



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews 205th Edition - March 22nd, 2024



From the Rector

Generally speaking, liturgy is a sacramental performance: an outward and visible sign of something essentially inward and invisible. Nevertheless, there are times when a strong element of drama comes into the it. And Palm Sunday is one of these occasions.

But Sunday won't be simply about liturgical drama. To assume this would be to miss the point of the day entirely. The point is embodied in the two chief symbols of the day: the palm and the cross. At first glance they seem to embody two different things. The palm suggests triumph and victory while the cross suggests failure and defeat. This juxtaposition finds voice in the ecstatic cries of "Hosanna" and the bloodthirsty demand of "Crucify." Yet the palm and the cross are two sides of the same coin, as are "Hosanna" and "Crucify."

The palm symbolizes triumph, yes, but in the Christian tradition it symbolizes triumph *through* suffering; the palm is held in the hands of martyrs. Likewise the cross symbolizes defeat, yes, but in the Christian tradition it symbolizes defeat over death itself; it is the throne of the victorious Christ. The cry of "Hosanna" is the empty acclamation of the fickle crowd who want – who expect – a king who comes in the guise it finds acceptable. It is the shout "Crucify" which is the true cry of acclamation, for it is shouted at the one who finds his power in defeat, his glory in suffering, his life in death.

This is the truth which is encapsulated, actually lived out, in these dramatic re-enactments as we lurch from acclamation to condemnation, from adoration to derision, as the Christ who comes as hero becomes scapegoat for all of our hatred, frustration, and even rage. The drama of Palm Sunday enables us to participate in an even greater drama: the only authentic drama there is as we journey with Christ along the long and lonely road to Calvary. And so on Sunday, the curtain will once again rise on the first act of the central drama of human history and we are asked to take our proper part in it.

Grace and peace,
Leighton

From the Wardens

Returning members of the parish council, Andrea Douglas, Ian Russell, Gene Anne Smith, Kathy Taylor, Greg Walker, Steve Hinchliffe welcomed new members Trudi Watson and David Elkins at the first meeting of the new council on March 21, Carolyn Porter sending regrets. The council intends to focus this year on a major campaign to increase stewardship and planned giving in the parish, hoping to reduce our reliance, going forward, on fundraising events to make ends meet. Parishioners will now receive a financial update quarterly.

Plans are now well under way for the Cherry Festival, which will be on July 6 this year. Andrea Douglas will be the chair. We encourage you to volunteer if you have not already done so by contacting the office.

Ticket sales are going well for the Cantilon Chamber Choir concert on Tuesday March 26. Please consider attending and bring a friend. St. Mark's and Music Niagara are presenting the concert in partnership. The choir is widely recognized as one of Canada's leading choral ensembles. Tickets are available at the door or through Music Niagara.

Please also mark your calendar for our next major concert on June 7 which will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy, with World War II music featuring Melissa-Marie Shriner.

As always, a reminder to advise the office of anyone who requires assistance, including a phone call, food delivery or some companionship. Even a chat over the fence!

Called to Life-Compelled to Love

**Andrea Douglas
Gene Anne Smith**

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

8:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist

Monday, March 25

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 26

10:30 am Blessing of Oils, Renewal of Vows and Holy Eucharist
(at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton – 252 James Street North)

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, March 27

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday

5:00 pm The Maundy Ceremonies

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Day

8:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Sung Eucharist *Dr Timothy Pyper, guest organist*

MUSIC NIAGARA
and
ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
PRESENT
THE CANTILON CHAMBER CHOIR
performing at

ST. MARK'S
MONDAY MARCH 26th, 2024 AT 7 P.M.

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$20.00 + HST



An Evening of Choral Excellence with Cantilon Chamber Choir **MUSIC NIAGARA FESTIVAL | 2024**

Immerse yourself in the exquisite soundscapes of the Cantilon Chamber Choir, hailing from Edmonton, Alberta. Under the visionary leadership of Heather Johnson, this choir has not only won international competitions but also touched hearts with their vibrant and emotive performances. This concert, symbolizing the deep-rooted partnership between Music Niagara and St. Mark's Church, promises an evening of sublime musicality in one of Niagara-on-the-Lake's most historically rich venues.

*All proceeds from this special event will be shared between Music Niagara and St. Mark's, supporting our shared mission to enrich cultural life in the community

March 26, 7 PM

📍 St. Mark's Church, 41 Byron Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

💎 Tickets only \$20 + HST

Scan QR code for tickets or go to www.MusicNiagara.org



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TUESDAY APRIL 16TH at 2 p.m. in ADDISON HALL

**How Canadian Aerospace Scientists
helped save
Apollo 13 Astronauts from certain death.**

Doctor Rod Tennyson Professor Emeritus was part of a team from the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies that helped the Apollo 13 spacecraft astronauts land safely back on Earth on April 17, 1970.

