



CATHÉDRALE CHRIST CHURCH MONTRÉAL

HOLY COMMUNION

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Participate by Zoom: link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88901754420>

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Celebrant
Preacher

The Very Reverend Bertrand Olivier
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*We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk),
at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations.
Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of
recognition and reconciliation.*

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Priest Blessed is the King who cometh in the name of the Lord.

All **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray,
Assist us mercifully with thy help,
O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

At this point, those members of the congregation who have palm crosses hold them up to be blessed.

Priest It is right to praise thee, almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King, with palm branches in their hands, crying, Hosanna in the highest. May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PALM GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Priest The Gospel of Christ
All **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all humanity should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader For the word of God in scripture,
For the word of God around us,
For the word of God within us.
All **Thanks be to God.**

PROCLAIMING THE PASSION ACCORDING TO MATTHEW -27:11-54

Evangelist
Jesus
Pilate
Centurion

Evangelist Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus “You say so.”

Evangelist But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

Evangelist But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Evangelist Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Evangelist For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

Evangelist Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

The governor again said to them,

Pilate “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

Congregation **“Barabbas.”**

Pilate “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Congregation **“Let him be crucified!”**

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

Congregation (*loudly*) **“Let him be crucified!”**

Evangelist So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Evangelist Then the people as a whole answered,

Congregation **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

Evangelist So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Congregation **"Hail, King of the Jews!"**

Evangelist They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

At the mention of Golgotha, the congregation should stand and remain standing.

Evangelist As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Congregation **"You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."**

Evangelist In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Congregation **"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"**

Evangelist The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

Evangelist From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Evangelist that is,

Jesus "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Evangelist When some of the bystanders heard it, they said

Congregation **“This man is calling for Elijah.”**

Evangelist At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.
But the others said,

Congregation **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

Evangelist Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many.

Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion **“Truly this man was God’s Son!**

THE CREED (page 71)

THE SERMON

THE OFFERTORY

A collection plate will be passed during the hymn. If you would prefer, you can leave your donation as you go out by debit or credit card on our tap and go system, or by e-transfer to accounting@montrealcathedral.ca. Please indicate your name and address for donations over \$20 if you would like a tax receipt. Thank you.

THE PRAYERS & CONFESSION (page 75)

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (page 78)

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing at our services. You can receive both the bread and the wine, or choose only one of them. Dipping the wafer into the chalice is forbidden for epidemiological reasons.

Please come forward to receive the host, maintaining a safe distance from your neighbour. After receiving the host, remove your mask and consume it. You may then either keep your mask off to drink from the chalice or put your mask back on and return to your seat. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 85)

**Holy Week and Easter
at Christ Church Cathedral**

For more information:
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**Semaine sainte et Pâques
à la cathédrale Christ Church**

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Palm Sunday, April 2

8:00 a.m. *Traditional Holy Communion in English*
9:00 a.m. *Sung Eucharist in French*
10:30 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*
4:00 p.m. *Choral Evensong*
6:00 p.m. *Cathedral@6 Ecumenical Eucharist*

Holy Monday, April 3

12:15 p.m. *Midday Eucharist*
7:30 p.m. *Sung Compline in English*

Holy Tuesday, April 4

12:15 p.m. *Midday Eucharist*
7:30 p.m. *Sung Compline in French*

Holy Wednesday, April 5

12:15 p.m. *Midday Eucharist*
7:30 p.m. *Tenebrae*

Maundy Thursday, April 6

12:15 p.m. *Midday Eucharist*
7:30 p.m. *Maundy Thursday Liturgy*

Good Friday, April 7

11:00 a.m. *The Story of Good Friday*
1:00 p.m. *Good Friday Liturgy*

Holy Saturday, April 8

7:30 p.m. *The Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m. *Traditional Holy Communion in English*
9:00 a.m. *Eucharist in French with choir*
10:30 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*
4:00 p.m. *Choral Evensong*

Dimanche des rameaux, le 2 avril

8 h *Communion traditionnelle en anglais*
9 h *Eucharistie chantée en français*
10 h 30 *Eucharistie chorale*
16 h *Vêpres chantées*
18 h *Cathédrale@18 h : eucharistie œcuménique*

Lundi saint, le 3 avril

12 h 15 *Eucharistie*
19 h 30 *Complies chantées en anglais*

Mardi saint, le 4 avril

12 h 15 *Eucharistie*
19 h 30 *Complies chantées en français*

Mercredi saint, le 5 avril

12 h 15 *Eucharistie*
19 h 30 *Liturgie des ténèbres*

Jeudi saint, le 6 avril

12 h 15 *Eucharistie*
19 h 30 *Liturgie du Jeudi saint*

Vendredi saint, le 7 avril

11 h *L'histoire du Vendredi saint*
13 h *Liturgie du Vendredi saint*

Samedi saint, le 8 avril

19 h 30 *La grande vigile pascale*

Dimanche de Pâques, le 9 avril

8 h *Communion traditionnelle en anglais*
9 h *Eucharistie en français avec chœur*
10 h 30 *Eucharistie chorale*
16 h *Vêpres chantées*