

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

**MARCH 29, 2026**

**The Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday**



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**March 29, 2026**  
**The Sunday of the Passion:**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Worship on March 29**  
10 am – St. Stephen's HE

**Today's Readings**

Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a;  
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

~ Canso, NS

**Provincial Prayer Care**

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

~ Archbishop David Edwards and the Provincial Council

**DCS Cycle of Prayer** - Christ Church, Kildare Capes

**Prayer Partner** - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

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**April 2: Maundy Thursday (red)**

**Worship Time:** 7 pm – St. Thomas’

**Readings:** Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1, 10-17;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Readers:** Hilda J, Jim D

**April 3: Good Friday (red)**

**Worship Time:** 12 pm – St. Mark’s

**Readings:** Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12; Psalm 22;  
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1 – 19:42

**Readers:** Doris M, Martyn C

**April 5: Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday (white)**

**Worship Times:** 8 am – St. Thomas’ HE (Baptism) - breakfast  
9 am – St. Stephen’s HE  
11 am – St. Mark’s HE  
7 pm – St. Elizabeth’s HC

**Readings:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

**Readers:** Grafton C, Sandra H; Darlene L, Jean R;  
Laura N, Marie M; Judy L, Blaine C

**Prayers of the People:** Jim E, Doreen C, Bronwyn C

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**Holy Week Ecumenical Services – All are welcome!**

**-Monday in Holy Week- Ecumenical Service, Anglican Led**

March 30<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon, St. Mark’s, Kensington

**-Tuesday in Holy Week- Ecumenical Service, Presbyterian Led**

March 31<sup>st</sup> 12:00 noon, St. Mark’s, Kensington

**-Wednesday in Holy Week-Ecumenical Service, Roman Catholic Led**

April 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 noon, St. Mark’s, Kensington

**-Thursday in Holy Week- Ecumenical Service, United Led**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 noon, St. Mark’s, Kensington

**Fund Scrip order** will be sent on Sunday, March 29. Please contact Doris Moase.

**Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long** will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2:15 p.m. All are welcome to join in!

**Rev. Shirley will be away** April 13-21. Coverage particulars will follow.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- **Parish Council Meeting: 7pm, Wed., April 8 at St. Stephen’s**
- St. Stephen's Church Executive: Wednesday, April 22, 7 pm
- St. Elizabeth’s Church Council: TBD

**Memorials & Flowers**

If you wish to donate a memorial or flowers for Easter Sunday, please call the church office by 10 am on Wednesday, April 1.

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- Are you interested in taking part in Service?  
Expanding your Ministry? We have lots of ways to get involved (with instruction and training available):
    - o Reading scripture during Services, Offering Prayers of the People, Helping with Communion
    - o Assisting with Camera, when Service is recorded
    - o Hospitality (Greeters for Services)
    - o Singing in the Choir
    - o Altar Guild
    - o Seniors’ Home Ministry
- If any of these interest you, please contact Rev. Shirley, and she will connect you with the name of the person in your Church who oversees each ministry. Or should there be something else you would like to see us add, again please see Revd Shirley with your ideas.

## COLLECT

Almighty and everliving God, in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and suffer death upon a cruel cross. May we follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:1-11

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."

## PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;\*

**his mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim, \*

**"His mercy endures for ever."**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord; \*

**he who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me\*

**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected\*

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing, \*

**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

On this day the Lord has acted; \*

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*

**Lord, send us now success.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; \*

**we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; \*

**form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

"You are my God, and I will thank you; \*

**you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*

**his mercy endures for ever.**

**Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord.**

## A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. 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. 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### **Psalm 31:9-16**

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;\*

**my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.**

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;\*

**my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to  
my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance;\*

**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;\*

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around;\*

**they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.**

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.\*

**I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand;\*

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant;\*

**and in your loving-kindness save me."**

**Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted,  
may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find strength  
in the knowledge of your presence, and praise you for the wonders  
of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.**

### **A Reading from 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.

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to**

#### **Matthew 27:11-54**

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

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, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" 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." 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, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

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." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" 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, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 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.

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 rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "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." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "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.'" The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

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, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." 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, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." 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, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Gracious God,  
the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,  
makes us pleasing in your sight.  
Alone we can do nothing,  
but through his sacrifice,  
may we receive your love and mercy.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God our help and strength,  
you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food.  
Strengthen our faith,  
that through the death and resurrection of your Son,  
we may be led to salvation,  
for he is Lord now and for ever.