

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

March 28th, 2021 - 10 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Who knows not Love, let him assay
And taste that juice, which on the cross a pike
Did set again abroach; then let him say
If ever he did taste the like,
Love is that liquor sweet and most divine,
Which my God feels as blood; but I, as wine.

— George Herbert
from "The Agony"

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** — music below

146 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain B \flat E \flat B \flat ^{sus} B \flat C m F B \flat

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

E \flat B \flat ^{sus} B \flat C m F B \flat *Fine*

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 is prais - ing you on high,
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore you went;

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*

Words: Theodulph of Orelans, ca. 820; tr. John M. Neale, 1851, alt., P.D.
 Music (ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6 D): Melchoir Teschner, 1615; harm. William H. Monk, 1861, P.D.

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

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

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 start on page 8.

Scripture Lesson: John 12:12-16

¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!"

¹⁴Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna — music below**

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

A^b Fm E^b D^b E^b A^b

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,

Fm E^b D^b E^b_{sus} E^b A^b

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.

E^b A^b E^b

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,

A^b Fm E^b D^b E^b_{sus} E^b A^b
descant st.3

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.*

COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: John 13:1-17

¹It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" ¹⁰Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean. ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. [NIV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Higgins

"DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I HAVE DONE FOR YOU?"
When Jesus Asks a Question

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

**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—**

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

Lord of Life!
We are set right with God,
given new life,
and called to walk with him
in freedom from sin's dominion.

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 God of Grace — music below

Keith Getty/Jonathan Rea



1. God of grace, a - maz - ing won - der, ir - re -
(verses 2 and 3 below)

sis - ti - ble and free. O, the mir - a - cle of mer - cy Je - sus

reach - es down to me. God of grace, I stand in won - der as my

God re - stores my soul. His own blood has paid my

ran - som, awe - some cost to make me whole.

2. God of grace who loved and knew me
Long before the world began
Sent my Savior down from heaven
Perfect God and perfect man
God of grace, I trust in Jesus
I'm accepted as His own
Ev'ry day new grace sustains me
As I lean on Him alone.

3. God of grace I stand astounded
Cleansed, forgiven and secure
All my fears are now confounded
And my hope is ever sure
God of grace now crowned in glory
Where one day I'll see your face
And forever I'll adore you
In your everlasting grace.

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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.²

People: Amen.

² From Numbers 6:24-26

Leader: God be in your head and in your understanding.
God be in your eyes and in your looking.
God be in your mouth and in your speaking.
God be in your heart and in your thinking.
God be at your end and in your departing.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Thank You, Lord — arr. David August

WORSHIP ARTISTS

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.

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ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE

DAVID AUGUST - PIANO, GUITAR, VOICE

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.

The Easter Sacrificial Offering is received each year during the Easter season, with the money going to the Trinity Church Mercy Team's ministry to the physically & spiritually needy. 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.

Let's Make Some Noise! Those of you who have attended our Easter Vigil on Easter Eve know that the kids (& adults!) are invited to bring noisemakers. This year, we'll be doing this both on Easter Eve & on Easter Day—even from home! 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!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday, April 1; online only. A brief, simple Maundy Thursday service, with singing, a short homily by Pastor Swanson, and Spiritual Communion.
- Good Friday, April 2; online only. The solemn service of Good Friday includes readings of the passion narrative, contemplative music, and a homily by Pastor Higgins.
- EASTER EVE, April 3, 7:30pm; at the Church House (weather permitting). The Easter Vigil is the first celebration of Easter and a service for the whole family. This will be a short, physically-distanced, outdoor service, a brief meditation from Pastor Higgins, and Holy Communion. ***Be sure to bring lanterns, flashlights, and/or candles.***
- EASTER DAY, April 24; both online & in-person (10am, Women's Club of White Plains). Easter morning is one of the highlights of the year, featuring festive music and an Easter sermon by Pastor Higgins.

