



**TRINITY**  
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*Two Parades by Steve Thomason*



**Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday**

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# Welcome to Trinity!

**A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.**

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

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

## ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

## PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see ✠, you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

## LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of her sister, Elda Ewoldt, by Dale and Sandra Hamann.

## Serving Today

**Susan J. Crowell**  
Presiding Minister and Preaching

**Patrick Preacher**  
Assisting Minister

**Jim Parham**  
Organist and Choir Director

**Gospel Readers**  
Anne Fagala, Carl Witherspoon

**Lector**  
Chrissi Wygant

**Prayers**  
Carolyn Wehle

**Cantor**  
John Beckford

**Guitar**  
Duke Barsody

**Percussion**  
John Beckford

**Communion Assistant**  
Andrew Morris

**Acolyte**  
Dovie Dykes, Madelyn Fagala,  
Jenna Mast

**Children's Worship  
Opportunity Leaders**  
Mark Allen, Jess Bigby

**Nursery**  
Beth Oswald, Melissa Kolb

**Praying for Possibilities**  
Linda Morgan

**Refreshment Hosts**  
Mary Brown, Deirdre Hixson

**Greeters**  
Mark Allen, Mary Clark,  
Christopher Clark,  
Jane Mortensen, Lyle Mortensen

**Ushers**  
William Bryant, Carol Elliott,  
Danny Fagala, Franklin Sease

**Video**  
Henry Wilcox

**Audio**  
Gregg Alley



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## God Welcomes All

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

### OPENING LITURGY/PROCESSION WITH PALMS

*Please stand as you're able.*

Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of love.

**Hosanna in the highest! We welcome the path of peace among us.**

Today we remember a procession –  
a humble teacher entering the city,  
riding not in power, but in hope;  
not with force, but with compassion.

**We, too, long for a world shaped by justice and mercy.**

**We, too, lift our voices for justice and peace.**

We gather with palms in our hands –  
symbols of celebration,

and signs of resistance to violence and oppression.

**May these branches remind us that another way is possible.**

### BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Let us bless these palms, those who carry them, and all the lives they represent.

God of all creation,

You meet us in parades and protests,  
in quiet courage and public hope.

Bless these palms, that they may be for us more than ritual.

Make them signs of our commitment

to walk the way of justice,

to speak the truth in love,

and to persist on the path of peace, even when the path is so very difficult.

**Bless these palms, O God, and bless our hands that carry them.**

May these palms remind us

to embrace the stranger,

to challenge systems of oppression,

to work for peace and justice,

and to embody love and compassion every step of the way.

**Hosanna! May our lives sing of hope.**

**Hosanna! May we walk in love.**

Let us enter this sacred time together –

waving our branches,

lifting our voices,

and opening our hearts to transformation.

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Let us begin the journey together, the journey that moves us from death to life!**

We process with palms, remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The crowds cried "Hosanna!" meaning "Save us!"—longing for justice, liberation, and peace. Jesus entered not with power or violence, but in humility, revealing God's way of peace.

As we carry palms, we join that hope and are called to follow Christ in the work of justice—resisting harm and embodying compassion, mercy, and courage. Yet even as we praise, we remember how quickly the crowd turned. This procession holds both joy and challenge, inviting us to walk with Jesus on the path that leads through the cross and toward new life.

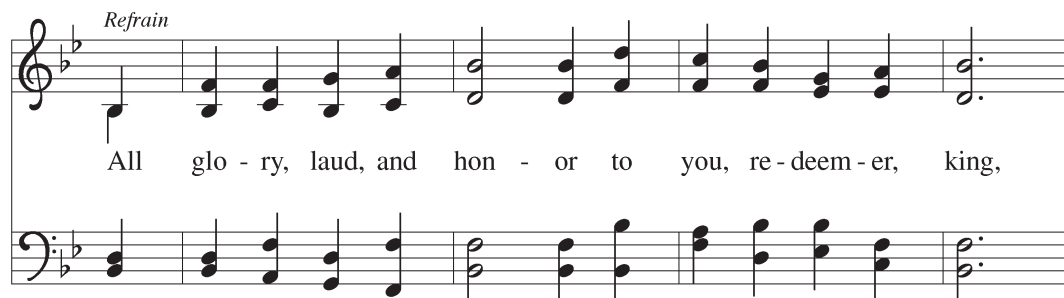
*Service continues with the Processional Hymn*

