

# St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church

## April 5, 2020

### Palm Sunday

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Order of Online Worship for April 5, 2020

We will meet online for as long as people want to stay on at 10 am on Sunday, April 5. The link will be posted on the Website and FaceBook page.

Call to worship — See Lenten Liturgy below (Microphones on)

Liturgy of the Palms. Many of us have already decorated our doors or windows with palms (or things like them). Please also plan to bring some greenery to wave together as we proclaim:

L: Hosanna!

**P: Hosanna in the highest!**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**P: Hosanna in the highest to the son of David!**

Prayers of approach and confession

**Responsive Psalm 31:9-16** (Microphones on)

L: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

**P: For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.**

L: I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbours, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.

**P: I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many – terror all around!– as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.**

L: But I trust in you, O LORD;

**P: I say, "You are my God."**

L: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**P: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.**

Ongoing life of the church

Matthew 27:15-31 (see below)

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Celebration of our Generosity

Benediction \*Feel free to chat for a while.

Sermon: Rev. Scott will preach a live sermon over Zoom for those who wish to stay for it. The sermon will also have already been posted on YouTube for streaming whenever you like. The YouTube sermon may have better video and/or audio quality and will feature some graphic illustrations. It will otherwise be the same sermon.

**Please Note:** All church activities have been suspended until further notice. This includes choir, Bible Study, and all in-person meetings. The doors at the church will be locked to avoid foot-traffic. If you have any questions or need to come to the church for some reason, please contact us by phone or email. Phone messages will be still be checked daily.

**Other cancellations:** Athalie Read Garage Sale, Thursday Night Supper and Social Gala, and the Annual Meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, or we can provide support to you in any way during this time, please feel free to contact us by calling the church (messages are being checked regularly) or email us at [office@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:office@standrewshespeler.ca).

**Looking for encouraging music during these uncertain times?**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqjVDeOB2ow>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YUGwUgBvTU>



For Sunday School students (or anyone who would like to participate) check out the daily Facebook page or our webpage for the daily activity. This is either in place of our Easter Scavenger Hunt or in addition to it. For each daily activity completed (send Joni "proof") you will receive a virtual ticket and will be able to exchange them for an Easter treat when we are able to get back together again.



Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

LUKE 19:38

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Did you know that you can donate to St. Andrew's Hespeler online? For several years, St. Andrew's Hespeler has partnered with CanadaHelps to facilitate the acceptance of online donations. CanadaHelps itself is a charity whose purpose is to inform, inspire and connect charities and donors with the causes they care about. The online link to donate via St. Andrew's internet homepage is not only another means by which to donate regularly to St. Andrew's but it is also a great way to make memorial and honour gifts and the link to our website is easy to share using social media or e-mail. Scan this QR code to take you directly to our giving page!



Please visit our website [www.standrewshespeler.ca](http://www.standrewshespeler.ca) for our daily devotion and daily updates.



It is with great regret that due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Ellis Chapel has made the decision to close the chapel for the 2020 season.

All monthly summer services usually taking place from June through September are cancelled.

The chapel will not be open for visitors during the summer months.

All weddings previously booked have been cancelled or rescheduled for a later date.

We will be maintaining the chapel and garden as usual, in anticipation of reopening in the spring of 2021.

For more information:  
516-767-2462 or [ellischapel@sympatico.ca](mailto:ellischapel@sympatico.ca)

# Palm/Passion Sunday



Written by the Rev. Iona MacLean  
(The Church of Saint David, Halifax)

One: God calls the servant-Christ to sustain the weary:

Many: the ones in exile,  
the ones in despair,  
the ones who are afraid.

One: Jesus enters the city in humility:

Many: lauded by the crowds: "Hosanna! Save us!"  
questioned by the powers that be,  
betrayed and denied by his friends.

One: We watch with unease and bewilderment,

Many: complicit with the fickle crowd,  
misunderstanding true power,  
frightened and looking to our own interests.

One: Lord, have mercy

Many: Christ, have mercy

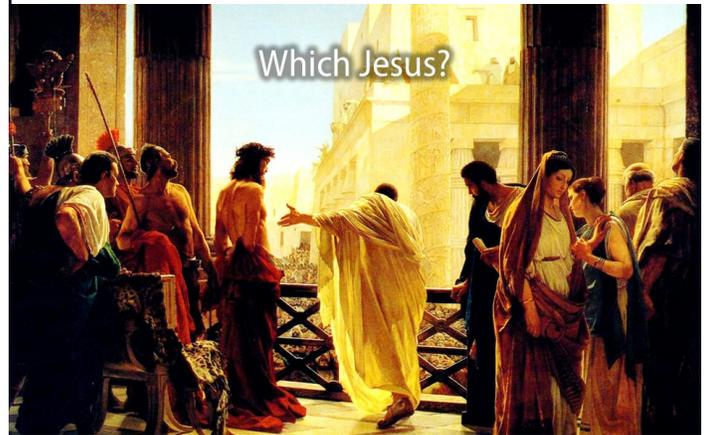
One: Lord, have mercy

Let us pray:

