

# PALM SUNDAY 10:30am Service 10 APRIL 2022

**WELCOME to St Peter's Church today**. I am delighted that we can join together in worship again.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in all of the pews on the left hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

#### With every blessing in Christ, Tim St Quintin, Rector

#### SERVICES TODAY

7.00ам	EUCHARIST	
	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR
9.00ам	SOLEMN EUCHARIST	
	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR
	ORGANIST & CANTOR	WARREN FISHER
	Setting	Shalom
10.30ам	MODERN SERVICE WITH CHILI	DREN'S PROGRAM
	SERVICE LEADER	DAN GILLIS
	Preacher	RECTOR
	Organist	GLENN AMER
2:30рм	BOUGAINVILLEA	DAN GILLIS

Please join us for morning tea after the service in the David Armstrong Room

#### DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

Look, your king is coming to you.Zechariah 9:9We welcome the KingZechariah 9:9He is righteous and victorious,<br/>yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—<br/>riding on a donkey's colt.<br/>We welcome the King of gloryZechariah 9:9Jesus is King<br/>Praise God in highest heaven!Psalm 118:26Bless the one who comes in the name of the LORD!<br/>Praise God in highest heaven!Psalm 118:26

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

#### **GOSPEL READING**

#### A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 19:28-40 **Praise God in highest heaven!**

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
<sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> 'Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" say, "The Lord needs it." <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' <sup>34</sup> They replied, 'The Lord needs it.' <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: <sup>38</sup> 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples!' <sup>40</sup> 'I tell you,' he replied, 'if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

#### SONG

See Him in Jerusalem Walking where the crowds are Once these streets had sung to Him Now they cry for murder Such a frail and lonely Man Holding up the heavy cross See Him walking in Jerusalem On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill Hear the scorn and laughter Silent as a lamb He waits Praying to the Father See the King who made the sun And the moon and shining stars Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross Now no longer breathing Dust that formed the watching crowds Takes the blood of Jesus Feel the earth is shaking now See the veil is split in two And He stood before the wrath of God Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today Death could not contain Him Once the Servant of the world Now in vict'ry reigning Lift your voices to the One Who is seated on the throne See Him in the New Jerusalem Praise the One who saved us

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# **CONFESSION – SAYING SORRY TO GOD**

Let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

#### **Our heavenly Father**

We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' rejecting his rule over us.

We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be forgiven and live for Christ. For the sake of Jesus Christ do not hold our sins against us.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

How great is God's love for all who worship him? Greater than the distance between heaven and earth! How far has the Lord taken our sins from us? Farther than the distance from east to west! *Psalm 103:11-12* 

#### THE GREETING OF PEACE

"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we live at peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us." *Romans 5:1* 

And so, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

#### LEARNING TOGETHER

Q6. Who is the Lord Jesus Christ?

#### THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good: His steadfast love endures forever!

Celebration Box

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen

#### HEARING GOD'S WORD

# PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

A reading from the book of the prophet 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 wakenswakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup> 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.<sup>7</sup> 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; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

#### PSALM 31:9-18

Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble:my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.

#### 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength fails me because of my affliction, and my bones are consumed.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours: an object of dread to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they flee from me.

#### 12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind: I have become like a broken vessel.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd: fear is on every side; they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.

#### 14 But my trust is in you, O Lord: I have said, 'You are my God.

15 'My times are in your hand: deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

#### 16 'Make your face to shine up on your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake!

- 17 Lord, let me not be confounded for I have called up on you: but let the wicked be put to shame; let them be silent in the grave.
- 18 Let the lying lips be put to silence: that speak against the righteous with arrogance, disdain and contempt.

# NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# THE PASSION

During the Passion, the congregation is asked to proclaim the **crowd** parts with vigour. Other parts to be allocated: Peter, Judas, High Priest, Servant Girl, Bystander, Pilate

**Narrator:** So the whole council got up and took Jesus to Pilate. <sup>2</sup> They brought accusations against Him.

#### Sanhedrin (crowd): We have observed this man leading our nation astray. He even forbade us to pay our taxes to Caesar. He claims to be the Anointed One and a King Himself.

Pilate: <sup>3</sup> Are You the King of the Jews?

Jesus: It's as you say.

**Pilate** (to the chief priest and crowd): <sup>4</sup> I find this man guilty of no crime.

# Sanhedrin (crowd) *(growing more intense)*: <sup>5</sup> He has been stirring up discontent among the people all over Judea. He started up in Galilee, and now He's brought His brand of trouble all the way to Jerusalem!

Pilate: <sup>6</sup> Just a minute. Is this man a Galilean?

**Narrator:** <sup>7</sup> When Pilate learned *that Jesus was indeed Galilean*—which meant He was officially under Herod's jurisdiction—Pilate sent Him over to Herod, who was currently in Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup> Herod was fascinated to meet Jesus for he had heard about Him for a long time. He was hoping he might be treated to a miracle or two. <sup>9</sup> He interrogated Jesus for quite a while, but Jesus remained silent, refusing to answer his questions. <sup>10</sup> Meanwhile the chief priests and religious scholars had plenty to say—angrily hurling accusations at Jesus.

<sup>11</sup> Eventually Herod and his soldiers began to insult Jesus, mocking and degrading Him. They put expensive clothing on Him and sent Him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> This ended a long-standing rift between Herod and Pilate; they became friends from that day forward.

<sup>13</sup> Pilate assembled the chief priests and other Jewish authorities.

