

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting I

Palm Sunday--Sunday of the Passion, March 29, 2026

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna to the Son of David. X3

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, 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 everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and

the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

BLESSING OF PALMS

The members of the congregation raise their branches.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great 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 acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

We ask that you bless these branches + and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

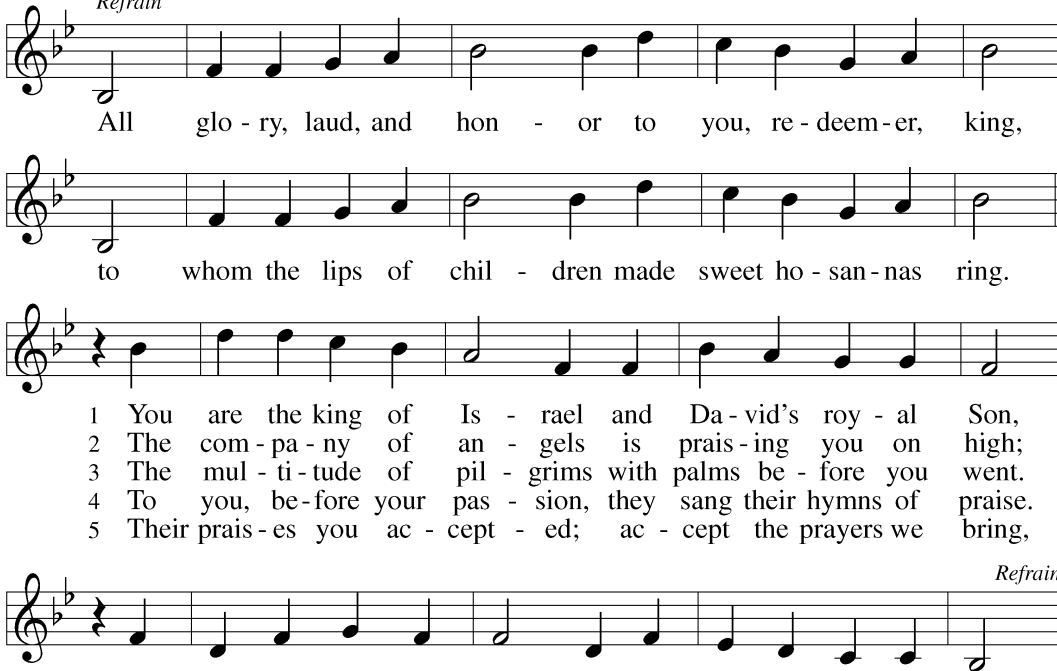
Amen

The procession into the church begins, the congregation following the ministers.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* **LBW No. 108**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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 is 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, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . . .

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Christians see in Isaiah's "Servant Songs" descriptions of Jesus Christ. The first-person reading sounds as if Jesus, God's own teacher, is describing his own ill treatment and humiliation.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

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 up- | on your servant,*
and in your loving- | kindness save me."**

Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 being born in human likeness.
 And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW:
 Matthew 26:14--27:66**

In fulfillment of Scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the Cross so that a New Covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" LBW No. 105

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth
 2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend,
 3 He an - swered from his ten - der heart
 4 Of death I am no more a - fraid;

to save a world of sin - ners.
 the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,
 that he would take the bur - den:
 his dy - ing is my liv - ing.

He bears the bur - den all a - lone,
 the one, his on - ly Son, God sent
 "My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand;
 He clothes me in his roy - al robes

dies shorn of all his hon - or.
 to win us reb - els o - ver.
 I'll do as I am bid - den."
 that he is al - ways giv - ing.

He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint,
 "Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said,
 Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might!
 His love is dress e - nough for me

is led to die with - out com - plaint;
 "and free my chil - dren from their dread
 To right what mor - tals can - not right
 to wear through all e - ter - ni - ty

his spot - less life he of - fers.
 of death and con - dem - na - tion.
 God sent his Son from heav - en.
 be - fore the high - est Fa - ther,

He bears the shame, the stripes, the wrath;
 The pain - ful stripes are hard to bear,
 What love, O Love, who came to save
 where we shall stand at Je - sus' side,

his an - guish, mock - er - y, and death
 but by your death they all can share
 by lov - ing e - ven to the grave
 his church, the well - ap - point - ed bride,

for us he glad - ly suf - fers.
 the joy of your sal - va - tion."
 un - til the stone was riv - en.
 when all the faith - ful gath - er.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOMILY

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your Cross and Passion save and redeem your Church. Through its Word and Sacrament, fellowship, and service draw all people to yourself. Bless this congregation called Trinity, that in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another many may come to hail you as their Lord and King. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your Cross and Passion save and redeem our world, its rulers, and peoples. Uphold this nation and guide those who serve in public office, that all people may live in dignity with peace and freedom. Protect those in our military, those who serve others in our communities, and bring about your reign of endless peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your Cross and Passion save and redeem all your servants. As you took the form of a servant and became obedient even to death on a Cross, help us also to love and forgive our neighbors as you have forgiven us. Bless our families, loved ones, and even our enemies, that we may see all people as loved by you just as we ourselves are loved. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your Cross and Passion save and redeem all who are sick, all who suffer, and all who have asked for our prayers. Bless those who suffer pain, whose bodies or souls bear scars, and all who need your comfort. As you bore our sins in your own body on the Cross, bless all who suffer this day with your boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your Cross and Passion save and redeem all those who have departed this life in faith towards you. Comfort us who grieve with the promise that as you have died our death, you also share with us your endless Life. As we follow this Holy Week in your Cross and Passion, bring us also to the joy of your Easter Resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"The Royal Banners" Vexilla Regis*

OFFERTORY: *"What Shall I Render"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMN: *"My Song Is Love Unknown" LBW No. 94*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Create in Me"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" LBW No. 121**Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!**

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
 pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
 gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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 Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912-1993
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DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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*To joyfully share God's Word and Sacrament in order to
 serve our Greater New Haven neighbors with the love of Christ.*

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