Creator God,  
we give thanks to you for you are good,  
your steadfast love endures forever.  
We seek courage for the living of these days.  
Let the same mind be in us  
that was in Christ Jesus,  
so that we may give ourselves in love and humility  
to further your purpose of life for the world.  
So may all people come to know  
the height and depth of your redeeming love;  
through Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

We will begin our online, live - interactive service on Sunday by reading this Lenten Liturgy together. Please plan to join in.

## This week's Sermon:



## Bringing Health Care Closer to Home

In a poor village in Haiti, one-year-old Marcellus weighed only 10 pounds. He was losing weight rapidly and had a persistent cough.

Because of crop losses, Marcellus's single mother was struggling to feed the little boy and his five siblings. Marcellus needed medical attention, but the cost of transportation to the closest health facility was more than his family could afford.

Hope came in the form of a mobile clinic supported by PWS&D in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. Vehicles carrying nurses, community health workers, medicine and Nourimanba – a therapeutic food that saves lives – arrived close to their home and set up a health post to treat malnutrition.

There, Marcellus received Nourimanba, antibiotics and multivitamins. Within a few weeks, nurses saw his health improve dramatically. Today, Marcellus is on course to grow up healthy and strong.

Good health starts with good nutrition – especially for young children. This Lenten season, faithfully respond to ensure children have healthy bodies to carry them through life.

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## Next Week's Sermon:



Is Easter cancelled or postponed?



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## Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, April 5 (Passion/Palm Sunday)** We pray for PCC-partner, the United Mission in Nepal.

**Monday, April 6** Thank God for the gift of racial diversity in the PCC. Give thanks for people who are working to build more inclusive church communities.

**Tuesday, April 7 (World Health Day)** We pray that leprosy patients who visit Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported clinics in Nepal will once again feel the warmth of community, free from stigma.

**Wednesday, April 8** We are thankful for volunteers Hastings Phale, Rammy Zuwayo and Lyca Mhone who are bringing hope, medication and delivering Bible teachings to prisoners in southern Malawi.

**Thursday, April 9 (Maundy Thursday)** As our thoughts turn to spring, give thanks to God for the wonder and beauty we find in creation. May we be faithful stewards of the earth.

**Friday, April 10 (Good Friday)** We pray for all those who are denied their rights, imprisoned, tortured or martyred for their faith. Pray that they may be protected.

**Saturday, April 11** Pray for members of the Rainbow Communion Listening Committee as they meet to work on their final report based on the stories they have heard of harm done by homophobia, transphobia, hypocrisy and heterosexism in the church.

If you have any specific requests that we can pray about, please let us know by either calling the church or emailing the prayer team at [prayerchain@standrewshespeler.ca](mailto:prayerchain@standrewshespeler.ca)

## April 5: World Health Day (April 7)

“We are reducing the death of moms and babies through education and support,” said Mary Samuel, reflecting on the work of the PWS&D-supported Village Safe Motherhood Committee in her community. Part of PWS&D’s maternal and child health project in Malawi, these committees are volunteer groups of women and men who educate their peers on sexual and reproductive health issues. From equipping men and women to combat sexually transmitted diseases to encouraging women to seek proper medical care and nutrition support throughout their pregnancies, the committees are helping whole communities safeguard their health. “Since the project started, there are fewer maternal deaths in our community!”

*PWS&D cares for mothers at risk.*



Check out this video by The Skit Guys as they talk about Palm Sunday.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0drchLLIs5c>

## The Revised Common Lectionary Readings for this week:

### Isaiah 50: 4-9a - The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

4 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 wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

5 The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

6 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.

7 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;

8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

9 It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### Psalms 31: 9-16

<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away.

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<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

### Philippians 2: 5-11 - Imitating Christ's Humility

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was<sup>\*</sup> 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.

## Matthew 27: 15-31

### Barabbas or Jesus?

<sup>15</sup> Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. <sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. <sup>17</sup> So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” <sup>18</sup> For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. <sup>19</sup> 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.” <sup>20</sup> Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. <sup>21</sup> The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” <sup>22</sup> Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”<sup>[1]</sup> All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” <sup>23</sup> Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

### Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

<sup>24</sup> 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, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” <sup>25</sup> Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” <sup>26</sup> So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

### The Soldiers Mock Jesus

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> 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, “Hail, King of the Jews!” <sup>30</sup> They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

**The Revised Common Lectionary Readings for next week:**

**Acts 10:34-43 OR Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 OR Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 OR Matthew 28:1-10**