*Worshippers are invited to wave their palm branches or palm crosses during the Processional Hymn. Those who would like to process with their palm fronds should gather behind the processional party formed by the bleachers.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor

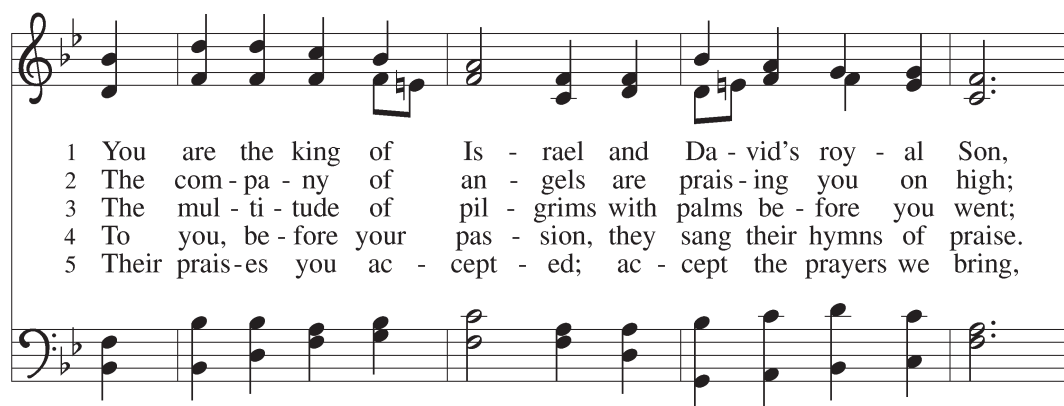
*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

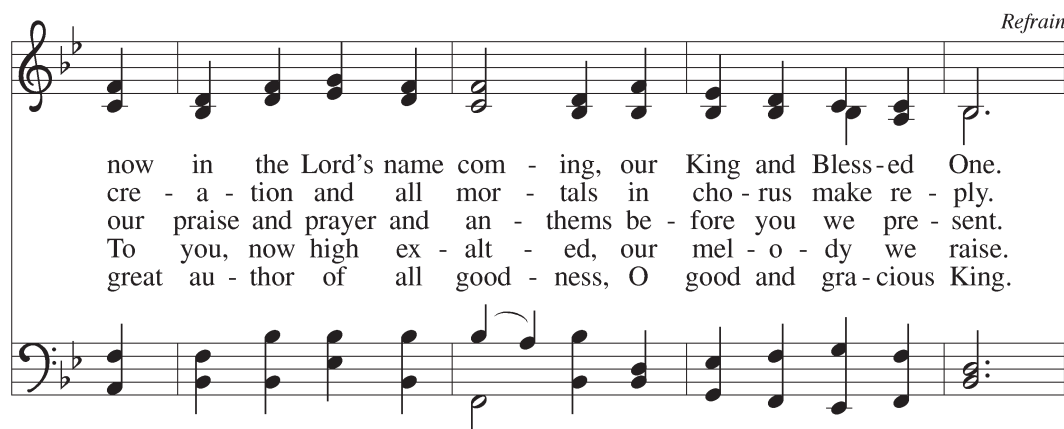


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

## GREETING

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**



**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

**You Are Holy**  
*Du är helig*

1\*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945  
Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling  
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The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.  
**and also with you.**

God of courage,  
You meet us in palms and protest.  
Strengthen our hope, our holy disruption.  
Make us brave in love, relentless in the pursuit of justice,  
and faithful to Christ's work of liberation.  
May our lives, not just our words, proclaim Hosanna!  
In the name of the One who loves and cherishes every single human being, no exceptions.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

### A READING

Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

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

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM**

Psalm 31:9-16

Psalm Refrain

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

Psalm Tone

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*A Different Kind of Parade*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Please stand as able.*

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

*Please be seated for the reading of the Gospel.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

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

<sup>27</sup> Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and 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!" <sup>30</sup> They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. <sup>31</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led Jesus away to crucify him.

