



Kensington Presbyterian Church  
*Growing in faith and sharing God's love*  
*since 1786*

## *Arrival of the King*

*March 24, 2024*

**WELCOME**, to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship in person (with singing), as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF.<sup>1</sup> If this is how you are worshipping, know that you are not alone... and if you like, you can invite those who live with you to join you, or connect with others through the phone or outside.

If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca).

### *Announcements*

*Clicking on or tapping blue text will take you to a web-site*

**Palm Sunday:** Yes it is, but we are overturning the normal/accepted/expected order of things a little. It will flow nicely.

**LATTE:** Lent Accountability Teams Towards Easter

Let Rev. Peter know if you'd like to join a group to share your daily readings with.

**Zoom Prayer Group:** Wednesday at 6:30 a.m.

[us04web.zoom.us/j/773730107?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/773730107?pwd=eUo2M09YMEw5dkZvdm9uQmpHNIUrUT09)

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**Jesus & Java:** Join us as we share the joys and questions of faith.

Thursday, 3:30 pm at Beetz, 5914 Sherbrooke @ Clifton

**March's Marvelous Meal & Movie:** will skip March 29

<sup>1</sup> note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



**Good Friday:** March 28 at 10:30

We will be having a Tenebrae style worship to help us journey with Jesus into Easter.

**Easter Breakfast:** March 31 from 9 am

St. Ansgar's (4020 Grand and NDG) has invited us to join them for an Easter Breakfast. They ask that you RSVP to SaintAnsgars@gmail.com or 514-984-7656 (call or text)

**Drop Box:** Food donations are welcome for the local Food Pantry, diapers for young mothers through Head & Hands, and cloths & accessories for the New Hope Boutique.

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## Approaching God



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



Call to worship (Zechariah 9:9)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Lo, your king comes to you;

**triumphant and victorious is he,**

humble and riding on a donkey,

**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**



♪ Hymn: Tell me the stories of Jesus.....pg 9 (348)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=lf5uc0aA8Yg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lf5uc0aA8Yg)



Prayer of Approach

Dear Lord

We remember the first Palm Sunday

when crowds gathered adoring your Son, Jesus,

raising their voices to welcome Him

as the new King of kings

the successor to King David.

Loving God,

we gather here today

as a crowd of people

drawn to this stories of Jesus

whose life still challenges the way we live

and think about our world - your world.

We thank your Spirit

that has brought us together

to love you with all our hearts, souls, minds & strength.

and we acknowledge that we have difficulty with this.

Please forgive us when we follow crowds

without using our minds.

and blindly letting them sharp our hearts and use our strength

Please forgive us when we focus on ways of doing things

rather than ways of loving you and others...


Please forgive us when we try to box you into our expectations

of what the King of kings should be like...


As we continually try to love you better,

help us to live out the prayer you teach us.

Let us sing together the Lord's Prayer. . .

 The Lord's Prayer (please use a version you are comfortable with)


**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
Amen.**


 Assurance of Pardon  
Hear the Word of the Lord inspired by Psalm 118:  
Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures for ever."  
Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.  
Through Christ, we are forgiven and set free.  
Thanks be to God.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> adapted from *Worship Sourcebook* K.2.4.1




## *Listening to God*

 Prayer for Illumination  
Lord, open our hearts and minds  
through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
so that we can understand you  
and be excited to follow your way.  
Amen.

 Intro to the readings  
Since Christmas we've been going through the Gospel  
According to Mark. In it Jesus flies into the story, skipping along  
and sending out ripples wherever he goes. He bounces around to  
different places like a stone skipping crazily across the lake.  
Everywhere he touches down sends out ripples - rumours of  
amazing teachings about God and life - and lives changed with  
wonderful healings.

With the ripples came questions, hopes, and confusion. Who  
is Jesus? Does this confidence he has in teaching that even  
extends to telling demons where to go and forgiving sins... does  
this show he's the Messiah? The King of kings?

As Jesus moves towards Jerusalem, a wave is going out ahead of  
him. This swell doesn't push people away, but draws them closer.  
Some people gather to see him arrive because they've heard the  
stories and are curious. Some believe, or at least hope, he is the  
Messiah, and others are probably just following the noise and  
expecting a good time.

 Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,<sup>3</sup> or click on the name to be taken to an online version.  
[Mark 11: 1-11](#)

### Parade of the Present

In response to the reading, we shall have a golden present paraded around and between us, and be invited to wave palms and sing Hosanna.

### Expectations

Let's continue to celebrate God with some hymns - they may be ones that give you hope, ones you are curious about, or ones you just like. We're going to try to have two lined up to help John find words for those on Zoom. On YouTube you can pause while you look it up (hymn books are available).

### Hymn Sing

For those at home, you can join in on YouTube:<sup>4</sup>  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_EPsf2FuWoen7j1iGcz\\_w](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_EPsf2FuWoen7j1iGcz_w)

### Opening the Present

So, we've got this present here. It represents a king.

