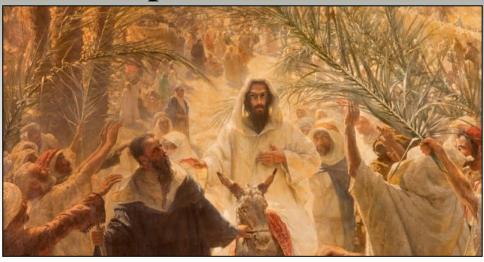
Trinity Episcopal Church Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025



Liturgy of the Palms

Pastor Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Pastor Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Pastor Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Hosanna in the highest.

The palms are then distributed and we will process into the church singing our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn 154 All glory, laud and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

The Word of God

Pastor Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever. Amen.

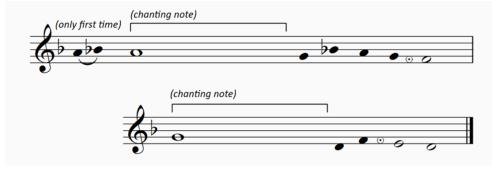
Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 31:9-16 Tonus Peregrinus



9 Have 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.

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, 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 Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."

Gradual Anthem 486, verses 1-3 Hosanna to the living Lord

Hosanna

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE

Narrator: Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the Scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John saying,

Jesus: Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.

Peter: Where do you want us to make preparations for it?

Jesus: Listen: when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, The teacher asks you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples? He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator: So they went and found everything as he had told them and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour had came, he took his place at the table and the apostles with him and said to them:

Jesus: I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Narrator: Then he took the cup and after giving thanks he said,

Jesus: Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

Narrator: Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Narrator: And he did the same thing with the cup after supper, saying,

Jesus: This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Narrator: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them,

Jesus: The Kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is as the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, 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. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

Narrator: And Simon said to him,

Peter: Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

Narrator: But Jesus said,

Jesus: I tell you Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know

me.

Narrator: And then Jesus said,

Jesus: When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

Apostles (together): No, not a thing.

Narrator: And Jesus again said to them,

Jesus: But now, the one who has a purse must take it and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, what is written about me is being fulfilled.

Narrator: The Apostles responded saying,

Apostle 1: Lord, here are two swords.

Narrator: And Jesus replied:

Jesus: It is enough. Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Apostle 2: Lord, should we strike with the sword?

Narrator: And one of them struck the slave of the High Priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said to them.

Jesus: No more of this!

Narrator: And he touched the ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the Chief Priest, the officers of the temple police and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour and the power of darkness!

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him to the high priest's house. Peter followed at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. A servant, seeing him among them, said:

Servant 1: This man was also with him.

Narrator: But Peter denied it, saying,

Peter: Woman, I do not know him.

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Servant 2: You also are one of them,

Narrator: But Peter insisted,

Peter: Man, I am not!

Narrator: Then about an hour later, still another kept insisting,

Servant 3: Surely, this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

Narrator: Again Peter insisted,

Peter: Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,

Jesus: Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.

Narrator: And Peter went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

Crowd: Prophesy! Who is it that struck you?

Narrator: They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

Council Member 1: If you are the Messiah, tell us.

Narrator: And Jesus replied,

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

Narrator: All of them asked him,

Council Members (together): Are you, then, the Son of God?

Narrator: Jesus responded,

Jesus: You say that I am.

Narrator: Then they said,

Council Members (together): What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips.

Narrator: Then the assembly arose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him saying,

Council Member 1: 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.

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so!

Narrator: Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Narrator: But they insisted and said,

Council Member 2: He stirs up people by teaching throughout all Judea from Galilee where he began, even to this place.

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked,

Pilate: Is this man a Galilean?

Narrator: And when he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at the time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was glad, for he had been wanting for a long time to see him, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned Jesus at some length, but Jesus gave no answer. The chief priest and scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends; before that day they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders and the people and said to them.

Pilate: 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. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator: But the chief priest, leaders and people shouted,

Crowd: Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!

Narrator: Barabbas was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place and for a murder. Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed the people again but they kept shouting,

Crowd: Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: 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 release him.

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He 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.

The Congregation stands

As 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. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts, and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For 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.' Then they will begin to say to the mountain, 'Fall on us' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When 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. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching but the leaders scoffed at him saying,

Spectator 1: He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying,

Spectator 2: If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him that read, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying,

Criminal 1: Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Criminal 2: Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Narrator: Then he said to Jesus,

Criminal 2: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Narrator: And Jesus replied,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, and the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying in a loud voice, said,

Jesus: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last.

