

*Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada*



The Sunday of the Passion

‘Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !’

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10:00 a.m.

BAS. 297

Holy Eucharist

Preacher and Presider: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Brenda O'Neill

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and Singers

Eucharistic Assistants: Linda Rintamaki, Erminie Reid

Lectors: David Reid, Erminie Reid

Greeters: Audrey and Neil Love

Altar Guild: Rose Jardine

Palm Sunday – Liturgy of the Palms

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple

**Welcome To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the back of the church.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

(Please stand, as you are able.)

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS *BAS (page 297)*

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.

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.**

Blessing Prayer

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mark 11: 1 – 11

When the disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.
All: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

The Celebrant continues,

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your 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 lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Everyone is invited to wave their palms during the processional by the choir, lay readers, and children.

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Processional; *(with palm branches)*

First Collect

Presider: Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory, may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Music: **When They Heard That Jesus Was Coming**

The Second Collect

Celebrant: Almighty and ever living 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. **All: Amen**

Children's Time: **Rev. Ann Camber**

The Proclamation of the Word

(Please sit for the readings)

**The First Reading is found in the Book of
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?

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 31: 9 – 16

Have mercy on 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.”

The Second Reading is found in the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

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.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gathering Table Choir Anthem:

"Blessed Is He Who Comes" *by Paul Wilbur*

A Narrative Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Readers:

David Reid – Mark,

Garth O'Neill – Jesus,

Brenda O'Neill – Judas High Priest, Bystanders,

Erminie Reid – Peter, Servant Girl, Centurian,

Julia MccDougall – Pilate,

Choir – crowd, disciples, soldiers, chef priests.

Sermon: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Time for Silent Reflection

The Prayers of the People

Lay Reader

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Offertory: **Cry Of The Oppressed**

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: 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. **Amen**

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who for our salvation became obedient unto death.
The tree of defeat became the tree of victory:
where life was lost, life has been restored.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly chorus,
we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.

Eucharistic Prayer #1

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed

your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord*
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

Patrick Schlabs

Celebrant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “ Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer –

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And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread –

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Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body
once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

“Agnus Dei”

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world
grant - us peace

Music during Communion:

**CP 183 Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode
Melt My Soul To Love
Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

Prayer after Communion:

Celebrant: 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.
All: Amen

The Doxology

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Celebrant: Glory to God,
All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Celebrant: Passing from joy into sorrow and on to elation,

People: we come to Christ this holy week.

Celebrant: Today is only a part of the story.

People: Jesus' triumph leads to his death, his death to his resurrection.

Celebrant: May the journey of this week lead you into the fullness of Christ's love, and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit being among you and remain with you always. **All: Amen.**

Closing Music: **All Glory, Laud, and Honour**

Announcements:

Dismissal: Let us go with our King to Jerusalem.
 Thanks be to God.

Readings for Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12: 1 – 10... 11- 14

Psalm 116: 1, 10 – 17

1 Corinthians 11: 23 – 26

John 13: 1 – 17, 31B - 35

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Please Pray for: The Anglican Province of Kenya, The Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop and his wife, Esther.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for

ACC The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological, College, and Queen’s College

ELCIC The congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer : Please Pray for: Parish of Tyendinaga All Saints’ Church Christ Church Chapel Royal The Rev. Rod Brant Francis The Rev. Lisa Brant Francis Priest Associate

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for our own church: Mary Browne and Jaclynn Marttunen, Connie

Bryson, Murray Butler, Laura Byce, Anna and Grace Dosen, David L Bythell, Rev. Ann Camber, Alan and Marilyn Chisholm, Doug and Sheila Chisholm, Gail Pell, Bruno Coda, Darleah Kostyniuk-Coda, and Cosmo Coda, Lois Colpitts, Maureen and Teresa Colpitts/Andreychuk, Brenda Coopman, Sharon Corston, Hellen Corston, Margaret Cousins

Please Pray For: .Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Are you willing to follow Jesus?



Thanks to everyone who came out and helped make the Palm Crosses we are receiving today.

Hello families of Gathering Table!

