



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020 - 10:00 AM - Livestream



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Palms are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Trinity staff and congregation by Margaret Wyatt.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor by J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Stand as able

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying 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. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“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.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The 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!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.

As we gather, in our homes, without palm branches this year
help us to know it isn't about the green palm fronds,
but about our hands that do your will.

Bless the palms of our hands and help us to love the world as you have loved us.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

#344

Refrain: **All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One.** *Refrain*

**The company of angels are praising you on high;
creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.** *Refrain*

**The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.** *Refrain*
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.

To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*

**Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.** *Refrain*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God of mercy and might,
in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world.
Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE PASSION

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The 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 the LORD wakens —
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I 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.

⁷The 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;

⁸the one who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.*Psalm
Refrain

In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

Psalm
Tone

- ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
- ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.**
- ¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.
- ¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**
- ¹³For 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.
- ¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, "You | are my God.**
- ¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.
- ¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love." R**

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

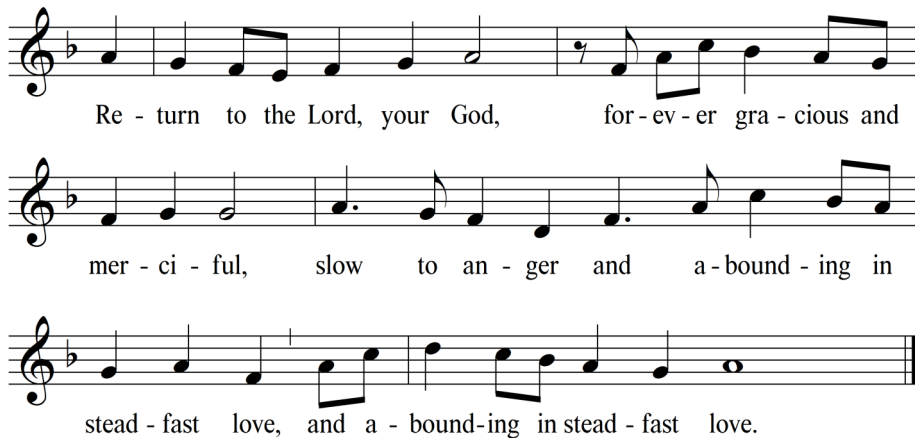
Thanks be to God.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

Many Ways to Praise

Stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for - ev - er gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷So 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?" ¹⁸For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹While 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." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So 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." ²⁵Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and 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!"

³⁰They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

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³²As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”³⁸Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and 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.” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴²“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. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” ⁴⁴The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. ⁴⁵From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶And 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?” ⁴⁷When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸At 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. ⁴⁹But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now 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!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Living Simply

Stand

**O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

**How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.**

**Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our separate homes but gathered together in the Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence

O triune God, God of majesty, mercy and might, hear and heed our fervent prayers: for the church around the world, that the faithful be nourished by your presence in the Word; for pastors and bishops, that they be strengthened and sustained for the tasks of ministry; for all those who are assisting the digital sharing of worship materials; for guidance in keeping this Holy Week in devout prayer and praise;

A brief silence

O holy God, we pray to you:

O Lord, save us.

For the earth, that it be saved from pollution and disregard; for endangered animals, that they and their habitats be protected; for scientists, that their knowledge of your earth will direct our society's choices;

A brief silence

O creating God, we pray to you:

O Lord, save us.

For peace through the world, especially in Syria and Afghanistan; for an end to terrorism and religious violence; for all elected leaders, that they see our crisis rightly and make judgments wisely; for wisdom in distributing governmental economic aid;

A brief silence

O mighty God, we pray to you:

O Lord, save us.

For our distraught world facing the coronavirus; for countries hardest hit, especially China, Italy, Spain, and the United States; for those who grieve their dead; for the sick and their families; for those fearful of an unknown future; for the millions of unemployed; for children at home, that they be safe from abuse; for those who have been led to rely on empty remedies; for hospitals, in their desperate need for supplies;

A brief silence

O compassionate God, we pray to you:

O Lord, save us.

For all who are facing the criminal justice system; for those falsely accused of crime; for those who are incarcerated, that they be kept safe; for those who face isolation or execution;

A brief silence

O righteous God, we pray to you:

O Lord, save us.

For those whose needs we know, for those whose needs are hidden; for those with prior illnesses whose treatments are now postponed; for all who today will die; for those who are homeless; for all who are sick; especially for those we name now;

*Silence is kept to name out loud or in our hearts the names of those
who stand in special need of God's love, care, and healing.*

O benevolent God, we pray to you:

O Lord, save us.

And finally, for ourselves:

A longer period of silence

O loving God, we pray to you:

O Lord, save us.

With thanks for technology by which we stay connected; with thanks for enough food; with thanks for the support of our community of faith; with thanks for the saints who struggled through life and died in you, especially for those Christian artists whose work has enriched our faith, we praise your salvation now and unto our end.

A brief silence

O eternal God, we pray to you:

O Lord, save us.

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today
to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you.

 **Peace be with you.**

Sit

OFFERING AND ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded by Joseph Rheinberger

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or by following the link on the homepage of the website, www.trinitylutheran.ws.
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Stand as able

OFFERTORY HYMN

Strengthen for Service, Lord

#497

**Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken;
and let the ears that heard your word to falsehood never waken.**

**The tongues that sang your holy name now purge of all deception;
keep bright the eyes that saw your love and sharpen their perception.**

**And may the feet that walked your courts be never lured to wander;
but lead the faithful nourished here to journey on in splendor.**

Let us pray. Holy and generous host,
**you set a table where we feast as friends.
Prepare us to witness to your goodness
with every gift you have given us to share,
that all people may know your peace
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you
that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, and at the end bring all the world to your feast;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN

Lamb of God

#336

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod and to be come the Lamb of God.**

***Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.***

**Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain***

**I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain***

SENDING

BLESSING

May the grace of Christ attend us,
and the love of God surround us,
and the ✠ Holy Spirit keep us, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#543

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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