

A Time Called ... PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

For many, the procession of the palms re-enacted by the children of our church schools is a vivid and lasting memory of this day. But once you know the whole story of this week, it is hard to see Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem except as set against his passion – betrayal, humiliation, and death.

Historical Roots of Palm/Passion Sunday

Since about the fourth century, the joy of Christ's triumphal entry has been set in deliberate contrast to the passion narrative. Although churches name this Sunday in different ways, the connection between Christ's glory and death keeps the full redemption story before us. This, the first Sunday in Holy Week, begins the seven days of the redemption drama. It may help us to think of this week as the seven days for creation and re-creation.

Finding Meaning in the Tradition

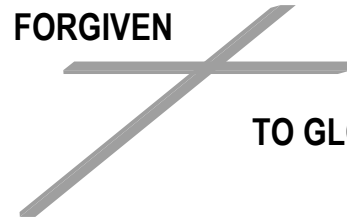
Holy week is framed by glory – the glory offered by people as Jesus entered Jerusalem and the glory offered by God in the resurrected Christ. Today, we think about the glory we give Jesus in our lives and are reminded, in the reading of the passion narrative, that the glory we offer is not enough to save him from death. Only the glory that God bestows triumphs in the end. We are moving toward the cross where we shall see what humans did, and shall wait for what God does.

This week is a roller coaster of deep emotion and dramatic events. The palm tree branches of this Sunday honour Jesus, but soon another tree will bring death. We wait for Easter resurrection.

Questions for Personal Meditation

How do I honour Jesus in my life? In this Holy Week, how and when can I set aside daily time for prayer and meditation? What part of the Palm Sunday service touches me most?

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Sunday 24th March 2024 10:30 am

**The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News
of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone**

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “Hosanna” **SB #45**

Welcome, and announcements:

Lenten Liturgy: on screen

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “Hosanna, loud hosanna” **BP #157**

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Matthew 21:1-11 NLT

Message: “The fickleness of flash mobs”

Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “When I survey” vs 4 **BP #78**

Prayer of Dedication

Praise: “Ride on, ride on in majesty” **BP #176**

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Sanctuary”

SB #44

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS TEAM: PRAYER REQUESTS

Warnock Aitken – St. Joseph's Life-Care Centre, Brantford

Frank De Vries – at home

Pearl Howden – Trinity Village LTC

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg McCorriston – at home

Terry McCorriston – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Highland Place Retirement Residence

Glen Verheye – at home

Sunday School:

We are having bi-weekly Sunday School running in 2024:

March 31; April 14, & 28; May 12, & 26; June 9, & 23. We have split the group: Grade 5 and under, and Grade 6 and up, to create a more engaging experience for our older children.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca) or Johnson (srikanthjohnson@gmail.com).

We can't wait to share and grow with the children this year.

Peace and Joy, Cathrine, Nicolene, & Johnson

Mission Moment – Sunday 24th March 2024:

Following Christ's example to care for the broken-hearted and those crushed in spirit, Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre provides care and support for people who have endured intergenerational trauma and profound loss and grief in their lives. The centre promotes healthy grieving practices that include sharing circles and memorial fires, creating a safe space for a time of prayer, sharing sorrow and mourning the loss of loved ones. The community has come to value the importance of the sacred fire teachings and the warmth and comfort it offers, welcoming all to come just as they are.

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu "Donate Now") and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2024 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that changed addresses in 2023, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the

PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. We receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services, for each card we sell.

EVENTS THIS WEEK: 24th – 31st March 2024

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Lent 6 Palm Sunday Worship Service
- Monday:** 1 pm – Music Therapy
6 – 10 pm – GRIPS in the Gray Hall
- Tuesday:** 9:30 am – Bible Study via Zoom
11:45 – 1:30 Music Therapy
6:30 pm – Sparks
- Wednesday:** 7 – 9 pm – Scouts in Gray Hall
- Thursday:** 9 am – Sonshine Corner in the Gray Hall
7 pm – **Maundy Thursday** Communion service
- Friday:** 10 am – **Good Friday** joint worship service at Doon PC, 35 Roos St. in Kitchener. All are welcome.
- Sunday:** 10:30 am – **Easter Sunday** Communion Worship Service; Sunday School; Coffee, Cake, & Conversation downstairs.



519 824 7898 or events@crieffhills.com

- **Reflect, Release, Renew Yoga Retreat - Friday March 8 to Sunday March 10, 2024**
- **St Patrick's Day Dinner - Sunday March 17, 2024**
- **Good Friday Fish Dinner - March 29, 2024**
- **Stations of the Cross - March 29, 2024**
- **Easter Brunch - March 31, 2024**
- **Spring walks**
- **Lamb Therapy, Anyone?**



VBS 2024: Hello everyone:

We are starting to prepare for our VBS at KEPC this summer and I just wanted to check in to see who would be interested and available in volunteering again this year.

Dates are July 8-12 9am-noon. The theme is SCUBA.

Please let me know so I can get an idea of interest/availability of volunteers, and we will start putting out announcements, etc to further our planning. Kindly, Sarah.

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WORSHIP DURING *Holy Week*

THURSDAY

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MARCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

St. Andrew's Hespeler & Kitchener East Presbyterian Churches invite you to share in a special service on this holy night.

- Kitchener East: Worship with Communion @ 7pm
- St. Andrew's Hespeler: An intimate service gathered around the communion table beginning @ 7:30pm

FRIDAY

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MARCH

GOOD FRIDAY @ 10AM

All are welcome to a joint service between Duffs, Kitchener East, Knox Preston, St. Andrew's Hespeler & Doon - To be held @ Doon Presbyterian Church - 35 Roos Street Kitchener.

SUNDAY

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MARCH

EASTER SUNDAY!

Easter Morning Worship: Each church will host Easter morning in their own church @ their regular worship time.

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