Please join us at 10 am Good Friday (March 29th) for a short children's service followed by the making of Easter gardens, hot cross buns, and refreshments. This will be a great opportunity for the families of the church to get to know each other and for the kids to be creative. Please invite your friends. All materials for the making of the gardens will be provided. If you are not familiar with

Easter gardens, they are an interactive way to bring the story of Easter to life. Each child will make a small garden in a shallow container, complete with grass seed, pebbles, and decorations. Additionally, each child will be given a tea light to wrap in linen and place in a tomb within their garden (symbolizing Jesus). On Easter morning parents can remove the candle from the tomb and light it as a symbolic representation of the resurrection of Jesus. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Pyne at 807-707-3415

Baptism and Confirmation

Adult Confirmation classes have begun. See Rev. Ann if you are interested in attending. ***Our next baptism*** is March 31, 2024 at the Easter service, please let Rev. Ann know. rector@gatheringtable.ca

Scents, kitchen, allergies



For the well-being of us all, a few reminders:
Please do not wear scents (perfume, cologne, hairspray etc.) After using the kitchen, please ensure that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized and the floor is swept of any mouse-attracting crumbs. Some of us have life-threatening allergies to nuts, so please do not bring food containing nuts into the building. Sealed items for the Food Cupboard are exempt.

We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca. If you do

not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at (807) 697-0465 and we will get it sent out for you.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today for *March, April, May*

Reminder about - Visitations Communion:

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. call 807-285-9446 or email at: rector@gatheringtable.ca



2024 Envelopes are now available at the back
A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2023 you will find a personalized box of 2024 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form. E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using: office@gatheringtable.ca and use “church” as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden. The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a pre-authorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about “catching up” if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. office@gatheringtable.ca
Or call 807-345-6898

Calendar of Events

Mar. 24 th	Coffee Hour / Food Cupboard
Mar. 26 th	Parish Council (PAC) 7 p.m. Zoom
Mar. 26 th	Camp Gitchigomee AGM Gather at 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. at Gathering Table Everyone Welcome (Annual Reports will be available)
Mar. 28 th	Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Mar. 29 th	Children’s Good Friday Service 10 a.m. – Stations of the Cross at 1:15 p.m. / Good Friday Service at 2 p.m. followed by Hot Cross Buns in the Parish Hall
Mar. 30 th	Easter Vigil – 6 p.m.
Mar. 31 st	Baptism on Easter Sunday
Apr. 12 th	Camp Gitchigomee 2 Bit Auction
Apr. 12 th	Food Prep for Food Cupboard
Apr. 14 th	Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard
Apr. 19 th	Mission to Seafarers Dinner, save the date

Apr. 20th Deanery Day at St. Michael's – everyone
Welcome – more details soon
Apr. 26th Food Cupboard Prep
Apr. 28th Coffee Hour and Food Cupboard

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2024

July 7 - 13, - **Junior Camp** (ages 7 – 9)
July 14 - 20, - **Senior Camp** (ages 13 – 15)
July 21 - 27, - **Intermediate Camp** (ages 10 – 12)

Bursaries are available through each *Anglican Church*, and through a generous donation from *The Salvation Army* program called “*Send a Camper to Camp*”. If you would like to sponsor a camper, please talk to Jim Sutton, or Roberta Wolfe.



Camp Gitchigomee - 2 Bit Auction April 12th, 2024

We are looking for items for our Auction in April. If you have any new items that you have received but aren't using, we would love to get them from you to make up baskets for the auction. Cash donations are also welcome. Baskets are also needed if you have any. See Roberta Wolfe, Melanie Gottfred, Jim Sutton, Darlene Armstrong.

Tickets are now available for \$5.00

Camp Gitchigomee Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 26th, 2024
Meet and Greet 6:30 p.m. - Meeting at 7 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like

A copy of the Annual Report, please let me know. Roberta

**New Generator for Camp Gitchigomee
Help Kick Start our Fundraiser**

Grab a white sock from one of our Camp Reps and start saving your change. Every nickel, dime, quarter, loonie or twoonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that much closer to replacing our old one.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER 2024

If you wish to donate to the Easter flowers in the church please use the envelope and form inside to give me the correction information.(Form and envelope are in a basket at the back of the church)

You can put cash or cheques in this envelope, if you are putting the envelope in the treasure chest at the back of our church, and it will be given to me on Sunday. If you wish to mail the envelope, please use a cheque. You can also call me (Audrey Love) at home 807-344-4955.

Deadline to get the information is the Easter Bulletin is **March 26th, 2024.**

**PWRDF KINGFISHER LAKE
WATER TRUCK PROJECT**

Good News! The brand new water truck has arrived in Kingfisher Lake First Nation. Thank you to everyone at Gathering Table who contributed to this project during Advent 2022 and Lent 2023. And thanks be to God that the ice roads held out this winter for this delivery to happen.

Linda Rintamaki (rep)



Our Easter Services 2024

Maundy Thursday – March 28th, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Good Friday Services – March 29th, 2024

Children's Good Friday Time - at 10 a.m.

