

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

April 10th, 2020 - 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Lord Jesus, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

— a prayer of John Henry Newman

Call to Worship

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned everyone to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. [Isaiah 53:6 (NRSV)]

PRAISE

Hymn **Lamb of God** — found on page 6

Opening Prayer of Adoration (unison)

**Almighty God,
we pray you graciously to behold this your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
was willing to be betrayed,
and given into the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Passion Narrative: Luke 22:66-23:12

Reader: The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

[The customary responses before & after the gospel readings are omitted.]

⁶⁶When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. ⁶⁷They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸and if I question you, you will not answer. ⁶⁹But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God."

⁷⁰All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

He said to them, "You say that I am."

⁷¹Then they said, "What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"

^{23:1}Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. ²They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."

³Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

He answered, "You say so."

⁴Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

⁵But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

⁶When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. ⁷And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. ⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. ⁹He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Special Music 'Twas On That Night When Doomed To Know — by David August, text by John Morrison 1781

The Passion Narrative: Luke 23:13-43

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"

²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. ²⁴So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. ²⁵He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

[At this point, you are invited to stand.]

²⁶As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.

²⁸But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his

right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Hymn **How Deep the Father's Love — found on page 7**

The Passion Narrative: Luke 23:44-57

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. ⁵²This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment. [NRSV]

Homily

Pastor Higgins

"INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT"

Greetings

Solemn Prayers

[The minister will announce each subject for prayer; the people will pray the following collects in unison, followed by a time for silent prayer.]

Prayer for Christ's holy catholic church

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers that we offer before you for all members of your holy church, that in our various vocations and ministries we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for the nations and for all the peoples of the earth

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace and justice, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for all who suffer

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the mission of the church

Merciful God, Creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, *
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross *
joy has come to the whole world.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, *
and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;
for by virtue of your cross *
joy has come to the whole world.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, *
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Hymn O Sacred Head Now Wounded — found on page 8

Closing Prayer (unison)

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:
Look favorably on your whole church,
that wonderful and sacred mystery;
by the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation;
let the whole world see and know
that things which were cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and that all things are being brought to their perfection
by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The service ends in silence.

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Lamb Of God

Words and Music by
Twila Paris

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VERSE

C Am Fmaj⁷ C/E

1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have sent ___ Him from Your _
 (2. Your gift of) love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and scorned ___ Him as He _
 (3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have brought ___ me to Your _

4 G^{SUS} G Am Fmaj⁷ C/E Am Fmaj⁷ C/G G^{SUS}

side, ___ to walk up - on ___ this guilt - y sod, ___ and to be - come the Lamb of
 died. ___ The hum - ble King ___ they named a fraud, ___ and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
 side ___ to be led by ___ Your staff and rod, ___ and to be called a lamb of

8 1. C G F C 2, 3. C **CHORUS** Am Fmaj⁷ G/F C/E C

God. 2. Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of God, ___ sweet Lamb of God. ___ I love the

13 Am Fmaj⁷ C/E G^{SUS} G G/F Am Fmaj⁷ C/E 1. Am Fmaj⁷

ho - ly Lamb of God. ___ Oh, wash me in ___ His pre - cious blood, ___ my Je - sus

17 C/G G C G F C D.S. 2. Am Fmaj⁷

Christ, the Lamb of God. 3. I was so blood, ___ my Je - sus

21 C/G G C G/C F/C C

Christ, the Lamb of God.

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How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Stuart Townend



1. How deep the Fath - er's love for us How vast be - yond all meas - ure. That
(additional lyrics below)



He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How



great the pain of sear - ing loss, the Fath - er turns His face a - way, as



wounds which mar the cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry

2. Behold a Man upon the cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no pow'rs, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. Is. 53:5

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153
 Tr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656
 Tr. by James W. Alexander, 1830

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
 Arr. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

Trinity Church Announcements

CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

TODAY

Holy Week. The final week of the Lenten Season is known as Holy Week, the most powerful week of the Christian year. It began on Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and continues to observe the events of the week leading up to his death and resurrection. It includes Maundy Thursday (commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and Jesus' commandment for his followers to love one another as he loves us), Good Friday (commemorating Jesus' death on the cross), and Holy Saturday (the Sabbath during which Jesus' body rested in the tomb). We encourage you to use this Holy Week to reflect on the love of Jesus that moved him to give his life for the salvation of the world.

- This Holy Week has been named a Week of Prayer for Trinity Church and the whole world during this global pandemic. A prayer guide will be available.
- Also, our denomination is joining with others in calling for (1) today, Good Friday, as a Day of Prayer & Fasting, and (2) for April to be a Month of Prayer, all in response to the pandemic. Guides are available at <https://pcaga.org/prayer>.

Prayer Focus for the Lenten Season. During Lent, as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we pray for God to do great things in our hearts. Specifically, we pray for the following:

- for a Holy Lent, a "springtime of the soul," focused not on ourselves but on God & our neighbors;
- for hearts of joyful obedience to our Savior's commandments & priorities, especially as we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves;
- for all who work for peace & justice among the nations of the world, especially organizations like World Vision;
- for our own personal commitment to justice, including saving for & giving to the Easter Sacrificial Offering; and
- for those in our Armed Forces, especially those far away from home at this holy time. Pray especially for Army Chaplain Tim Fary and his family, serving at Fort Benning, GA.