<sup>32</sup> As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon, and they compelled him to carry the cross. <sup>33</sup> And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), <sup>34</sup> they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. <sup>35</sup> And when they had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; <sup>36</sup> then they sat down there and kept watch over him. <sup>37</sup> Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

<sup>38</sup> Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>39</sup> Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads <sup>40</sup> and saying, "You who



would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are God's Only Begotten Child, come down from the cross." <sup>41</sup> In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Jesus, saying, <sup>42</sup> "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. <sup>43</sup> He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Only Begotten Child.'" <sup>44</sup> The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

<sup>45</sup> From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

<sup>46</sup> And 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?" <sup>47</sup> When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup> At 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. <sup>49</sup> But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." <sup>50</sup> Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. <sup>53</sup> After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. <sup>54</sup> Now 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 Only Begotten Child!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Palms and Protest*

On Palm Sunday, we begin with joy—waving palms and recalling Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Yet in the same service, we also call this day Sunday of the Passion, hearing the full Passion story - the story of Jesus' death on the cross. This shift may feel abrupt, but it reflects the deep truth of Holy Week: the road of praise quickly turns toward the cross.

In the Lutheran tradition, the Passion is read on this day so that all who gather may hear the fullness of the story, even if they are unable to attend services later in the week. It invites us to hold together both celebration and sorrow, reminding us that Christ's journey into Jerusalem was always a journey toward love poured out for the world.

*Please stand as able.*

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Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the em - per - or is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: God's love to us to bring.  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet the prom - ised one!  
 4 This is no earth - ly kin - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 The sove - reign of all na - tions, to whom all peo - ple come.  
 To bring us peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Mes - si - ah comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sac - red sto - ry:  
 God's pro - mise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow in hon - or; their voi - ces join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Music: Swedish folk tune. 17th cent.  
 Text; Frans Mikale Franzen, 1722 - 1847,  
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## APOSTLE'S CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Beginning this Holy Week journey, we gird ourselves in prayer through the Holy Spirit, being made ready to march to the cross and ultimately to new life in you.

*A brief silence.*

With palms in our hands and hope in our hearts, we pray for the Church. Give wisdom to all preachers both globally and locally. Guide them in their words, always reminding them that what they preach shapes the community around them. Build up a network of preachers who dare to preach boldly of your radical and boundary breaking love. Have mercy on us, O God.

**Lead us in your parade of peace.**

As we hold these palms, we know that you hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, plants, and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. We pray that the trees of this world may stand tall, blooming in defiant memory of the wood used to crucify the One through whom they were created. Have mercy on us, O God.

**Lead us in your parade of peace.**

In the Apostles' Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by confessing the faith that has been handed down through generations of Christians. We "believe" (from the Latin *credere*, meaning "to put one's heart into") as an act of trust in the story of God's creating love, redeeming work in Jesus Christ, and life-giving presence through the Holy Spirit. We say "I believe" not as an isolated individual, but as one held within the faith of the whole church, the Body of Christ, which supports and strengthens us when our own faith feels fragile. When it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" means universal—affirming that this faith belongs to the whole people of God, in all times and places.

The Prayers of Intercession are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our Synod, and those connected to our congregation.

The people of Jerusalem spread their cloaks on the road to honor humility instead of greed and power. Destroy inequity and division in every place while building your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Bring an end to unjust wars, inequitable incarceration, and injustice of all kinds as you usher in your dream. Have mercy on us, O God.

**Lead us in your parade of peace.**

Each of us carry our own burdens and pain in this procession. Your heart breaks open at our suffering. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Have mercy on us, O God.