**Pilate:** <sup>14</sup> You presented this man to me as a rabble-rouser, but I examined Him in your presence and found Him not guilty of the charges you have leveled against Him. <sup>15</sup> Herod also examined Him and released Him to my custody. So He hasn't done anything deserving the death penalty. <sup>16</sup> I'll see to it that He is properly whipped and then let Him go.

**Narrator**: <sup>17</sup> It was the custom for Pilate to set one prisoner free during the holiday festivities.

# Crowd *(all shouting at once)*: <sup>18</sup> Away with this man! Free Barabbas instead!

**Narrator:** <sup>19</sup> Barabbas had been imprisoned after being convicted of an insurrection he had led in Jerusalem. He had also committed murder. <sup>20</sup> Pilate argued with them, wishing he could release Jesus, <sup>21</sup> but they wouldn't be silenced.

# Crowd (shouting): Crucify Him! Crucify Him!

**Pilate** (*countering a third time*): <sup>22</sup> Why? What has He done that is so evil? I have found in Him no offense worthy of capital punishment. As I said, I will punish Him and then release Him.

**Narrator:** <sup>23</sup> But they would not relent. They shouted louder and louder that He should be crucified, and eventually Pilate capitulated. <sup>24</sup> So he pronounced the punishment they demanded. <sup>25</sup> He released the rebel and murderer *Barabbas*—the insurrectionist they had pleaded for in His place—and he handed Jesus over to them to do with as they desired. <sup>26</sup> On the way to the place of crucifixion, they pulled a man from the crowd—his name was Simon of Cyrene, a person from the countryside who happened to be entering the city at that moment. They put Jesus' cross on Simon's shoulders, and he followed behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Along with Him was a huge crowd of common people, including many women shrieking and wailing in grief.

**Jesus** *(to the people in the crowd)*: <sup>28</sup> Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me. Weep instead for yourselves and weep for your children. <sup>29</sup> Days are coming when people will say, "Blessed are the infertile; blessed are the wombs that never bore *a child*; blessed are the breasts that never nursed *an infant*." <sup>30</sup> People will beg the mountains, "Surround us!" They'll plead with the hills, "Cover us!" <sup>31</sup> For if they treat Me like this when I'm like green unseasoned wood, what will they do to a nation that's ready to burn like seasoned firewood?

**Narrator:** <sup>32</sup> There were two others, criminals, who were also being led to their execution. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place known as "The Skull," they crucified Jesus there, in the company of criminals, one to the right of Jesus and the other to His left.

Jesus: <sup>34</sup> Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing.

**Narrator:** Meanwhile they were drawing lots to see who would win Jesus' clothing. <sup>35</sup> The crowd of people stood, watching.

Authorities (crowd) *(mocking Jesus)*: So He was supposed to rescue others, was He? He was supposed to be God's Anointed, *the Liberating King*? Let's see Him start by liberating Himself!

**Narrator:** <sup>36</sup> The soldiers joined in the mockery. First, they *pretended to offer Him a soothing drink*—but it was sour wine.

Soldiers (crowd): <sup>37</sup> Hey, if You're the King of the Jews, why don't You free Yourself!

**Narrator:** <sup>38</sup> Even the inscription they placed over Him was intended to mock Him—"This is the King of the Jews!" This was written in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew.]

Narrator: <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals joined in the cruel talk.

**Cynical Criminal:** You're supposed to be the Anointed One, right? *Well— do it!* Rescue Yourself and us!

**Narrator:** <sup>40</sup> But the other criminal told him to be quiet.

**Believing Criminal:** Don't you have any fear of God at all? You're getting the same death sentence He is! <sup>41</sup> We're getting what we deserve since we've committed crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong at all! <sup>42</sup> Jesus, when You come into Your kingdom, please remember me.

**Jesus:** <sup>43</sup> I promise you that this very day you will be with Me in paradise.

**Narrator:** <sup>44</sup> At this point, it was about noon, and a darkness fell over the whole region. The darkness persisted until about three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> and at some point during this darkness, the curtain in the temple was torn in two.

**Jesus** *(shouting out loudly)*: <sup>46</sup> Father, I entrust My spirit into Your hands! And with those words, He exhaled—and breathed no more.

**Narrator:** <sup>47</sup> The Centurion—*one of the soldiers who performed the execution*—saw all this, and he praised God.

Centurion: No doubt, this man must have been innocent.

**Narrator:** <sup>48</sup> The crowds of common people who had gathered and watched the whole ordeal through to its conclusion left for their homes, pounding on their own chests in profound grief. <sup>49</sup> And all who knew Jesus

personally, including the group of women who had been with Him from the beginning in Galilee, stood at a distance, watching all of these things unfold.

# SERMON

# SONG

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything No gifts no pow'r no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection Why should I gain from His reward I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

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# THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ,

God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

# PRAYING FOR GOD'S WORLD

# COLLECT OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens, let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care, and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

# Send out your light and your truth, that we may tell of your saving works.

#### Have mercy on the poor and oppressed. Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, for we put our trust in you.

# ST PETER'S FAMILY NEWS

# PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### HYMN

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Saviour's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain – for me, who him to death pursued.

'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies: who can explore this strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!), emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free: for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night: thine eye diffused a quickening ray – I woke,; the dungeon flamed with light! My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

# **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

# PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed, guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service and live this week in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

#### THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

#### THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

#### In the name of Christ. Amen.

A basket for offertory contributions to the ongoing ministry of St Peter's is available at the entrance to the church building.