



St. Ambrose Anglican Church



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Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Ambrose exists to be servants of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to build up the community of faith so that all may become whole persons in Christ.

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The Rt. Rev. Philip Wright, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., OBE

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK

Sunday - 7:00 am Said Mass

Sunday - 9:30 am Sung Mass

Wednesday- 6:00am Mass

Thursday - 6:30 pm Sung Mass

Good Friday - 9:00 am †††



Diocesan 2025 Theme: "Family Matters" (Joshua 24:15)

PALM SUNDAY: THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

Sunday, April 13th, 2025 - Year C

Liturgical Colour - Red

During Lent, no flowers are permitted on the altars, the alleluias are omitted, and except on Feast Days, the “Gloria in Excelsis” is not used.

Liturgy of the Palms

BCP 222

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Dear Friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day, our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed Him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before Him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today, we greet Him as our King, although we know His crown is thorns and His throne a cross. We follow Him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with Him in His suffering on the cross, may we share His resurrection and new life.

Celebrant: *Let us pray:* Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby You give us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Gospeller: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Response: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to Christ our Lord.

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

eternal life; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen

Introit Hymn

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

CPWI 126

All Glory Laud And Honour (9:30, after outdoor procession)

CPWI 127

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon Him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Isaiah chapter 50 verses 4 to 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?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: The Word of the Lord

PSALM 31:9-16

(The psalm is read responsively or sung by the choir and congregation)

THE EPISTLE

Reader: A Reading from the Word of God written in Philippians chapter 2 verses 5 to 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: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God

(The following chorus is sung before the Gospel)

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world, They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the ancient words impart. Ancient words ever true changing me, and changing you. We have come with open hearts, Oh let the ancient words impart.

The Passion of Our Lord According to St. Luke

(Chapter 23:1-49-Shorter Version)

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha [Luke 23:33] all stand.

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release

him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. **[All Stand]** When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

PALM SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS

Leader: On this day the church hears again the Passion of our Lord, into which we are baptized. Recreated by the mind of Christ, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the whole church throughout the world, bishops, clergy, and all the baptized, Lord in your mercy: **All: Hear our prayer**

Leader: For peace among nations and forbearance among all people. Lord in your mercy: **All: Hear our prayer**

Leader: For this assembly as we walk the road toward the cross, Lord in your mercy: **All: Hear our prayer**

Leader: For the weary and the sick, and for those who are consumed with sorrow, Lord in your mercy: **All: Hear our prayer**

Leader: We give thanks for all the departed who had the mind of Christ and were humble servants of God. For ourselves, that we may be obedient even unto death, Lord in your mercy: **All: Hear our prayer**

All: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we intercede, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

BCP 123-124

THE PEACE FOR PALM SUNDAY

BCP 226

PRESIDENT: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross, we meet in His Name and share His peace. The peace of The Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Hymn

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

CPWI 507

All things are Yours, no gifts have we; Lord of all gifts to offer Thee. And then with grateful hearts today, Your own before Your feet we lay. Amen.

Censing Hymn

Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

CPWI 133

The Sursum Corda BCP 126

The Proper Preface Holy Week BCP 128

The Meaning of Palm Sunday for Christians

(An excerpt from <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/what-is-the-meaning-of-palm-Sunday-and-why-celebrate>)

Palm Sunday commemorates when [Jesus rode into Jerusalem](#) on a donkey the week before his crucifixion and death. Although the people cried, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" and greeted Him with anxious expectation. However, by Friday, they would crucify Him. One week after He entered Jerusalem was the [Resurrection of Christ](#) when He first appeared to the myrrh-bearing women.

The people wanted an insurrectionist to topple Rome. Jesus did come to defeat an enemy, but not the one they had in mind. Instead, He came to defeat the enemies of sin, death, and the devil that ensnared every man and woman since Adam and Eve.

According to Crosswalk, "Palm Sunday was the first day of Holy Week leading up to the Jewish holiday of Passover. Jesus rode on a donkey through the town of Jerusalem on His way to conquer death and bring us life through His sacrifice on the cross." —Emma Danzey.

Jesus voluntarily gave Himself as our sacrificial Passover lamb when they led him to his death on the Friday of that week.

What Do Palm Branches Represent?

So why did the people wave palm branches and place them at the feet of Jesus' colt? No doubt, in Palestine, where Jesus ministered, there were plenty of palm trees scattered throughout the land. But what was the meaning of using palm trees? According to Easton's Bible Dictionary, the branches and trees actually have a significant meaning. People didn't just grab whatever leaves they could find for no reason. "Its branches are a symbol of victory (Revelation 7:9). "Rising with slender stems 40 or 50, at times even 80, feet aloft, its only branches, the feathery, snow-like, pale-green fronds from 6 to 12 feet long, bending from its top, the palm attracts the eye wherever it is seen." The whole land of Palestine was called by the Greeks and Romans Phoenicia, i.e., "the land of palms." The Jewish people wanted victory, victory over the Romans who had invaded their land. Jesus did come to enact a victory, but not quite the one they had in mind. When we use palm branches in our services, we can remember how Jesus conquered death for us to have a chance of salvation through Him.