**Lead us in your parade of peace.**

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. We pray especially for Pastor Crowell, Pastor Parham, Patrick, Angie, Kay, Karen, Henry, Roy, Jerry, Emily, and Beth as their hands and hearts busily prepare for the journey this congregation will take in the hearing and living of the story that changed the universe. Have mercy on us, O God.

**Lead us in your parade of peace.**

As this parade passes through our own streets and neighborhoods, we cry out to you for justice. Continue strengthening and sustaining the work of GOAL leaders as they champion the rights of those who lack access to affordable housing and mental health care. Uplift the Queer community, that they may know that your parade is one including them and for them. Do not allow this world to continue using your Transgender children as scapegoats. Embolden your rainbow people to march with pride. Have mercy on us, O God.

**Lead us in your parade of peace.**

As we march toward the cross, we know that death is not the end of the story. We pray for those who have died in the faith and ask you to grant us the confidence needed to trust in your promise of eternal life. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to new life in you. Have mercy on us, O God.

**Lead us in your parade of peace.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*



## God Invites Us to the Table

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### *When Jesus Wept*

Music: William Billings, arr. Douglas Wagner; Text: Peres Morton

When Jesus wept, the falling tear,  
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
seized all the guilty world around.

O come, and mourn with me a while, and linger here beside;  
O come together let us mourn; O Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.

When Jesus wept, the falling tear,  
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
seized all the guilty world around.  
Our Lord is crucified.

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to God as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website [trinitylutheran.ws](http://trinitylutheran.ws), by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



OFFERING HYMN

*Please stand as able.*

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The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing  
*The Feast Is Ready*



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing,  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things;  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies,



the\_\_ feast is read - y to be - gin.  
oh,\_\_ taste the peace and joy he brings.  
of - fers the poor his par - a - dise.



The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and\_\_ Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll\_\_ turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the\_\_ a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King



The\_\_ feast is read - y to be - gin;



the\_\_ feast is read - y to be - gin.



## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,

**We offer these gifts in gratitude for life, love, and the joy you give us. Use our offerings for the work of care, compassion, justice, and radical welcome. Shape us into a generous people, giving freely and loving without asking for anything in return, and always, always trusting, not in human scarcity, but in your abundance. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

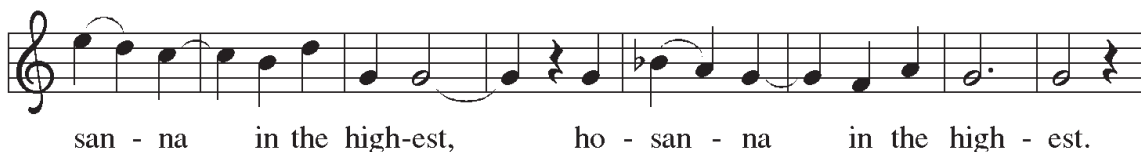
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

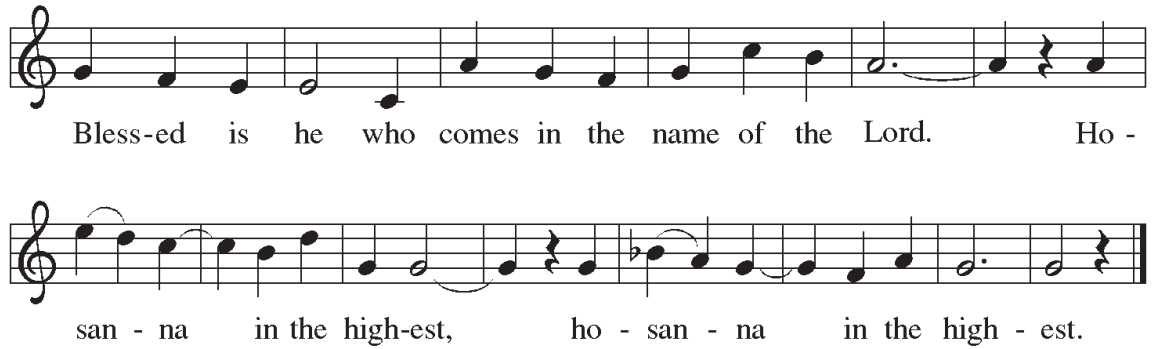
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,  
transforming death into life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.



