

# Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

April 9th, 2020 - 7 p.m.  
*Maundy Thursday*

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 Newbigin

## Call to Worship

Minister: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One; have mercy upon us.

People: **O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Our Lord Jesus says, "A new commandment I give you: Love one another as I have loved you."

People: **O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Minister: Jesus says, "By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: that you love one another."

People: **O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

## PRAISE

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Hymn **Wonderful, Merciful Savior** — music on page 2

# Wonderful Merciful Saviour

Words and Music by  
Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse

♩ = 110

C F/C C Dm/C C C/E F C/E Dm

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and \_  
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em -  
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your \_

7 G<sup>SUS</sup> G E/G# Am Am/G F C/G

Friend; \_\_\_\_\_ Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the  
 -brace; \_\_\_\_\_ You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly  
 own; \_\_\_\_\_ Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be -

14 G<sup>7sus</sup> E/G# Am F F/A C/G Fmaj<sup>7</sup>/G G<sup>7</sup> F/C G/C

souls of men? Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ You res - cue the souls of men. \_\_\_\_\_  
 lost the way. Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ we hope - less - ly lost the way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 -fore Your throne. Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne. \_\_\_\_\_

20 C G/B Am Am/G F G E/G# Am

\_\_\_\_\_ You are the One that we praise, \_\_\_\_\_ You are the  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

26 Am/G F G E/G# Am C/G F

One we a - dore. \_\_\_\_\_ You give the heal - ing and grace our

33 C/G G<sup>7sus</sup> E/G# Am F F/A C/G Fmaj<sup>7</sup>/G G<sup>7</sup>

hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh, \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts al - ways hun - ger

39 1, 2. C C<sup>2sus</sup> C F/C Cmaj<sup>7</sup> F/C C

for. \_\_\_\_\_

42 3. C<sup>2sus</sup> C C<sup>2sus</sup> C F/C G/C C<sup>2</sup>

for. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Almighty Father,  
whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered,  
instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood:  
Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully  
in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life;  
and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## RENEWAL

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Confession of Sin (unison)

**Eternal Father, you are always faithful to your covenant with us, yet we confess that we fail to love you and to do your will. Though you promise to be our God, we fail to live as your people. In Jesus Christ, you pour out your love upon us, and yet we do not love you fully nor love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive us and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your Table and there deepen our union with Christ, the true Bread of Life, who came down from heaven for the life of the world. It is in him that we pray. Amen.**

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" [John 1:29 (ESV)]

Words of Welcome

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements are found on pages 8-11

Hymn **An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare** — music on page 4

HOLY WEEK

# 275 An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

C/D D7 G Am Cmaj7 Dsus C/E Dsus D

1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace, he loves be -

C G/B Am Am/E D Am/C G/B Am/C

loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond the ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our

Bm/D Em G/B Am/C G/D D7 G

gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

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 MUSIC: English melody; harm. John Weaver (1937- )  
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 Music Harm. © 1990 Hope Publishing Company

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## COMMITMENT

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Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:14-29

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup>for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup>for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup>But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" <sup>23</sup>Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup>But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

<sup>28</sup>"You are those who have stood by me in my trials; <sup>29</sup>and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Swanson

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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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.**

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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 Rock of Ages — music on page 7

# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4

Γ Unison A Bm<sup>7</sup> A

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -  
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy  
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy  
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids

self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en  
 law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for -  
 cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to  
 close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy

side which flowed, be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its  
 ev - er flow, all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and  
 thee for grace; foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior,  
 judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -

Bm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7</sup> C#m<sup>7</sup> F#m Bm A D Γ C#m<sup>7</sup> F#m

Bm<sup>7</sup> D/E E<sup>7</sup> A E D/E A Fine Γ

guilt and pow'r.  
 thou a - lone.  
 or I die.  
 self in thee.

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776  
 Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815  
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 James Ward, 1984

*The service ends in silence.*

## WORSHIP ARTISTS

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Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Trinity Church. We Appreciate all that your music has contributed to our worship. Copyrighted songs are covered under CCLI #1250499 and CCS #11071.

TAMMY LUM - PIANO

JORDAN & ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

## Trinity Church Announcements

### CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

## TODAY

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**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) tomorrow, 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](http://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 Glve 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

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### 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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).