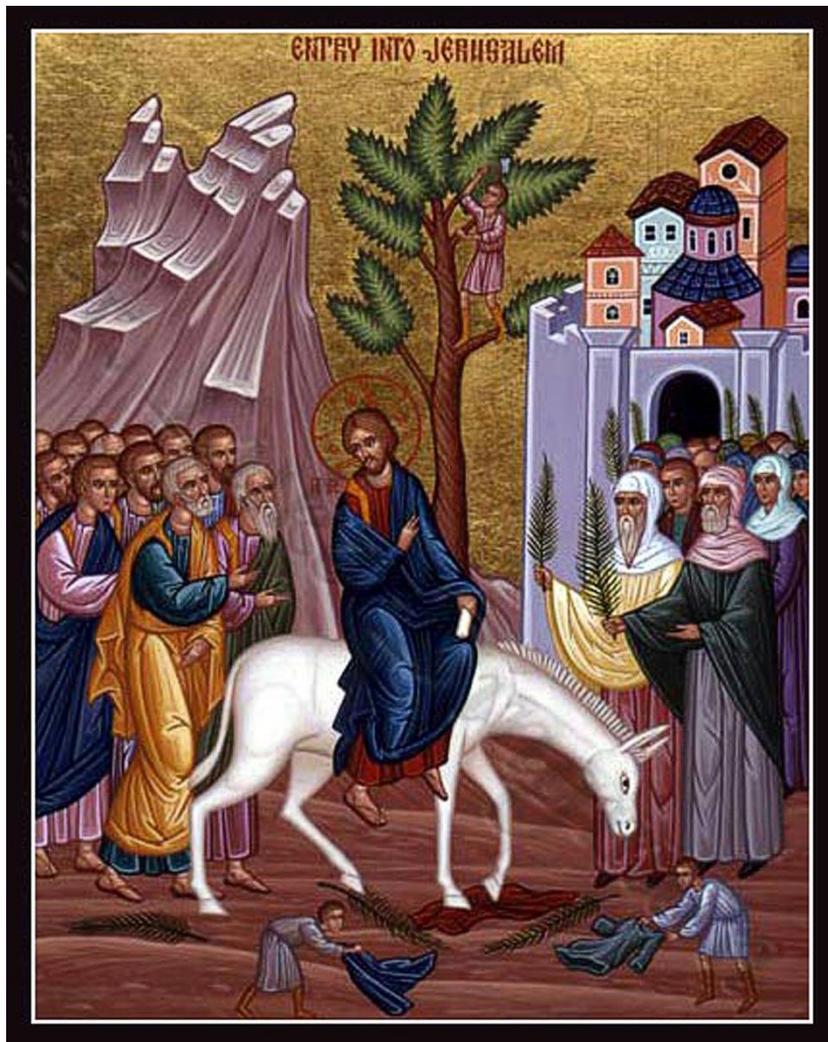


# NEWSLETTER

Week Commencing April 9, 2017



**Palm Sunday**

## **From the Rector**

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion. We will gather first for the Liturgy of the Palms just outside the Trendell Lounge as we hear about Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.

The crowds that came out to welcome him were jubilant. They made a royal carpet for him to lead him into the city. They shouted and cheered and danced and sang. They welcomed him with great joy and enthusiasm.

They clearly saw in him great hope and the presence of God. Perhaps they thought he was going to overthrow the government. Perhaps they thought that he would bring enormous change and freedom. Perhaps they saw him as a new political figure. Perhaps they saw in him the power of God about to change their miserable lot in life. Perhaps they saw that finally God had heard their prayers and would end their oppression. Perhaps they saw in Jesus the answer to the voice of supplication in so many of the psalms. Perhaps they saw in him a whole new way to understand God's presence in their lives. Perhaps they saw a new vision that would bring them prosperity and peace and joy. Perhaps they saw in him someone that they could cheer for one day and reject the next.

Whatever they saw in Jesus, the joy of the crowd quickly turned to anger, hatred, and even rage. They suddenly blamed him for all of their own pain and pent up anger. They suddenly hated him. They suddenly rejected him. They suddenly decided that he was not the voice of God but rather a mad person, a heretic, a liar, a thief. His voice was to be silenced not cherished... and so they did.