In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.  
 All are welcome.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.*

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.



COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Create in Me a Clean Heart  
*Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

# Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



## There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drills of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
this my resurrection;  
into your hands, Lord,  
I commit my spirit.  
This have I searched for;  
now I can possess it.  
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See, Christ now sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing,  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Pro - claim how God sent Je - sus Christ to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in Christ is cen - tered,  
 to bring us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.  
 Pro - claim the one, who life and free - dom gave us.



who comes to us, by death and sin sur - round - ed,  
 All strug - gling peo - ple, who by guilt are driv - en,  
 To all the world go out and tell the sto - ry  
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion



with grace un - bound - ed.  
 now are for - gi - ven.  
 of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 God's new cre - a - tion.

Jesus, Remember Me



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.





## Will You Come and Follow Me

### *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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After Communion,  
we give thanks for  
being part of the  
communion of God's  
life and for being fed  
so that we may go  
out to feed and serve  
others in our world.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of limitless love,  
We thank you for this table –  
for bread broken and cup shared,  
for grace we can taste and hold.  
Send us now as bearers of your reconciling love –  
to mend what is broken, challenge what is cruel,  
to cherish every person as kin,  
and to live as if another's sorrow and joy  
were our very own, through Jesus, our sibling and savior. Amen.

## God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

### BLESSING

May the grace of the Creator,  
the love of Christ the Liberator,  
and the courage of the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer,  
✠ rest upon you and rise within you. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

## The Glory of These Forty Days      Text: 320 Tune: 389

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re -

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The accompaniment starts with a quarter note G2, followed by a dotted quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for  
turn in faith and prayer to you. Our

The second system of musical notation continues the piece in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a quarter note D4, followed by a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note G4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The accompaniment starts with a quarter note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, a quarter note B2, and a quarter note C3. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.



Christ, through whom all things were made, him-  
spir - its strength-en with\_ your grace, and  
self has fast - ed\_ and has prayed.  
give us joy to\_ see your face.

## DISMISSAL

Beloved Community,  
Go forth with palms in your hands and protest in your hearts.  
Walk gently, speak boldly, and stand firmly in justice.  
Let your lives cry “Hosanna” in word and action —  
for the hope and healing of the whole world.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Following worship everyone is invited to gather  
in the corner of the Gym for refreshments and fellowship.*

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus’ final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ’s hands and feet on earth.



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# Activities & Opportunities

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**Adult Faith Exploration** will not meet Easter Sunday, but will resume Sunday, April 12.

**GOAL Justice and Nehemiah Action.** Please join members and friends of Trinity along with members of 30 faith communities across Greenville County as the group gathers to speak truth to power. On Thursday, April 9 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at First Baptist Church, 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville. Reach out to Cathy O'Neill at [cathycate51@gmail.com](mailto:cathycate51@gmail.com) with questions.

**Support Group for Women in Challenging Relationships.** Are you feeling exhausted, unseen, or that no matter how much you give in a relationship, it's never enough? You are not alone. This group, led by Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness, is a safe, judgment-free space where participants can share with others who understand, find encouragement, practical ideas, hope, and build genuine connections with women walking a similar path. The next meeting of this group is Sunday, April 19, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on the first floor of the Education Building. Reach out to Jerry Wesley at [jrwesley@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:jrwesley@trinitylutheran.ws) for more information. Childcare is provided.

**Trinity Youth (6th – 12th grade)** will meet today following worship. The group will enjoy lunch together. Following lunch, the group will work on a service project and prepare for the Easter season with an educational activity and more.

**Book Discussion Group.** Please join Pastor Crowell for a discussion of *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans on Thursday, April 16 at 10:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The book tells the story of Sybil Van Antwerp, a 73-year-old retired attorney who makes sense of the world by writing letters to friends, family, and famous figures, and explores topics of life, love, regret, relationships, healing, and the gift of ordinary moments. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) with questions or to register for the event.

