

*A reprint from Fr. Stockall*_____

Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?

Where is God when tragedy strikes? Maybe that question has filled your heart before. When tragedy has struck your life; or the life of someone you love. Where is God when human hearts turn to wickedness and evil? When nature rises up without warning to strike the innocent and the young? Or when the suffering gets to be too much to bear? Where is God in all the brokenness of our very broken world? Questions like these rise up every day; somewhere, someone, is struggling with some great sorrow; and when we do, we instinctively want answers; something that we desperately hope will make sense of the senseless. But the fact is, so often we never get such answers. At best, sometimes we are given small glimpses and hints; assumptions and guesses; tiny windows into the mystery of hatred and suffering and evil. But, in the end, they're only glimpses. Nothing that really allows us to comprehend the incomprehensible; or rationalise the irrational.

But in the face of all of this, this much I think we do know: that the God who watched in horror as Cain murdered his brother Abel, setting in procession the long sad story of humanity's inhumanity; the God who saw the suffering and affliction of his people in Egypt; the God who has been witness to more horror and pain and violence than our hearts could even begin to contain, has watched and seen all of this not because he does not care about us, but because he cares so much more about us than we can possibly imagine.

He cares so much about each and every one of us that he allows humanity, you and me and everyone else, the freedom to do and be whatever we choose to do and be; the freedom to choose life or death; the freedom to choose love or hate; light or darkness. The God who honoured us in a way unlike any other part of his great creation by making us in his own image, by giving us the freedom to will, is the God who chooses to honour that freedom. Even in those tragic moments when humanity chooses darkness and wickedness and evil, God refuses to dishonour the image in which we were made; even when we choose to dishonour it in each other. God is not powerless to stop evil; but he instead allows us the freedom to choose, even when we sometimes choose darkness and sorrow rather than light and life. That much we know. But even that is not the whole story. Because this God who watches does not watch as some uncaring or disinterested bystander; nor as some bored spectator. He watches as one who has chosen to enter into all of that darkness and wickedness and evil. That's what we see so clearly in the Cross.

God does not simply sit back and let all of human brokenness and

suffering unfold in its unrelenting sorrow. He takes all of that brokenness and suffering and pain upon himself; he lifts it from us and carries it to the Cross; he bears it with us and for us. So that even in those moments when we know the brokenness of human life most acutely; even in those moments when evil and violence become all too real, all too painfully evident, we know, because of the Cross, that Christ knows and shares our sorrows with us; lifting them from us and taking them to the Cross.

*Holy Week & Easter Schedule*_____

March 25: Monday in Holy Week

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Reading of the Passion, St. Mary's

March 26: Tuesday in Holy Week

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Reading of the Passion, St. Mary's

March 27: Wednesday in Holy Week

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Reading of the Passion, St. Mary's

March 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY

10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar (BAS), *All Saints*

6:15 p.m. – Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist with the Stripping of the Altar (BCP), St. Mary's

March 29: GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 a.m. – Solemn Liturgy, *All Saints, Marysville (BAS)*

11:00 a.m. – Solemn Liturgy, St. Mary's (BCP)

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, St. Mary's

March 30: HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

4:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer, St. Mary's

8:00 p.m. – The Great Vigil of Easter, St. Mary's

March 31: THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION: Easter Day

8:45 a.m. – Morning Prayer, *All Saints, Marysville*

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection, *All Saints, Marysville*

11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist of the Resurrection, St. Mary's

Parish Notices and Updates _____

There are **TWO SIGN-UP SHEETS** in the Narthex: One for volunteers for a Maundy Thursday watch (*see the bulletin column for more information*), and another for readers for the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Thank you in advance to those who will volunteer in any way.

A REMINDER that due to the **8pm Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday**, there will *not* be a 5pm celebration of the Holy Eucharist next week.

FLOWERS AT EASTER: Those who wish to place memorial flowers may do so by including a donation through the collection plate. Please ensure the outside of the envelope is clearly marked “*Easter Flowers*” and includes the name(s) of those in whose memory the flowers are being placed, as well as complete information regarding the donor(s). To ensure this information is included in the Easter bulletin, please submit by **This Sunday (March 24th)**. *If you have forgotten, please tell Fr. Nicholas.*

The last **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** for this year will be Friday night at 7pm, at **St. Mary’s**. This week will *not* be finished with compline as we mark Good Friday.

AS WE MARK CHRIST’S PASSION, there will not be **Bible Study** this week. We will resume next Friday, April 5th, at 10am.

PLEASE PRAY for Devin John Alexander Cable Astle, his parents, and his godparents, as he is brought to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Easter Day.

NEXT WEEK, we are giving our hard-working Coffee and Conversation volunteers a week off. Our next after-church event will be a **Parish Shared Meal on Sunday, April 7th**.

In two weeks’ time, on Monday, April 8th between 4:33-4:36pm, our part of Canada will experience a once-in-a-lifetime **TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**. The city of Fredericton is one of several organizations and communities hosting free events to mark this occasion. For those not attending an event, but who want to witness the eclipse, **Fr. Nicholas has procured 30 pairs of rated eclipse-viewing glasses** from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Please speak to him if you would like a pair or two.



