

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

April 5th, 2020 - 10 a.m.

Palm Sunday

You cannot postpone your recognition of the light until all of the theological problems have been solved. The only proper response is to welcome it, go towards it, and walk by it.

- Leslie Newbiggin

Call to Worship (from Zechariah 9:9 & Luke 19:38 [ESV])

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Minister: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,

People: humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Minister: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

PRAISE

Hymn **All Glory, Laud, and Honor** — found on page 5

Prayer of Adoration (concluded by the following prayer in unison)

**Almighty and everliving God,
in your tender love for the human race
you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ
to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross,
atoning for our sins and giving us the example of his great humility:
Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering,
and also share in his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

RENEWAL

Confession of Sin (unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who on this day entered the rebellious city which later rejected you: We confess that our wills are as rebellious as those of the people of Jerusalem, that our faith is often more show than substance, that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.

Private Confession

Special Music Adagio Cantabile — Guiseppi Tartini Arr. by Rick Parks

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.' [Galatians 1:13 (NRSV)]

Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements are found on pages 9-11

Hymn **Ten Thousand Reasons — found on pages 6-7**

COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: Luke 19:29-48

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God. ⁴⁵ Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; ⁴⁶ and he said,

"It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers."

⁴⁷ Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; ⁴⁸ but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard." [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Magnuson

"THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY"

Confession of Faith: "Our World Belongs to God," §25¹ (unison)

**Standing in our place,
Jesus suffered during his years on earth,
especially in the tortures of the cross.
He carried God's judgment on our sin—
his sacrifice removed our guilt.
God raised him from the dead:
he walked out of the grave,
conqueror of sin and death—
Lord of Life!
We are set right with God,
given new life,
and called to walk with him
in freedom from sin's dominion.**

¹ A statement of faith adopted in 1986 (and revised in 2008) by the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since we cannot gather for Holy Communion, we join in an act of *spiritual communion*, trusting in our Lord's blessings & love in this present crisis.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 debts
as we forgive our debtors.**

**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 **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna — found on page 8**

Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Let us go forth to serve our neighbors in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP ARTISTS

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TAMMY LUM - PIANO, ORGAN

ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain B \flat E \flat B \flat sus B \flat Cm F B \flat

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, Re - deem - er, King,

E \flat B \flat sus B \flat Cm F B \flat *Fine*

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

C7 F Dm Gm7 C7 F

1 You are the King of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high,
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;

B \flat E \flat F7 B \flat E \flat Fsus F7 B \flat *To Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, the King and Bless - ed One.
 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.

4 To you before your passion
 they sang their hymns of praise;
 to you, now high exalted,
 our melody we raise. *Refrain*

5 As you received their praises,
 accept the prayers we bring,
 for you delight in goodness,
 O good and gracious King! *Refrain*

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 Music (ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6 D): Melchoir Teschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

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Ten Thousand Reasons

Chords: A^b E^b B^b/D Cm A^b E^b B^bsus B^b

Refrain E^b A^b E^b B^b/D Cm

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

A^b E^b B^bsus B^b A^b Cm

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

A^b B^b Cm A^b B^b A^b/E^b E^b

Last time to Coda

O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

A^b/E^b E^b A^b E^b B^b Cm

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing; —
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

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A^b E^b B^b Cm A^b
 7 it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name is great, and your heart is kind. For all your
 end draws near, and my time has come; 7 still, my

E^b B^b Cm A^b
 pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
 good-ness, I will keep on sing-ing— ten thou-sand
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

E^b B^b_{sus} B^b E^b *To Refrain*
 sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 rea - sons for my heart to find.
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

Coda Cm A^b B^b
 wor-ship your ho - ly name,

Cm A^b B^b E^b
 wor-ship your ho - ly name.

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
 the vic - tory palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud.
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

For an alternate arrangement see 679. For music in a higher key see 726

Words: Jennette Threlfall, 1873, P.D.

Music (ELLACOMBE 7.6.7.6 D): *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, P.D.*

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 begins today, with 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.

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.

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE

April 9. MAUNDY THURSDAY. Service at 7pm with a meditation by Pastor Swanson from Luke 22:14-30.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).