Communion, please take a moment to clean your hands with the sanitiser found at the front of the church. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please be assured that receiving the bread alone is considered making a full Communion. Please do not dip your bread into the wine.*

**COMMISSIONING AND DISMISSAL**

Prayer after Communion BAS 214

Blessing

Closing Hymn CP 182

Dismissal BAS 215

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES**

Mon 29 Mar to Thu 1 Apr—Holy Week Morning Worship  
7:00 a.m., Rectory

Maundy Thursday (1 Apr)—Commemoration of the Lord's Supper  
6:00 p.m., Queen Anne Parish Centre

Please bring a potluck dish to share (avoiding meat and "treats" if we can) as well as necessary dinnerware and utensils.

Good Friday (2 Apr)—The Crucifixion of our Lord  
10:00 a.m., All Saints' Church

Holy Saturday (3 Apr)—The Great Vigil of Easter  
8:00 p.m., Christ Church

Easter Sunday (4 Apr)—The Resurrection of our Lord  
8:30 a.m., All Saints' Church  
10:30 a.m., Christ Church

**UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lenten Almsgiving**—Alms will be collected next Sunday.

**Maundy Thursday**—At the Maundy Thursday liturgy, you are invited to bring a potluck dish to contribute to the meal that will be the centrepiece of the liturgy. As Maundy Thursday is the evening of our Lord's betrayal and arrest, it is appropriate to bring simple fare, avoiding sweets and red meat dishes. Please also bring utensils, plates etc (and not disposable ones!).

**Commemorative Evensong**—To mark to the 300th Anniversary of the Visit of the Four Kings to England, the feast of Mollie Brant, and a gift from the Cathedral to the Chapel Royal, the Dean and Choir of the Cathedral will be here for Evensong on Sun 11 Apr at 5:00 p.m. at Christ Church. Please plan to attend!

**Selby Theatre Night**—Join *Love in Action* for an evening of comedy and fun at Lennox Community Theatre, Selby. "Breath of Spring" by Peter Coke plays Wed 14 Apr, 8:00 p.m. Tickets available from members of *Love in Action*. All proceeds go to outreach in our community.

**"Stewardship in Perspective: Turning Spiritual Vision into Practice"**—Stewardship Conference presented by the Dioceses of Ontario and Ottawa, Fri 7-Sat 8 May, Kemptville Agricultural College. Keynote speaker Bp Michael Curry. Cost: \$125 (a subsidy will be available from the parish). For more info please speak to Brad.

**BIBLE TRIVIA**



*Last Week's Answer*

Jesus' apostle Thomas was a twin (John 11:16).

*This Week's Question*

Which son of Jared "walked with God"?

**Prayers this Week**

*Anglican Communion*

The Rt Rev'd Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem

*Diocese of Ontario*

The Rt Rev'd George Bruce

Diocesan Office Staff

The Church Bookroom

*Companions*

St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam; the Rev'd Christopher Smith  
HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Rev'd Denis Mulliner

*Parish of Tyendinaga*

Gardeners

Families of: Ron & Mary Maracle; Roy & Marilyn Maracle; Sandra,  
Crystal & Colin Maracle; Scott, Angela & Ian Maracle; Shirley Maracle

**Readings for Next Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18