Rod will walk us through the gripping survival story of three courageous astronauts who were attempting a third lunar landing. Unfortunately, the Apollo mission had to be aborted due to a severe malfunction of both the electrical and life-support systems of the spacecraft. Instead of landing on the Moon, the astronauts looped around it and Rod and his fellow team members were able to help these courageous men return safely to Earth -their faith in God also inspired them to survive.

Despite unfortunate setbacks, the Apollo 13 expedition has since been regarded "as a successful failure" because valuable technical experience was gained in rescuing the crew.

If you are interested in brave human beings and how faith plays into the wish to survive, please join us on Tuesday April 16th, and enjoy fellowship, cookies, and coffee:
Please contact Dorothy Walker @905 262 6605 or email walkerdorothy2021@gmail.com

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

On Duty this Week

March 24, 2024 - Greeter(s) - Douglas and Colleen Hunter

Reader -Gary Burroughs

Intercessor - Jane De Munnich

Server - Deborah Paine

Altar Guild - Eve Wylie, Gene Anne Smith and Jennifer Smith

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Web Site Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 pm. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [View our recent E-Newsletters](#)

Click on this link to view our Calendar: [Visit our Calendar](#)

[Click here to access St. Mark's Anglican Church Facebook page](#) You can also access our Facebook page when on our website by clicking on the Facebook icon that looks like an "f".

We are planning a magnificent display of Easter flowers which traditionally are a donation from the congregation. If you would like to contribute to these, there are envelopes in the church pews. You may give your envelope to one of the sides people, or you can call the church office and speak to Erin to arrange a donation. You may indicate in whose memory or honour they are given.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help keep the cemetery tidy. This includes trimming around the church building and memorial garden, branch and twig clean up after high winds, watering newly planted trees and assistance with shoveling earth into holes around the cemetery. Periodically we do require help laying sod in certain areas of the cemetery as well as the removal of large tree limbs after heavy winds.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sally Mitchell [here](#).

LARD COUNTDOWN

NEEDED: 200 1LB PACKAGES OF TENDERFLAKE LARD

RECEIVED: 45

CHERRY FESTIVAL 2024 **SATURDAY JULY 6th**

The St. Mark's "pie ladies" plan to make 700 cherry pies for this year's Cherry Festival!

Donations of Tenderflake Lard in 1 lb. packages would be greatly appreciated.

Please drop off your donation to the office.

CHERRY PIE MAKING

Pie makers are needed for four sessions from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon on

April 15th, April 22nd, April 29th and May 6th.

If you are interested in joining a pie making team, please come to **Addison Hall** on the dates listed above. Please bring an apron and a rolling pin.

We also require **volunteers** to transport cherry pails and frozen pies to and from St.

David's storage.

If you can help please [email Kathy Taylor here](#) or call 905-468-2536

NEWCOMERS WELCOME



MEN'S COMMUNION BREAKFAST
The next Men's communion Breakfast is scheduled for
Wednesday April 3rd, 2024
please contact Greg Walker
gregoryfwalker@gmail.com
for details

Gary Burroughs' Kitchen

Gary just made a fresh batch of delicious
Hunter's Chicken, Beef Cottage Pie, Lasagna, Pea Soup, and
Stewed Tomatoes

(selling out fast - get in to get yours before they are gone)

****Pop into the office to get your meals****

SOUPS ARE AVAILABLE - INQUIRE IN OFFICE

Roasted Tomato

Split Pea

Butternut Squash

In the parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Marilyn Bardeau, Susan Baxter, Donna Belleville, and Candace Bennett Walker and their families.

In the Cycle of Prayer for the Niagara Diocese, we pray for St. John, Ancaster, The Reverend Canon Joseph Asselin, Rector; The Reverend Richard Dentinger, Honorary Assistant; The Reverend Olive Shepherd, Honorary Assistant; and the people of that parish.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for 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, and the congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

Did you know....

.....that Kate Crooks was born on February 13, 1833, in Newark, Upper Canada (now Niagara-on-the-Lake)? Kate was the youngest of four children born to John Crooks, who was born in Scotland and emigrated to Canada in the early 1800's, and Mary Gumsby Lawrason, daughter of United Empire Loyalists from New Jersey. Kate's father John was the postmaster at Newark and a church elder at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. He also was the owner and publisher of the Niagara Herald newspaper. Between 1820 and his death in 1833, Mr. Crooks taught what is believed to be the first Sunday School in Niagara region.

Just weeks after Kate's birth, her father John died of scarlet fever. Following the loss of her husband, Mary Lawrason Crooks suffered a stroke and declined in health. To support the family, Kate's older sisters founded a girls' private school, catering to the wealthy, in the family home.