**Easter Egg Hunt.** All children are invited to the Trinity Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 am in the Multipurpose Room for games, activities, and special Easter snacks. After some introduction children will go outside to hunt for eggs. Adult volunteers are needed to help. Reach out to Angie McCormack at [ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws) or 864-630-4026 for more information.

**Decorating for Easter.** In preparation for the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Sanctuary and the cross on the front lawn will be decorated on Holy Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am. If interested in being a part of this fun, communal event, please reach out to Jaime Fivecoat at 864-630-0473.

**New Member Class.** Are you interested in learning more about Trinity? More about what it means to be a Lutheran? To be a part of a progressive, inclusive Christian community? Are you considering becoming a member of the beloved community at Trinity? Pastor Crowell and Patrick Preacher will teach a two-part class on Lutheran Faith and Theology on Sundays, April 19 and April 26 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. These gatherings will be held after worship and will include lunch in the MultiPurpose Room followed by an hour-long class for youth and adults. Childcare will be provided. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) to register for these sessions and to share any dietary restrictions.

**New Members Joining.** Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, May 3 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If interested in joining this community of faith on this date, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at [sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws).

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**Farm Fun Day at Bowers Farm!** A day at the farm is just what everyone needs during these stressful times! The Young-ish Adult group extends an invitation to the entire congregation to attend Farm Day Fun at The Bowers Farm on Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Sarah Bowers, a daughter of Trinity and Deacon in the ELCA, runs the farm with her husband and daughter. The day will include a guided tour with Sarah explaining the farm's journey to organic farming, games, time to interact with the farm animals, and a community lunch. Each guest/family group is responsible for bringing their own picnic lunch. Trinity will provide bottled water and juice. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation. Carpooling is encouraged! Please register with Lara Wannemacher via email at [LaraWannemacher@gmail.com](mailto:LaraWannemacher@gmail.com) or Patrick Preacher via text 864-483-2590. Please register by April 30. The Bowers Farm is located in Pomaria, SC in a beautiful rural setting. More information about the farm can be found at [www.bowersfarmsc.com](http://www.bowersfarmsc.com)

**Ronald McDonald House Collection.** Serving neighbors outside the Trinity walls and into the greater Greenville community is central to Trinity's mission. With that in mind, Trinity will be collecting items for Greenville chapter of the Ronald McDonald House located near Prisma's Greenville Memorial Hospital. Collection will take place throughout the month of April. Please consider donating any of the following: laundry pods, travel sized toiletry items (shampoo, condition, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant), juice boxes (no apple), individual snack size chips, individual popcorn bags, and disposable utensils. These items may be brought to worship or dropped off at the Church Office. Please notify a staff member that your donation is for Ronald McDonald House so it can go to the right place. This collection is not replacing Trinity's Second Sunday Food Drive on April 12. Please contact Patrick Preacher via text with any questions. 864.483.2590.

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*Faith Exploration for all ages*



*you belong!*

**Caring for God's Creation**

**Activities by age group**

*A variety of sandwiches will be served for lunch.*

**Sunday, April 26 following worship**



# Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, APR 1	THURS, APR 2	FRI, APR 3	SAT, APR 4	SUN, APR 5
<p><b>9:00 am</b> Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Trinity Youth</p>	<p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>6:15 pm</b> Maundy Thursday Worship in Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>6:15 pm</b> Good Friday Worship in Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> Easter Sanctuary and Cross Decorating</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p><b>11:00 am</b> Adult Choir Rehearsal with Brass</p>	<p><b>8:00 am</b> Worship in Sanctuary and Live - stream</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p>



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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

at  
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**Thursday, April 2**

Maundy Thursday  
Worship at 6:15 pm  
Sanctuary

**Friday, April 3**

Good Friday  
Worship at 6:15 pm  
Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 5**

Easter Sunday/Resurrection of our Lord  
Worship at 8:00 am and 10:00 am  
Sanctuary

*Nursery provided at all four services.*