What do you think the people back in Jesus time expected of a king? or to me even more specific, what would they have expected



of the King of kings?

- rich, looking good: nice clothes, etc.
- power
- a connection with David, the greatest King they ever had
- everyone doing what he wants - or else
  - including putting all other nations in line by either destroying them or subjugating them under God/Jerusalem.
  - some expected an army
- shouted out Hosanna - which means 'save us' so they expected saving... probably from the Romans, maybe from poverty.
- some expected peace to come between everyone ...even the different groups within Judaism
- some expected an end to all problems.

What would you expect if The Messiah came? if Jesus came again... now?

- grand celebrating in the streets? (a parade?)
- instant peace?
- army of angels?
- unifying the church?
- YouTube blog? or Tweets?
- ...what would you expect the coming of Jesus to be like?

If this present is representing a king - the King of kings, what do we expect to find inside?

<sup>3</sup> If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963

or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV  
<sup>4</sup> note: the video disappears for a while after we finish and then reappears later Sunday afternoon.

On opening the gold wrapped paper and pulling out the bright tissue paper we find... a crown of thorns.

What's with that?

We already heard what Jesus did right after his grand entry into the centre of Jewish life (Jerusalem and the Temple). He looked around at everything and went back to Bethany. What sort of Kingly action is that? Is this what anyone expected?

Let's hear what he did the next day.

 Reading: [Mark 11](#): 15-19



Christ Overturns the Tables of the Moneylenders  
Peter Koenig

## ✦ Sermon: Arrival of the King

It seems that Jesus is the sort of king who can be thorny. Do you think anyone expected this?

Probably some. Jesus has been challenging those who focus on the proper ways to act and worship God - rather than focusing on motivations and healthy relationships.

And there were those who noticed that Jesus tends to do things in unexpected ways. Take the grand entrance into Jerusalem. John Calvin says it's a little ridiculous - and he's right. Jesus has to borrow a ride. He's got no saddle, so others offer cloaks to sit on. He doesn't have a grand ride either, it's an animal used for serving - for carrying others' burdens.

...which says a lot for the sort of king that Jesus is. Not fancy. Not one to march in, but one to serve. Not one to demand that we do things we can't, but a king who will help us carry our load along the journey.

So... not an army  
but that doesn't mean no conflict.

Flipping out at the Temple attracted attention. It would have caused confusion and tension. People were used to the idea that they had to go to the Temple to make sacrifices, but now the person who may, or may not be, God's Messiah seems to be saying not to do that. He's challenging the purpose of the Temple - the whole idea of the Temple.

This would upset those who made their living providing the sacrifices, and those who deeply believed that this was how they should respect God. It does talk about it in the Bible.

Yet as much as this was surprising, it shouldn't have been. It's consistent with Jesus teaching that God is with us. God walks with us, like Jesus does: in our cities, and those across the waters;

in our places of worship, and others; in our homes, and others... even those we dislike or despise.

It wasn't even a new concept - their Bible included psalms and messages from the prophets that God doesn't really want sacrifices. There are warnings about looking after aliens, and examples of non-Jews revealing God. The Lord wants people to live in a way that cares/loves God in all ways - including loving all those God loves... which is everyone. ...and that loving is a relationship that is hard work.

Jesus didn't snap his fingers like a king might. He showed up with, and supported by, those who couldn't afford a donkey - yet it worked out. Jesus removed barriers to God so people focus on living out relationships with love. He didn't do it politely, but with strength - authoritative ...as a king?



Palms Sunday - P Koenig

Do you Jesus in today's stories were what people expected? Did they find it too spiky? Is it what they hoped for?

I suspect they were surprised, but they found it all consistent ...in hindsight.

What surprises do you expect?  
What do you hope for?

## Responding to God

♪ Hymn: Hosanna v.1.....pg 8 (216)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOzK1DDpcMw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOzK1DDpcMw)

📖 Reading: [Psalm 118](#): 1-2, 19-29

♪ Hymn: Hosanna.....pg 8 (216)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOzK1DDpcMw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOzK1DDpcMw)

💬 FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies.  
Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Etching: What stories of Jesus do you like?  
What are some you find thorny?

Wonder: How would Jesus come now? What would Jesus do - and how?

Values: If you were the stage manager for the second coming, how would you have Jesus go about it?

Values: How do you look for Jesus coming? Where do you look?

Actions: Make time for Good Friday.

Prayer: ...to see God moving around us.

### ✦ Spirit Sightings

This week's daily prayer page includes some information about the Anamiewigummig Kenora Fellowship Centre. It's a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and one that has experiences Jesus appearing in unexpected ways. They learned that instead of being the experts in how God works, they can listen, see, and support how the Holy Spirit is moving to bring love, hope & healing. You can read more on page 8.

✦ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website: [kensingtonchurch.ca](http://kensingtonchurch.ca)**. Just click the ‘**Donate Now**’ button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow.

You can also donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is [info@kensingtonchurch.ca](mailto:info@kensingtonchurch.ca).

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.

