



Parish of the Ascension Chimes



March 25, 2018 Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday of the Passion

Lections: Isaiah 50:4-9A; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11;
Psalm 31:9-16 (*Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.*)

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows

9:30 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Celebrant/Homilist: The Rt. Rev.'d Dr. Geoffrey
Peddle, Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland &
Labrador
Readers: Janet Anthony and Julie Bennett
Gift Bearers: Fronie & Clarence Squibb
Hymns (CP): 181 & 182; *Prepare the Royal
Highway* (Insert); 377; 197 & 386; 459

6:30 p.m. IONA Quiet Service
Presider: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows
Homilist: Rev.'d Lynn Courage
Hymns (CP): 189; 633; 188

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.”

Easter Monday: The office will be closed on Easter Monday April 2, 2018, if you have an emergency please contact Rev. Lynn at 682-8500.

Rector's Weekly Word

Paul's hymn of Jesus, as proclaimed from the letter to the Philippians this Sunday brings all at once for me, the rawness and reality of the passion of Jesus. Here, in my mind's eye I picture this words recited on a cobblestone street strewn with discarded palm, the sounds of soldiers marching, dirt and grime, and dried blood. For Christians this week, we walk with Jesus to the cross and the tomb, by way of the road of self-giving, suffering, and death.

Here in the midst of the glory of the Procession of the Palms, we are reminded, that though donkeys bray and disciples rejoice, the road to our redemption rips through the heart of the God we love.

This God believes in us, holds us, and offers for us life freely given, so that we might in turn be filled with God's grace, and thus transform the world. God humbled God's self so that we would be exalted.

In this 21st Century world, particular in the western hemisphere, we can sometimes be dulled to the reality of Jesus' passion. There is so much else present in life and living, perhaps. And yet, our hearts cannot be closed off from God at this time. As we look upon those around us who may suffer, we are called to respond, not with judgement and indignation, but with compassion and mercy. It is so easy for us to get caught up with us: my problems, my perspectives, my hurt, my pain, and my needs. Holy Week is the chance for us to refocus again and again, to be infused with the story of our redemption.

*Loving God, at this time,
we remember that going up to Jerusalem
cost Jesus his very life.
So we come before you,
conscious of the way religious words
and holy phrases
can slip so easily from our lazy lips
and our hardened hearts.
What do we really know
of your mountainous truth,
your rock-hard integrity,
the depth of your suffering
for love of us all?
Forgive us for the shallowness
of our faith,
and the timidity of our following*

*forgive us for the ready excuses
we make for going our own way
and claiming it as yours.*

*Turn us round again, we pray,
by your Holy Spirit,
active within us and among us.
Show us how to be open again
to your faithfulness
and to your freedom,
that we may live
new lives
and be again bearers
of the seeds of the Kingdom
of Jesus.*

(John Harvey, Iona Community, ©2005)

ACW: Regular luncheon meeting will be Monday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m. New members welcome.

A Diocesan Festival of Lessons and Carols for Easter: 4 p.m. Sunday, 8 April at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Choirs and choir members from around the Diocese are welcome to take part. Choir members are asked to gather at 2:45 p.m. for a rehearsal. Everyone is welcome to join in this service to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Food Bank: When you are picking up your groceries, please add an item or two and drop it in the food bank box. Items needed this week are **Crackers, Cereal & Tin Soup**. If you wish, you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

Bathroom Towels: As part of our Lenten Journey we ask each child/family to bring a new bathroom towel to the 10 a.m. Family Service on Good Friday, March 30. All towels collected will help fill the need through the Home Again Furniture Bank.

Godly Play Schedule for March: Today, March 25, Palm Sunday the story will be The Crosses. This will be our last Sunday until April 15 after Easter Vacation. A very blessed Easter to all from the Godly Play teachers.

GPS – God’s Positioning System is an annual gathering of youth and young people in our Diocese! This year’s guest speaker will be Sheilagh McGlynn, the Youth Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada. **April 27 – 29, at St. Lawrence Church, Portugal Cove.** This is a **Residential Conference – ie: Sleepover!** You can attend without staying there, but you probably won’t want to! The Gathering is open to **young people ages 11 to 19**, but we also have a session for Youth Leaders and Clergy on

Thursday, April 26, at St. Philip’s Church, and we welcome Youth Leaders to attend the weekend with their young people. **Register for Free by April 8th!** If you are interested, please speak to your Rector.

Fellowship of the Least Coin Service – 2018: On Friday evening, April 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. we will be holding the annual Fellowship of the Least Coin Service at St. James United Church, 330 Elizabeth Ave. St. John’s. Please join us for an evening of fellowship! We would be thankful for any coins you have been collecting or, at that time, would like to make a donation. FLC is a component of the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada and donations provide grants, the same way as the World Day of Prayer for impoverished women around the world. There will be special music and a social time will follow. Any further information required, please contact Inez Penney 237-7100 or Susan Sheppard, St. James United Church 722-1881.

We acknowledge donations to the Memorial Hymn Sing in memory of: Clyde Gill from Joan Gill; Robert Weir from Marie Weir.

Duty Teams for Next Sunday, April 1: Sidespersons Team # 6; Counting Team # 6.

<u>Opening Responses</u>	<u>Closing Responses</u>
Jesus is coming SHOUT HOSANNA	We tell your story We follow in your footsteps LEADING US INTO HOLY WEEK
He’s riding on a donkey SHOUT HOSANNA	We walk towards the city We wait in the garden LEADING US UNTO HOLY GROUND
Open the gates SHOUT HOSANNA	We journey towards death We hope for resurrection LEADING US INTO HOLY JOY
Open the ancient doors SHOUT HOSANNA	
Don’t be afraid SHOUT HOSANNA	
Wave the branches SHOUT HOSANNA	
Spread out your coats SHOUT HOSANNA	
Peace in heaven SHOUT HOSANNA	
Glory in highest heaven SHOUT HOSANNA	

Ascension Prayer Circle:

Please pray for these individuals this week: Aaron, Andrea, Angela, Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Diane, Dot, Dulcie, Eileen, Ernest, Fred, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jason, Jeff, Jennie, Jerome, Jessie, Josephine, Junior, Kevin, Lester, Lindsay, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myra, Nancy, Norm, Randell, Rodney, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Sheila, Stan, Stephen, Tina, Todd and Violet.

Remember the families of those who have died especially Ruth Moores and William (Bud) Parsons.

Loving God, you gather us as your people, where many come seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us God: You understand who we are; you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes you smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers. We bring you these names, asking for your healing. Be with these named, with their families, and all whom they encounter.

Ascension eNews: Did you know that every Wednesday there is an email sent to a list of Ascension Parishioners with all the current information about happenings in the parish? If you are not on our list and would like to be, simply send your name and email address to Jean Nash at jeann@nl.rogers.com and she will gladly add your name. If events are postponed, or if you fail to get the *Chimes*, or for whatever reason you are not up to date with church happenings, this news will keep you informed.

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Holy Week & Easter Sunday Worship Schedule 2018

Palm Sunday	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	BCP Holy Communion Palm Sunday of the Passion Holy Eucharist BAS/EP
Monday	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer in Chapel BAS/EP
Tuesday	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer in Chapel BAS/EP
Wednesday	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion Lenten Liturgy Led by Senior Choir
Maundy Thursday	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Morning Prayer in Chapel BAS Holy Eucharist with Servant Washing/Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday	10:00 am 12 noon	Good Friday Liturgy for Youth and Families Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist & Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
Easter Sunday	8:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	BCP Holy Communion BAS Holy Eucharist No Service