Why Did Jesus Ride a Donkey?

Jesus rode a donkey on Palm Sunday as a symbolic fulfillment of prophecy and a declaration of His true mission. This act directly fulfilled Zechariah 9:9, which prophesied that the Messiah would enter Jerusalem "righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey." By doing this, Jesus publicly announced that He was the long-awaited King, but not in the way many expected. In ancient times, rulers rode horses into battle, but a donkey symbolized peace. Jesus did not come as a warrior to overthrow Rome; instead, He came as a humble King bringing salvation.

NOTICES

VISITORS, we welcome you to St. Ambrose and greet you in the name and love of our mighty Saviour, Jesus Christ. We are delighted that you have come to share with us in this **Palm Sunday worship experience**. **MEMBERS**, if you were away, it is good to have you back home and we give thanks to God for your safe return. Let us make an effort to invite at least one **unchurched** person, and encourage at least one **lapsed** family member or friend to our worship services.

Our nation & community, the unemployed, the homeless, the sick and shut-in, the disabled, members who are abroad, those who are travelling, fishermen, farmers, teachers, students, pilots, legal and medical professionals, law-enforcement officers, the lapsed and indifferent members of our church, and all who have requested our prayers.

THE SICK & THOSE RECOVERING



**Remember
in
Prayer**

Leannza Beneby, Alinda Bowe, Francis Bowe, Granville Brown, Barbara Chong, Jocelyn Munroe, Florence Pratt, Philippa Robinson, Vernal Sands, Dr. Julian Stewart, Phillip Styles, Alinda Bowe, Leslie Forbes, Trevor Adderley, Carol Roach, Lisa Butler, Hyacinth Curtis, Naomi Williams, Archbishop Drexel Gomez, Diana Swann.

- **Notices** for the bulletin are to be submitted by **Noon on Tuesdays**.
- Donations towards **flowers for Easter Sunday** are being accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**EASTER
DECORATORS
NEEDED!**
(Saturday Apr. 19th)

2025 Schedule Of St. Ambrose's Church

- **Wednesday (April 16th)-6:00am Mass**
- **Maundy Thursday (April 17th)-6:30pm**
- **Good Friday Liturgy (April 18th)-9:00am/ACM Fish Fry-12noon-4pm**
- ***Easter Vigil (April 20th)-5:30am**
- ***Easter Sunday (April 20th)-9:30am**
- **Easter Fri.-Sun. (April 25-27th)-Reboot Youth Retreat**
- **Easter Sat. (April 26th)-ACW Souse-Out-7am 12noon**

We are requesting volunteers to help us decorate the church for Easter on **Holy Saturday April 19th 2025 from 12 noon-5pm**. Please make a special effort to beautify the church for The Queen of Feasts-*Resurrection Sunday!*

**St. Ambrose Prayer Ministry is proposing the following
LENTEN DISCIPLINES:**

1. Pause for prayer at 12 noon each day. (We pray for our church, unity, the leadership, health, the activity centre)
2. Focus on the reading of the book of Isaiah for the season. (10 chapters per week)
3. Participate in the meditations on the book of Isaiah each SATURDAY morning at 7 via ZOOM link. 7 a.m.-8 a.m. See the link below

Topic: PRAYER MINISTRY MEDITATIONS LENT 2025

Time: Sat. April 19th, 2025 07:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Meeting ID: 978 6903 7198

Passcode: 530551

The 66-Chapter breakdown of The Book of Isaiah for the last week of Lent would be
April 14-18 -chapters 61 - 66.



The poster for the Reboot 2025 Weekend Retreat features a black background with yellow and blue accents. At the top, a yellow circle contains the word 'REBOOT' in white. Below this, the word 'REBOOT' is written in large, bold, white letters, with '2025' in blue script underneath. The text 'Weekend Retreat for Grades 7 - 12' is in white, followed by 'April 25th - 27th' in blue. A blue circle on the left contains the text 'Parental session FRI 6-10PM'. The schedule is listed in yellow: 'Day One - FRI 6 - 10PM', 'Day Two - SAT 4 - 10PM', and 'Day Three - SUN 9AM - 3PM'. The bottom section lists activities in white: 'Drama | Music | Teachings | Discussions', 'Outdoor Games | Fellowship | Prayer'. A blue line of text says 'For more information visit' followed by the URL 'https://stambrosebahamas.com/reboot2005'. A yellow box at the bottom right says 'Registration \$25'. Three circular inset photos show youth at the event: one with a group of students, one with a student speaking at a podium, and one with a group of students sitting on the grass.