Everyone pauses and bows their heads for a few moments

Narrator: When the centurion saw what had taken place he praised God and said,

Centurion: Certainly this man was innocent.

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching things. Now there was a good and righteous man name Joseph, who though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan of action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea and he was waiting expectantly for the Kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. He took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath day they rested according to the commandments.

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The Homily Pastor Heidi Truax

The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world. May people who suffer and are caught up in the midst of natural disaster, disease or poverty, find peace through you;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all those in religious orders, for lay and ordained ministers, and all the holy people of God; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We give thanks at all times for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful). Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Mary Sullivan, Alan Swide, for Helen Symons and Rachel Greenberg, for Michael, Sarah and Elizabeth Cuoco, and for their families;

That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially (we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added). We pray for all who are afflicted with any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added). Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

The Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Hymn 168, verses 1-3 O sacred head sore wounded

Herzlich tut mich verlangen (H.L. Hassler / J.S. Bach)

Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

The Holy Communion

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Holy, holy: Hymnal S-124

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 161 Lamb of God

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Here at Trinity we welcome all to take communion with us. You may drink from the chalice, or you may intinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask for a blessing.

Communion Hymn 167 There is a green hill far away

Horsley

The Postcommunion Litany

Almighty God, we are continually amazed at the way you turn the world upside down. For a Savior of the world we would have chosen a powerful prince,

But you chose a carpenter's son born under questionable circumstances.

For disciples to help Jesus through his ministry we would have chosen well connected wealthy people of the upper class to bank roll the operation,

But you chose fishermen, a tax collector, and other such outcasts.

For a grand entrance into Jerusalem, we would have chosen a white Stallion,

But you chose a donkey.

When riding high in the polls on Palm Sunday we would have chosen to stay there as long as we could, **But you chose to clear the temple.**

For a place of coronation we would have chosen a palace with a wonderfully decorated royal throne, **But you chose a cross.**

For those who we would want to have included in the kingdom of God we would have chosen those who look and sound like we do,

But you chose the world.

For people to share the love and grace extended to us in Jesus Christ, we would have chosen somebody else,

But you chose each of us. Use us today. Amen.

from the Moravian Prayer Book

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 163 Sunset to sunrise changes now

Kedron

Postlude Organ improvisation on *Kedron*

The palms this morning are given to the glory of God by Maureen. Tesoro.

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director: Christine Gevert
Minister of Communion: Pari Forood
Lector at the Liturgy of Palms: Barry Anderson
Readers: Many!

Intercessor: Michelle Sisk
Usher Mike Cuoco/Jim Conzo
Counter: Barry Anderson
Altar Guild: Bev Becker

Palms: Theresa Kenny and Michelle Sisk

Verger: Geoff Brown

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign up for Easter Flowers now—Please get the names to Pastor Heidi by Wednesday, April 16

Today 12 Noon Vestry meeting

Thurs. April 17 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Lamb Dinner. See sign up sheet in Guild Room

Friday, April 18 12 Noon: Good Friday Way of the Cross

6:00 PM Good Friday service with music; Seven Preachers with short reflections

on the life of Jesus

Music in the evening will include hymns, and vocal works by Vivaldi, Charpentier, and Zelenka, and Early Baroque selections for harp, played by Christa Patton, and

organ choral preludes by J. S. Bach.

Sunday, April 20 Happy Easter!

8:00 AM Joyful Eucharist with Easter hymns

10:30 AM Celebration Eucharist with The Trinity Choir and Crescendo guests

Tricia van Oers, recorder

Music selections will include favorite Easter hymns, anthems and motets by Vincent, Medieval Anonymous, and Palestrina, and a sonata by G. F. Handel

Easter egg hunt follows the 10:30 AM service

Sat., April 26 2:00 PM Crescendo talk in Walker Hall

Sat., May 10 6:00 PM Crescendo Concert Body & Soul: Cavalieri's Rappresentatione

Sunday, May 18 Next Vestry meeting

Sat., May 24 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Trinity Tag Sale

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM New York Cycle Club

Weekly Schedule

Mondays 6:00 PM Crescendo rehearsals in Walker Hall

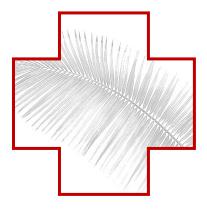
Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall

Wednesdays Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge each month

6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall

Thursdays 1:00 PM Bible Explorers - Gospel of Luke (it's now or never, folks!)

Saturdays 9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.



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