

Trinity Church

Staten Island



Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values:

Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

INFORMATION FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING

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THEMES OF OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 736

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna to the Son of David

Tomas Luis de Victoria
(1548-1611)

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

All stand for the

ACCLAMATION

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL, LUKE 19:28-40

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "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. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As 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, ³⁸ saying,

"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."

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF PALMS AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to join pastor at the rear of the church for the blessing of the palms and the procession. Please raise your palms for the blessing.

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray.
We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed messiah and king
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

PROCESSION

P Let us go forth in peace,
C **in the name of the Lord.**

The procession moves to the front of the nave with children and palms leading the way.

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 344

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, 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

CONCLUSION OF THE PROCESSION

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Please sit for the Psalmody.

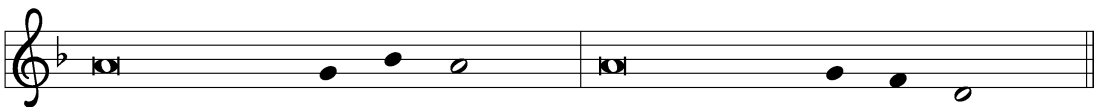
PSALM 31:9-16

To introduce, the choir sings through the refrain once. The congregation then repeats

Refrain



Tone



- ⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.
- ¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.**
- ¹¹I 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.

**12 Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

**13 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.**

**14 But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, "You | are my God.**

**15 My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who |
persecute me.**

**16 Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love." Refrain**

HOMILY

Please stand for the

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Please be seated for the

DRAMATIC READING OF THE GOSPEL, LUKE 22:14-23:56

(See supplemental bulletin for text)

<i>Narrator:</i>	Marcia Lyles / Stephen Jaeger	<i>Assembly:</i>	Congregation
<i>Jesus:</i>	Stephan Thimme	<i>Pilate:</i>	Roy Danishewski
<i>Peter:</i>	Cara Kay	<i>Criminal 1:</i>	Richard Schrader
<i>Disciples:</i>	Choir	<i>Criminal 2:</i>	Kathy Klein
<i>Servoant 1:</i>	Kim Ryan	<i>Centurion:</i>	Tim Pranschke
<i>Accuser 1:</i>	Lorraine Danishewski		
<i>Accuser 2:</i>	Bianka Thimme		
<i>Soldiers:</i>	Charlie Gysel, Logan Kay, Roger Wesby		

Please stand for the
HYMN OF THE DAY, ELW 343

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and

me, love to the love-less shown that they might love - ly
 stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their

be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
 know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these

my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 who at my need his life did spend!
 and for his death they thirst and cry.
 them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624-1683, alt.
 Music: John Ireland, 1879-1962

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

The lector ends each prayer petition by saying, "God of Grace," after which the congregation responds with "receive our prayer."

The pastor closes the intercessions with this prayer:

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

We greet one another with the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

P The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace and love with one another and then be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see this week's "Trinity Times" for announcements.

OFFERING

The offering collected today supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.



ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Fling Wide the Gates from *The Crucifixion*

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

*Fling wide the gates, for the Saviour waits
to tread in His royal way;
he has come from above, in His power and love,
to die on the Passion Day.*

*His Cross is the sign of a love divine,
his Crown is the thorn-wreath of woe,
he bears His load on the sorrowful road,
and bends 'neath the burden low.*

Please stand for the

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING, ELW 188

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

THE PROPER PREFACE

P 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your Glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace. We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff is for the first part of the hymn, the second for the second part, and the third for the third part. The lyrics are printed below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 666

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing,
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
 Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.

COMMUNION HYMN, ELW 350

1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 4 The blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;

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 they nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 they pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 the blood came stream - in' down, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;
 he hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;

not a word, not a word, not a word.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: African American spiritual

Please stand for the

TABLE BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✝ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN, ACS 930

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

There is no Postlude on Palm Sunday to mark the meditative passage into Holy Week.

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS SUNDAY

<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger</i>
<i>Assisting Minister & Lector</i>	<i>Richard Schrader</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Regina Pearsall</i>
<i>Director of Music & Organist</i>	<i>Trent Whisenant</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Marcia Lyles & The Thimme Family</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Kathy Klein & Hillie Grossarth</i>
<i>Livestream Technician</i>	<i>Peyton Bloom</i>

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ *Please contact the office with names to be added or removed or leave a prayer request card in the offering plate.*

James Ciccolella, Deacon Margaret-ann O'Donnell, Carmen Cognetta, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, the Pennington Family, Vincent Somme, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Alice Evensen, George Turner, Christopher Jarrett, Meah Guzman, Carmen Aponte, and Phillip Herbst.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Sgt Brendan Jocsak, US Marines.

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