Special Prayer For Reboot Youth Retreat

Gracious and Heavenly Father, we thank you for life and for your forgiveness, reminding us that we are all receivers of your blessings and grace. Change us so that we will be worthy examples to our youth sharing with them the knowledge of our love and care. Dear Lord we pray especially for the success of the Reboot weekend. Touch all those attending and we pray that through their participation they become recharged to restart a new life in you. **Amen**

**For further details, please contact Mrs. Leja Burrows at 676-2341*

ACW CONCERT MAY 4TH

The Anglican Church Women will have a Pre-Mother's Day Concert at the church on **Sunday May 4th 2025 starting at 3pm**. All are invited to attend as we honour all mothers!



Altar flowers are often given as memorials, in thanksgiving or in celebration of special events, such as, anniversaries or birthdays. We welcome donations for flowers at all times when our lectionary permits them on the altar.



Our People's Warden, Mr. Joel Cunningham, is **in the process of compiling a written historical record of St. Ambrose**. If you any pertinent information or photos, please contact him via email at cunninghamjo-el943@gmail.com



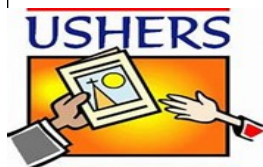
Tithes & Offerings or Financial Donations can be sent to St. Ambrose Anglican Church, Royal Bank of Canada JFK, Account 1002534, Transit Number: 05165. *For your Building PLEDGE re: Parish Community Center, please send to FCIB Branch # 09706 A/C # 201044633



April 13th - Nicola Pearce; **14th** - Idiah Weech, Deon Brennen, Taysha Rolle; **18th** Davine Rolle, Christopher Wallace; **19th** - Adrienne Wells-Duvalier



April 16th - Christopher & Jacintha Wallace



7:00am - Alma Albury, Phillippa Robinson, Melonie Badmus, Nathalie Nairn.

9:30am - Kenva Mullings, Jacintha Wallace, Schneika Campbell, Rebby Storr.

Weekly Attendance (April 4, 6th & 9th 2025)

7:00am - 90	9:30am - 122	Sunday school - 23
Wed. Mass - 9	Bible Study - 7	Stations - 29

DAILY OFFICE READINGS

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
M	Ps. 51:1-18 (19-20); Jeremiah	Ps. 6, 12 ; Jeremiah	Ps. 55; Jere- miah 17: 5-10,14-17;	Ps. 102; Jeremiah	Ps. 95, 22 Wisdom	Ps. 95, 88 Job 19:21-
P	12:1-16 ; Philippians 3:1-14; <i>Holy Week</i>	15:10-21; Philippians 3:15-21 <i>Holy Week</i>	Philippians 4:1-13 <i>Holy Week</i>	20:7-11 ; 1 Corinthi- ans 10:14- 17;11:27-32 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	1:16-2:1, 12 -22 or Gen. 22:1-14; John 13:36- 38 <i>Good Friday</i>	27a; Hebrews 4:1 -6 <i>Holy Saturday</i>
E	Ps. 69:1-23; Lam. 1:1-2, 6-12; John 12:9-19	Ps. 94; Lam. 1:17- 22; John 12:20-26	Ps. 74; Lam. 2:1-9; John 12:27-36	Ps. 142, 143 Lam. 2:10- 18; John 17:1-11 [12- 26]	Ps. 40:1-14 (15-19), 54 1 Peter 1:10 -20 John 19:38- 42	Ps. 27 Lam. 3:37- 58; Romans 8:1 -11

PARISH VESTRY



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Dr. Ricardo Crawford - **Priest's Warden** (327-2678)
Mr. Joel Cunningham - **People's Warden 2025-2027** (421-2589)
Ms. Tanisha Brathwaite - **Elected 2025-2027 (Secretary)** (426-0457)
Ms. Pamela Miller - **Elected 2024-2026 (Treasurer)** (357-5738)
Mr. Robert Cox - **Elected 2024-2026 (Assistant Treasurer)** (424-3155)
Mrs. Leja Burrows - **Sunday School Supt.** (676-2341)
Mrs. Melinda McKenzie - **A.C.W. President** (544-2558)
Mr. Ethan W. Adderley - **A.C.M. President** (808-5750)
Chief Supt. Brian Nixon - **Audio Visual** (341-6040)
Mrs. Terri Bellot - **Legal Advisor** (361-7589)
Justice Diane Stewart - **Music Ministry** (327-7559)
Mrs. Norma Dean - **Pastoral Care & Counselling** (424-0887)
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Mrs. Gale Sheryl Forbes - **Ushers** (455-0120)
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Mr. Humphrey Simmons - **Elected 2024-2026** (357-8360)
Mr. James Albury - **Elected 2025-2027** (424-9042)
Mr. Cadrington Coleby - **Elected 2025-2027** (424-0550)
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Mr. John Michael Clarke - **Appointed 2025-2026** (601-5777)
Mrs. Cozetta Johnson - **Appointed 2025-2026** (427-5437)