✦ Prayers of the people

Jesus,  
Son of David,  
Son of Man,  
Son of God...  
You remind us that we are all children of God;  
that you are our brother.  
And so we come to you,  
as the brother who will celebrate with us  
and who will do anything to help us.

We thank you for opportunities to celebrate you,  
like Palm Sunday & Easter.  
Help us to feel & understand what we are celebrating  
and not to impose our own expectations on you. . .

We thank you the you are willing to walk into all sorts of trouble  
to bring light to everywhere that needs healing...  
Help us to see you there,  
in our own dark situations,  
and to see you in others. . .

Help us to know when to be thorny, and when to be gentle  
so that we can help you. . .

Jesus, you are the great healing,  
bringing healing in ways we can't explain  
We pray for people we know, and those known only to you,  
who need your healing. . .

As we approach Good Friday,  
may you be even more on our mind this week  
shaping our hearts, souls, minds & strength  
to completely love you.

In Jesus name  
**Amen.**

♪ Hymn: All glory laud and honour.....pg 10 (214)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhbYS31TYbs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhbYS31TYbs)

✦ Benediction

As we gather joyful celebrations  
Let us also gather on Friday as Jesus descends  
into the dark places.

*In the mean time,  
May the King of kings  
whose arms spread to embrace the whole world  
help us to journey along The Way,  
Amen.*

♪ Hymn: Sing Amen.....(264)  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=U43aKAmgvfs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U43aKAmgvfs)

# MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, March 24

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.



## DAILY PRAYERS

**Sunday, March 24 (Palm/Passion Sunday)** Protect us from fickleness and help us be faithful to your calling to follow you, our servant king.

**Monday, March 25** We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Waterloo-Wellington.

**Tuesday, March 26** We give thanks for Calvin-Goforth's "Hub Club" ministry as it provides fun and informative programming for seniors in the Saskatoon, SK community.

**Wednesday, March 27 (Transgender day of Visibility, March 31)** Approaching Transgender Day of Visibility, we pray that visibility will be accompanied by action; that communities, churches and elected officials will contribute to the safety and well-being of transgender people.

**Thursday, March 28 (Maundy Thursday)** Give us, O God, a renewed and growing awareness of what it means to live out Christ's example to love as he loved and to serve as he served.

**Friday, March 29 (Good Friday)** Merciful God, we praise you for your sacrificial love and pray for all those who have suffered violence, and for reconciliation wherever there is division and conflict

**Saturday, March 30** On this day, Jesus lies in the grave. We trust in the resurrection and in God's power to stir new life among and within us.

Rev. Peter Kombeek  
Kensington Presbyterian Church

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## Hosanna

G D Em C

1. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high -  
2. Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo-ry to the King of

1. D 2. C D

est! est!  
kings! kings! Lord, we lift up your name

G C D G

with hearts full of praise;

C D G D/F# Em /D C D G

be ex-alt-ed, O Lord my God! Ho - san-na in the high - est!  
Glo-ry to the King of kings!

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# 348 Tell me the stories of Jesus

C /G C /G G/D G C

1. Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus I love to hear,  
 2. First, let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,  
 3. Tell me a - bout the dis - ci - ples from far and near,  
 4. Tell me, in ac - cents of won - der, how rolled the sea,  
 5. In - to the ci - ty I'd fol - low the chil - dren's band,

C /G C A/C# G/D D7 G

things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
 and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me:  
 and I will lis - ten a - mong them ea - ger to hear.  
 toss - ing the boat in a tem - pest on Gal - i - lee,  
 wav - ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;

Words: William Henry Parker (1845–1929), alt Music: Frederick Arthur Challinor (1860–1952)

G7 C6 C C9 (Am/C C7) A7/C# Dm

scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
 words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,  
 Whose loaves and fish - es did Je - sus bless,  
 and how the Mas - ter, read - y and kind,  
 one of his her - als, yes, I would sing

G7 Am dim 7 C/G G7 C

sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.  
 all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.  
 show - ing the peo - ple God's ten - der - ness?  
 chid - ed the bil - lows and hushed the wind.  
 loud - est ho - san - nas: Je - sus is King!

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

# All glory, laud and honour

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Instrumental Descant

Choral Descant

4. All glo-ry, laud, and hon - our to thee, Re-deem - er, King,  
 Bb (D) Eb D/F# Gm Eb6 Cm7 Bb/F F Bb

(1.-4.) All glo-ry, laud, and hon - our to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,  
 Bb Gm C/E C F C7 F /Eb Bb/D F/C Bb6 C 7 F

1. Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da-vid's roy - al son,  
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
 4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san-nas ring!  
 Bb (D) Eb D/F# Gm (F) Eb6 Cm7 Bb/F F Bb

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san-nas ring!

who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.  
 F/A Bb /Ab Eb/G Bdim7 Cmsus Gm Bb/Ab Eb/G Bb/F Eb6 F 7 Bb

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed one.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Words: Latin, Theodulph of Orleans (750–821); translation, John Mason Neale (1818–1866)  
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