Stations of The Cross: 1:15 p.m.

Good Friday – 2 p.m. with Hot Cross Buns

Easter Vigil – March 30th, 2024 with St. Michael's
Times to be announced

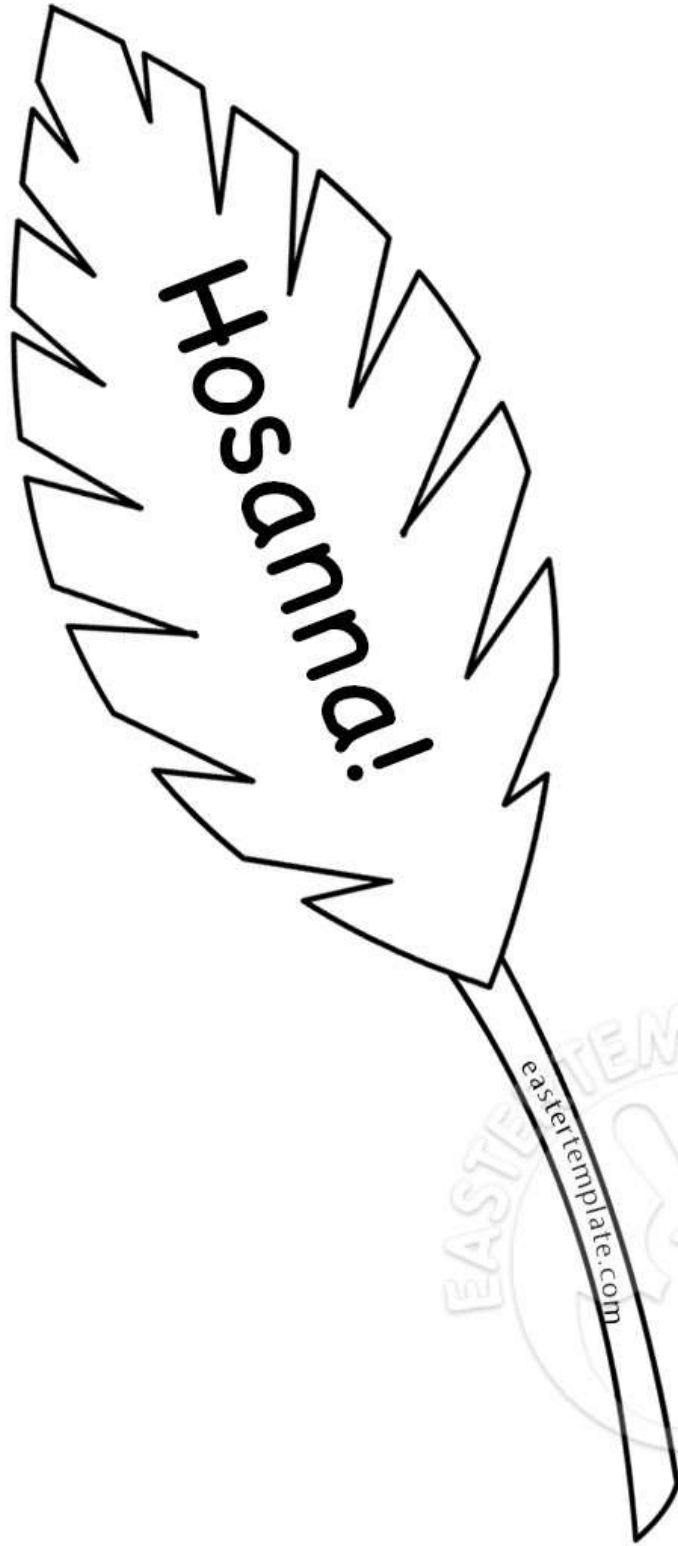
Easter Sunday – March 31st, 2024 – 10 a.m. Baptism

Mission to Seafarers Fund-raising Dinner Friday April 19th, 2024

Current River Community Centre – 450 Dewe Ave., doors open at 5:30 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. dinner. Tickets: adults are \$45.00 (Income Tax Receipt if requested \$15.00)

Children 6 – 12 are \$20.00. The guest speaker is The Most Rev'd Anne Germond, Metropolitan Bishop of Ontario and Bishop of Algoma. This dinner is one of the main fund-raisers for the Mission, so please come out and support this worthy cause. (For tickets see Marg Boone – Church Rep. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, April 12th. Ticket information, contact Janet Pike 807-627-1112 or Seafarers Centre at 807-344-8241.

www.mssiontoseafarers.ca/thunderbay.





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Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024

"God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 11