COVID-19 Support - On our church website, www.trinitychurchny.com, you will find a link labeled "COVID-19 UPdate" which is a letter from our pastors encouraging us all to be there for one another, and to assist you in doing so that we might BE the church God intends us to be. There are links to forms to Give Help (volunteer) and Get Help (specify a need). Please visit this "COVID-19 Update" link so you can become familiar with it and participate.

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE

April 10. GOOD FRIDAY. Service at 7pm. Luke 23:46. "Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit." Homily by Pastor Higgins.

April 12. EASTER DAY. New series begins. 1 Corinthians 15:1-19. "Death Is Ended!" Pastor Higgins preaching.

April 19. 1 Corinthians 15:9-19. "Death Is Ended!" Pastor Higgins preaching.

April 26. 1 Cor 15:20-28. "The Firstborn of a New Humanity." Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS

HOLY WEEK & EASTER HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

(available on the church website and mobile app)

<https://www.trinitychurchny.com/online-liturgy/>

- Palm Sunday, April 5, 10am.
- Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7pm. A brief, simple Maundy Thursday service, with singing, a short homily by Pastor Swanson.
- Good Friday, April 10, 7pm. The solemn service of Good Friday includes readings of the passion narrative, contemplative music, and a homily by Pastor Higgins.
- EASTER DAY, April 12, 10am. Easter morning is one of the highlights of the year, featuring festive music, an Easter sermon by Pastor Higgins.

Let's Make Some Noise! Those of you who have attended our Easter Vigil on Easter Eve (sadly cancelled this year) know that the kids (& adults!) are invited to bring noisemakers. This year, we'll be doing this from home on Easter Day! I encourage you to make noisemakers or at least to dig out some whistles and shakers and other things to make some noise to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

The Easter Sacrificial Offering is received each year during the Easter season. The offering goes to the Trinity Church Mercy Team's ministry. Setting aside money (over & above one's regular giving) for such an offering is a traditional Lenten discipline, and we encourage you to practice this—perhaps with your family and/or Community Group—during this holy season. If you are giving online, select the "Mercy Fund" for this gift.

- We traditionally begin receiving the ESO on Maundy Thursday and continue throughout the Easter Season. Please be generous, as many are hurting & we expect more calls upon our Mercy Funds. See below for instructions on how to give. For the ESO, choose "Mercy Fund" for your designation.

Evening "Compline Online" Prayer Sessions. Pastor Mark Swanson will be hosting a brief prayer session for the congregation on Facebook as a means of staying connected. It will be on **Monday, Wednesday, & Friday evenings at 8 pm.** Login to Facebook and head to the *Trinity Presbyterian Church NY* Facebook page to participate. Reminders of these meetings will be posted to the church Facebook page and church calendar.

Pastoral Care. If you would like to meet with a pastor, feel free to call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or by using the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded to them.

Community Groups Meeting via Video-Conferencing. Our Community Group leaders are using Zoom to conduct their weekly community group meetings via video and it is going well. If you are not yet in a community group but would like to join one, contact us via our church website contact form, or email SteveMagneson@trinitychurch.cc to find out more.

Prayer Team Support. Our Prayer Team is always available to support you - especially during this trying period. It helps to know that you have brothers and sisters praying for you. You can submit a prayer request directly by email to Linda at TrinityRyePrayer@trinitychurch.cc, or, through the church website Contact Form (posted above).

Giving Offering Online. We encourage you if you can to give online through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. During this time of restrictions due to COVID-19 we still have ongoing expenses. Your faithful giving is not only an act of worship but is much appreciated by the Trinity Church leadership as we desire to continue ministry no matter what adjustments are necessary to meet current challenges.

- **DUE to the increasing spread of the virus, our administrator requests** that if you are mailing in a check, that you would now mail them to an *alternate office* instead (a temporary measure). The address is specified in the newsletter. Thank you. If you have any questions about this, feel free to contact Lisa Fick at administrator@trinitychurch.cc, or use the website contact form.

Connecting via Social Media. If you are on Facebook and haven't yet done so, explore our church "Trinity Presbyterian Church NY" Facebook page. In addition, Brett Liedtke from our Care Team has created a "Trinity People Staying In Touch" Facebook *group* that we invite everyone to join. The purpose of the group is to allow people to get in touch with one another and with the Care Team should they have any needs or prayer requests. To join the group, email her at breliedtke@hotmail.com requesting an invite. Once you receive an emailed invitation in reply, login to your Facebook account and then go back to the emailed invitation and click on "Join Group" to join the "Trinity People Staying in Touch" group page. As well we have our "TrinityChurchNY" Instagram account. **Links to our Facebook and Instagram are always included at the bottom of every newsletter.**

Regular Weekly Newsletters. The main way we will be in touch with everyone in the congregation is through the weekly newsletter. Sometimes you will receive more than one a week. It is important to stay informed. If anyone needs to be added, use the church website Contact Form. (A link to the church website is always at the bottom of the newsletter and in our mobile app.)

Using video-conferencing for Church Meetings. We have adjusted well to holding staff and leadership meeting via Zoom video session. Reminder - If you are part of those meetings please remain alert to meeting requests by monitoring your email regularly.

Annual Congregational Meeting. In keeping with our church bylaws, May 17 is the latest date ordinarily allowed for our Annual Congregational Meeting. However, due to the current situation, it may be necessary either to meet online or postpone the meeting later. We will keep you posted. This is the meeting at which the congregation elects church leaders (elders, deacons, & trustees).