A Questioning Faith. In #19 in Pastor Higgins' series of video interviews, he speaks with Dr. Ted Turnau and his wife, Carolyn, about the intersection of Christian faith & popular culture. Carolyn teaches middle & high school students, and Ted is a university professor in Prague and the author of *Popogetics* and co-author of *The Pop Culture Parent*. They have visited Trinity Church many times!

COMING UP

SERMON/HOMILY SCHEDULE *(subject to change as we deal with the pandemic)*

NOTE: Briefer homilies will be given at the in-person services. For the full sermon on the same text, visit the audio & video recordings on the webpage.

April 1. MAUNDY THURSDAY. Homily by Pastor Swanson on John 6:25-29

April 2. GOOD FRIDAY. John 19:19-22. "A Different Kind of King, A Different Kind of Kingdom." Homily by Pastor Higgins

April 3. EASTER EVE. Brief meditation by Pastor Higgins

April 4. EASTER DAY. John 11:17-27. "The Resurrection & the Life. Pastor Higgins preaching

April 11. Acts 4:32-35. "Resurrection Power." Pastor Swanson preaching

April 18. New series begins. "Resurrection Life: Lessons from Romans 8." Rom 8.1-4. "Resurrection Life." Pastor Higgins preaching

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

Baptisms/New Memberships. We are happy to announce that we're planning for a service of Holy Baptism and the reception of new members—to take place soon! We are planning this for an outdoor service at the Church House on Easter Eve; that's Saturday, April 3, weather permitting. If we are not able to make that service, we will plan for Easter Sunday or the first possible Sunday morning after that when the weather allows us to be outdoors.

- If you would like to be baptized, to have a child baptized, or to be received as a member of Trinity Church, or if you simply have questions, please contact Pastor Higgins. Even if you know you cannot attend on Easter Eve, please let Pastor Higgins know of your interest, as another service will be scheduled for a bit later in the spring.

Regular members and attenders. Our Elders and Deacons are planning to make another round of calls to the congregation, just to check in with you all and to hear how you and your families are doing. Once you receive a call or email, please respond as soon as possible so that we can have conversations with everyone sometime over the next few weeks. If you did not receive a call by the end of the first week of April, please contact Pastor Mark Swanson. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

New Adult Education Class. Starting April 13, Pastor Higgins is teaching a class (on Zoom) entitled "Living Apologetics: How to Defend the Christian Faith Without Being a Jerk." We will discuss the objections people raise against the Christian faith, the importance of patient listening to our neighbors, and the apologetics of love, unity, & justice. The class will meet most Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00. Stay tuned for more information, or contact Pastor Higgins if you have questions.

Annual Congregational Meeting. In keeping with our church bylaws, April 18 is the date set for our Annual Congregational Meeting. However, due to the pandemic this may be delayed or moved online. Please pay attention to the newsletter for more information.

Healing Prayer—Now In-Person. Anyone wishing to pray for healing (physical, spiritual, emotional) for themselves, for loved one, and (especially now!) for the world, is invited to join Pastor Higgins for a brief liturgy of healing prayer. The service is scheduled to be held immediately after the in-person worship service. For the time being, we will maintain appropriate physical distancing and there will be no anointing with oil. For more information, speak with Pastor Higgins.

- Next Healing Prayer Service: April 18

Ways to Give:

- **We encourage giving online** through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. 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. **If giving by check, mail it to the church office at 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577.**
- **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).

Ways to Connect:

- **Website:** www.TrinityChurchNY.com
- **SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook:** Trinity Presbyterian Church NY, **Facebook Group:** Trinity People Staying In Touch, **Instagram:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Church Mobile App:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Community Groups:** via video-conferencing. To join one, use our website Contact Form.
- **Prayer Team Support:** You can submit a prayer request using our mobile app or contact form on our website. Our Prayer Team would be pleased to pray for you.
- **Pastoral Care:** Call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or use the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded.
- **Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the church website Contact Form.