Lest we want to blame those of that time for killing our Saviour, it is not hard to point out that even today we continue to wound, insult and destroy the Body of Christ even in our world. We continue to crucify those things that Jesus did that revealed that he was indeed God's Son. We ignore his call to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves. We trample upon his calling to see the light of God in our midst. We continue to divide amongst ourselves as Christians and blame others for our own jealousy and bigotry. We do not honour the words, the voice, the healing, the teaching, the prayers of Jesus Christ. We do not work for peace in the world. We do not see Christ in the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the sick,

the imprisoned. We do not recognise the living water flowing in the world of today. We are called over and over to return to Christ's hope for us but we find it too hard but instead would prefer to continue to crucify.

May the words of the Palm Sunday of the Passion sink into our hearts and souls. May the journey of Holy Week bring us closer to God's desire and hope for us. May the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday remind us of the humility and love to which we are called. May the Last Supper of Thursday point us to see and know Christ still in our midst inviting us to eat and drink of his body, blood and soul. May the cross of Good Friday remind us of our own failings and our calling to repentance and a new life with Jesus. May our celebrations of Easter focus upon the resurrection of Jesus and the new life to which we are called.

This Sunday, when we hear the words from Matthew's Gospel, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" may it mark for us the start of Holy Week and our call to holiness, compassion, peace and new life. Please join us at the many liturgies of Holy Week to feed your soul with the heart of the Christian story: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Signs of what we are called to be and know in this life and the life to come.

Join us in the pilgrimage of Holy Week to the cross and the resurrection!

### **Palm Sunday of the Passion Instructions**

This Sunday please gather just outside the Trendell Lounge as we start our Mass with the Liturgy of the Palms outside. If it is raining (or threatening!) bring a bright and colourful umbrella but still gather in the same place. We will remember Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, bless our palm crosses and then process to the front doors of our church. We will be led by bagpipes and the cross as we honour Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem which was almost like a modern day parade.

We will come into the church with the singing of *All Glory Laud and Honour*. The liturgy in the church will have the reading of the Passion as we follow Jesus' path towards the cross and his death. We will of course then celebrate the Mass and receive the body and blood of Christ.

The liturgies of Holy Week will continue from there as we follow Christ's path towards the Last Supper, the Cross and the Resurrection. Please join us for as many of the liturgies as you are able as it highlights the centre of the Christian Faith.

## **Easter Sunday Flower Dedications**

Every Easter St John's is adorned with beautiful flowers, especially lilies, and fine music. We are collecting flower dedications - a wonderful way to celebrate the resurrection and remember loved ones. For every ten dollars (tax deductible) we can display one six inch pot of lilies. Please send in your special flower dedications, which can be made in honour or in memory of a loved one (any increment of ten dollars) to the office by **Sunday, April 9th**, to allow us time to pre-order them. Like all flower dedications, the Easter flower dedications will be printed in the Sunday leaflet. Envelopes have been placed at the back of the church for this purpose. You may also put your cheque in the mail, then **email the church office your flower dedication**. The deadline for email dedications is **10am on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**.



## **Syrian Refugee Family Sponsorship – update**

We are helping St Helen's Anglican Church with the costs of sponsoring a large family of refugees from Syria. Last year we agreed that St John's would assist in raising funds for this family and St Helen's has asked us to commit to raising the funds for the plane tickets (about \$12,000) for the seven adults. The family group consist of four men, three women, a young girl and two infants. In the Narthex there are special envelopes for you to place your donation towards the SJS Syrian Refugee Settlement Fund. Please make your cheque payable to St John's Shaughnessy, and make a note in the memo line that the funds go to the Syrian Refugee Settlement Fund. Donations are tax deductible. Last week we received donations from a dozen or so parishioners, and are well on our way of reaching our goal.

## **Volunteers needed for Easter Decorating**



We need one or two more volunteers to help decorate the church for Easter. Please contact the office if you can join us **Saturday, Apr 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to about 11am**. Hot cross buns will be served!