In the spring of 1860, Kate Crooks paused on the banks of Mill Creek, in what is now Cambridge, Ontario. Pulling a narrow tool from her belt, Crooks lifted several stems of watercress (*Nasturtium officinale*) from the silty creek bed and placed them into a vasculum—a slim box outfitted with leather straps like a backpack. Later, she pressed these few, wet strands between sheets of heavy paper, before carefully mounting the dried plants with a solution of gum arabic (a natural gum originally consisting of the hardened sap of two species of the Acacia tree), and water. The practice of pressing wildflowers and other plants into the pages of books was considered appropriate for women in the 19th century, and has proved to be invaluable today, as scientists learn more about our pre-industrialized landscape.

Kate was a botanist and member of the Botanical Society of Canada, which was founded at Queen's College (now Queen's University). Her botanical records were cited in the Catalogue of Canadian Plants. Kate's paper, *Remarks on the species of oak, their history, habits, and uses* was presented at the Botanical Society of Canada's seventh meeting, on June 14, 1861.

Kate is credited with a 500-specimen collection, in collaboration with her brother-in-law. Her pressed botanical specimens were displayed in London, England at the International Exhibition of 1862. She received honourable mention for these works, which were shown alongside examples of Canadian forestry, fisheries, and agricultural products.

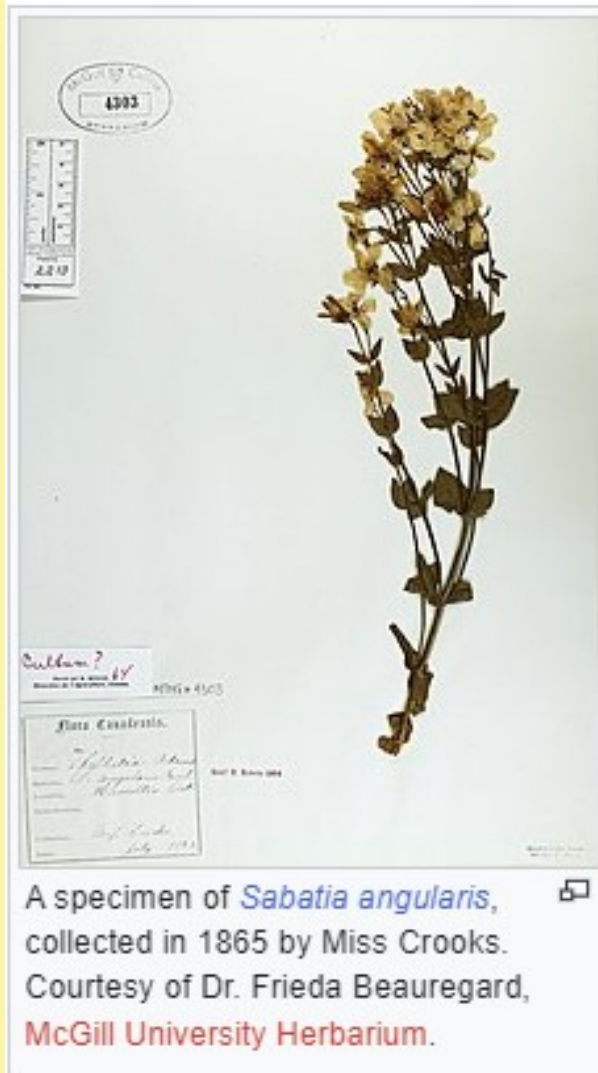
In July 1865, Kate married William Lynn Smart, a barrister. They had three children. Kate died in her thirties after giving birth to her third child.

One of Kate Crooks' pressed botanical specimens is held at the herbarium at McGill University in Montreal. It is an incredibly unique specimen, collected in Hamilton in 1865. It is the only known collection of this plant from Ontario, now regionally extinct. The plant is called rose pink. Crook is known to have collected wild lupine in the London area, as well as spicebush, false pennyroyal and Ontario blazing star.

But where is the rest of Crooks' collection? This remains unknown. Botanists would love to find this collection, because scientists can extract DNA from specimens and better understand a world before industrialization. Botanists believe her collection is out there, but it might be like finding a needle in a haystack.



Born	February 13, 1833 Niagara-on-the-Lake
Died	March 23, 1871 Toronto
Occupation	Botanist



A specimen of *Sabatia angularis*,
collected in 1865 by Miss Crooks.
Courtesy of Dr. Frieda Beaugard,
McGill University Herbarium.

Bible Study via Zoom

We are sending Zoom invites via Constant Contact to those who regularly join the Bible Study group. If you would like to attend Bible Study via Zoom, please contact the Rector to have your name added to the distribution. rector.stmarks.notl@gmail.com

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