*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 11:00 a.m. Celebration
for Coffee and Conversation*

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THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, YORK



The signs of his royal glory are the signs of his humility, of his suffering, of his Passion. The signs of his glory are the signs of body broken, and blood outpoured. ‘He reigns and triumphs from the Tree.’ That is the glory we celebrate on Palm Sunday and that is the glory we show forth day by day in the Church’s liturgy as we break the bread and drink the cup. And that is the glory which must adorn our lives, for we are called to be a kingly priesthood.

Robert Crouse, “Palm Sunday” in *The Soul’s Pilgrimage*

hear us and save us we humbly beseech thee.
3 Let the pitifulness of thy great mercy / loose us from our sins we humbly beseech thee.
4 Make it appear that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer: / O save us that we may praise thee, we humbly beseech thee.
5 Draw near according to thy promise from the throne of thy glory: / look down and hear our crying we humbly beseech thee.
6 Come again and dwell with us, O Lord Christ Jesus / abide with us for ever we humbly beseech thee.
7 And when thou shalt appear with power and great glory / may we be made like unto thee in thy glorious Kingdom.

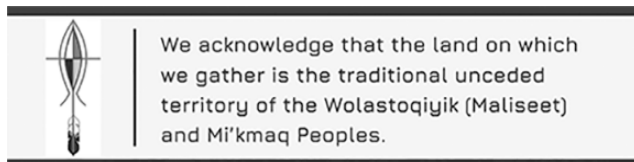
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
 ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW
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THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

All those who are baptized and regular communicants are welcome to receive the Holy Communion. Please come forward to the priest to receive the Sacred Body. If you wish to also receive the Sacred Blood, please do not consume your host, and bring it to the chalice administrator to be intincted.

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EVE OF THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT
PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 23, 2024

*Christ our Lord became obedient unto death:
 O come, let us worship.*

Holy Eucharist
 with the Liturgy of the Palms

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Congregation is invited to stand as the Celebrant enters.

Ÿ. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

R. Hosanna in the highest!

Ÿ. The Lord be with you;

R. And with thy spirit.

Ÿ. As we are, Let us Pray: O GOD, whose Son for the salvation of mankind came down from heaven, and when the hour of his Passion was at hand willed to enter into Jerusalem riding upon a donkey, and to be hailed as King by the multitude: Increase the faith of them that trust in thee, and mercifully hear the prayers of thy suppliants. Let thy manifold mercies come upon us; and vouchsafe to bless these branches of palms, that all who carry them may be fulfilled with thy benediction. And grant that as the Hebrew children met the same thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ with branches of palms in their hands, crying Hosanna in the highest, so we also, carrying these emblems, may with good works go forth to meet Christ, and attain to everlasting felicity; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE bless, and sanctify these branches of palm, O Lord, that we who bear them in thy Name may ever hail Jesus as our King, through the same thy Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour to Whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Ÿ. O Saviour of the world, Who by thy Cross and precious

Blood hast redeemed us:

R. Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

During the distribution of the branches and crosses, the congregation is invited to join in the saying of Psalm 118 together:

Antiphon: **The Hebrew children, carrying branches, went forth to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the Highest!**

Psalm: **The LORD is my strength and my song, / and is become my salvation.**

THE voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous: / the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the LORD is exalted, / the right hand of the LORD bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live, / and declare the works of the LORD.

THE same stone which the builders refused / is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the LORD's doing, / and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the LORD hath made;/ we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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THE GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 21.1

(no responses before or after)

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Y. Let us Pray: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Gradual: *Salvator Mundi*

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious blood hast redeemed us; / save us and help us we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

2 Thou didst save thy disciples when ready to perish: /

6. Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honour...

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♪ GRADUAL HYMN: **108 verses 1 & 2** (HERZLIEBSTER JESU)

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW *(see insert)*

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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN: **596** (LOVE UNKNOWN)
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♪ HYMN AFTER COMMUNION: **494** (ST. BOTOLPH)
Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN: **131** (WINCHESTER NEW)



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) and Mi'kmaq Peoples.

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♪ **HYMN DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS: 619** (BOYCE – EH201)

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| 1. Palms of glory, raiment bright,
Crowns that never fade away,
Gird and deck the Saints in light,
Priests, and kings, and conquerors they. | 3. Kings for harps their crowns resign,
Crying, as they strike the chords,
‘Take the kingdom, it is thine,
King of kings, and Lord of lords.’ |
| 2. Yet the conquerors bring their palms
To the Lamb amidst the throne,
And proclaim in joyful psalms
Victory through his Cross alone. | 4. Round the altar priests confess,
If their robes are white as snow,
‘Twas the Saviour’s righteousness,
And his Blood, that made them so. |
| 5. They were mortal too like us;
Ah! When we like them must die,
May our souls translated thus
Triumph, reign, and shine on high. | |

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THE PROCESSION

Ÿ. Let us go forth in peace;

R. In the Name of the Lord. Amen.

The Congregation follows the Celebrant and servers into the Church

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

130 (ST. THEODULPH)

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| 1. All glory, laud, and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring. | 2. Thou art the King of Israel
Thou David’s royal Son,
Who in the Lord’s Name comest,
The King and blessed one.
<i>All glory, laud, and honour...</i> |
| 3. The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.
<i>All glory, laud, and honour...</i> | |

STATION AT THE WEST DOOR

between verses 3 and 4

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| 4. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.
<i>All glory, laud, and honour...</i> | 5. To thee before thy Passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise
<i>All glory, laud, and honour...</i> |
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