## **Maundy Thursday Supper Apr 13**

We already have lots of people lined up to donate food and volunteer, but more are welcome. Please contact the office for more information.

## **Chrism mass -- Renewal of Vows, Blessing of Holy Oils**

On Tuesday in Holy Week (April 11), 12:10pm at Christ Church Cathedral, all bishops, priests and deacons will renew their ordination vows. In addition to this all members of the laity are invited to attend and renew their baptismal vows. A light lunch will follow. Following the Chrism luncheon, from 2:15 to 3:30pm the Rev'd Canon Dr Ed Bacon, sometime Rector of All Saints', Pasadena will give an address. All are invited to hear Ed speak.

## **Archdeaconry Chapter Meeting 7:00pm in the Trendell Lounge**

On April 26 all of the Clergy, Parish Synod Delegates and any other interested parties will meet for a pre-synod Archdeaconry Chapter Meeting. We will meet with others from our Archdeaconry to discuss items that will be presented at our Annual Synod Meeting (May 26 and 27). In particular there will be discussion regarding parish assessments and other financial matters and any other business that may be coming to Synod. Please mark your calendars.

## **Criminal Record Checks**

If you have recently had a criminal record check for your volunteer work here at SJS, please submit your \$25 receipt and we will reimburse you. Or you may prefer to have it added to your 2017 donations and receive a tax receipt.

## Walking Group at SJS

Do you think you need a little more fresh air and exercise? Join the SJS Walking Group! It is on Mondays (except holidays) starting at 12 noon. Please meet up by the east door of the church, and wear good supportive shoes. Dogs welcome. If you sign up in advance, we can let you know about cancellations and/or time changes. **We hope to walk on other days** as well. Let us know what works for you. Please **contact** the office for more information.



## Knitting Group at SJS

The knitting group continues to meet Monday mornings at 10am, and we're having a lot of fun together. Maybe you would like to join us? Please contact the office for more information. Everyone welcome.

## Do you enjoy playing Scrabble?

A small group of SJS parishioners is interested in getting together to play Scrabble. It has been suggested that meetings be in the Trendell Lounge after coffee hour on Sundays, or possibly during the week in the choir room. Please contact the office for more information, and let us know the days/times that work best for you.

## Calling all Gardeners!

Please join a small group of us who work on tidying up the gardens at St John's on Monday mornings at 10 am for an hour or two. Weeding, pruning, raking and transplanting. No experience necessary!!! Many hands make light work. Fresh air, exercise, and good company. Please contact the office for more information.



# Holy Week



## Sunday April 9 Palm Sunday

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00am Palm Procession and Sung Eucharist

## Monday/Tuesday April 10/11

- 7:00pm Said Holy Eucharist with address (30 minutes)

## Wednesday April 12

- 9:30am Said Holy Eucharist with address (30 minutes)

## Thursday April 13 Maundy Thursday

- 6:00pm Homemade soup and sandwiches - all welcome  
7:30pm Last Supper Eucharist with foot washing. A meditative watch will be kept until 9:30pm.

## Friday April 14 Good Friday

- 10:00am Families Stations of the Cross (35 minutes)  
12:00noon Solemn Liturgy of the Day with Sung Passion

## Saturday April 15 Holy Saturday

- 8:30pm Great Vigil of Easter

## Sunday April 16 Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day

- 8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10:00am Celebration Eucharist and Easter Egg Hunt



# Maundy Thursday

April 13

6.00pm

Homemade soup and sandwiches

7:30pm

Last Supper Eucharist with foot washing

The Eucharist is followed by the ceremonial stripping of the altar and a procession through the church to the side chapel where the Blessed Sacrament will be kept overnight, reminding us of our Lord's anguish in the Garden of Gethsemane. A meditative watch will be kept until 9:30pm.

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# Easter Sunday

April 16

8:00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am

Celebration Eucharist followed  
by an Easter Egg Hunt



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Parish Administrator	Janet Hamilton
PWRDF Rep	Doug Symons
Sacristan and MC	Paul Bunnell
Verger/caretaker	Amy Thorogood

### **Sunday services**

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

### **Wednesday service**

9:30am Holy Communion

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Confessions are by appointment with the Rector. Please contact us if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you.

