



Trinity Episcopal Church  
*The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*  
Holy Eucharist  
29 March 2026 at 10:30 AM

## Welcome to Trinity Church

Everyone is welcome here.

Page numbers marked **BCP** are from the Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack. The Hymns can be found in *the Hymnal 1982* in your pew rack. The text in **bold type** is the parts of the service that you say.

If you have arrived after the start of the service, please don't worry.

Please ask one of the ushers (welcomers) in the back – or anyone else – if you need help.

Children are allowed to be children, whether they are sitting quietly, skipping around, or crying. There are special activities for them at the back of the church if you would like.

We ask that you please refrain from cell phone use before and during the service. It is customary to prepare for worship by a period of silent prayer. Suggested prayers are found on the next page.

### COVER ART

*The Entrance of Christ Into Jerusalem*, Fresco, 1842-1849 (detail)

Jean-Hippolyte Flandrin (1809-1864)

Church of Saint-Germain-des-Prés, Paris, France

### PRIVATE PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

### A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear your servants' prayers, and grant to our parish all things that are necessary for its spiritual welfare; enlighten and guide its priest; strengthen and increase the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wandering; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of your Gospel; bring all to be of one heart and one mind within the fold of your holy Church; to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

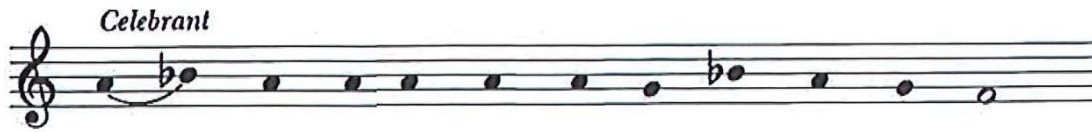
### THE LENTEN PRAYER OF ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love. Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.

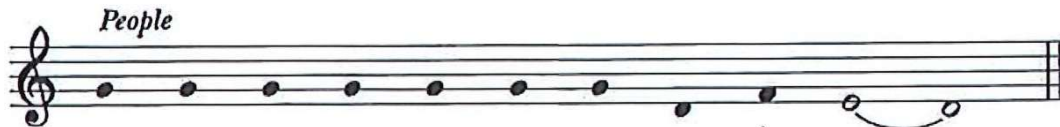
# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*The Congregation gathers in Trinity Hall, where branches of palm have been placed.*



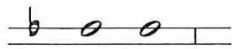
Bless'd - is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.



Peace in heav'n and glo - ry in the high - est - -

*Celebrant* 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.



*People* A - men.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21.1-11

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying 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. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' **4** This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, '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.' The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The 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!' When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

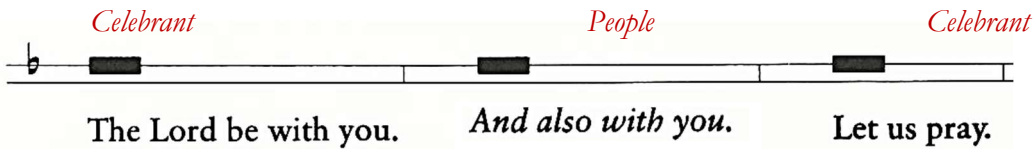
*Here the Celebrant will give a brief homily.*



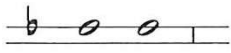
## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*When all are in place, the service continues*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY



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.

*People*   
**A - men.**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The 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. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I 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. The 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; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL – Psalm 31.9-16

*Miserere mei, Domine, quoniam tribulor*

*The Psalm is recited responsively by whole verse.*

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

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.

**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \***

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

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.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \***  
**I have said, “You are my God.**

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

**Make your face to shine upon your servant, \***  
**and in your loving-kindness save me.”**

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 158

Ah, Holy Jesus

TUNE: *Herzliebster Jesu*

*Please remain seated.*

THE PASSION GOSPEL

Matthew 26.14 – 27.66

*Priest* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

*The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

*The text of the Gospel is found in the light yellow booklet.*

*The congregation is seated for the first portion. At the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha (“when they came to the place that is called the Skull”) all stand.*

*At the verse that mentions our Lord’s death (“Having said this, he breathed his last.”) all kneel and the narrative stops for a period of silent prayer. Then all rise and the Gospel continues.*

*There is no response after the reading of the Passion.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM 3

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THE PEACE

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*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Announcements may be made at this time.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

*During the Offertory Anthem, a collection is taken.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Behold Him in Dark Gethsemane*

WORDS: Mary Kay Beall

MUSIC: Jay Althouse

Behold Him in dark Gethsemane.  
Behold Him alone in agony.  
Hear the Savior softly pray, “Father, take this cup away.”  
Behold Him in dark Gethsemane.

Behold Him. The hour is drawing near.  
Behold Him. At midnight they appear.  
See the soldiers bar His way; watch the kiss that will betray.  
Behold Him. The hour is drawing near.

Behold Him within the judgment hall.  
Behold Him. He answers not at all.  
Hear the raging angry cry, “Crucify Him! Let Him die!”  
Behold Him within the judgment hall.

Behold Him upon the shameful tree.  
Behold Him for all eternity.  
See the sky grow dark above; kneel before God’s Gift of Love.  
Behold Him upon the shameful tree.

Behold Him, the Lamb of Calvary.

*Please stand as the Offerings are brought forward and we sing*



*The Eucharistic Prayer continues on page 362 of the Book of Common Prayer.*

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS  
SETTING: *Freedom Mass*, Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

**With a strong pulse**

Cantor All

S  
A  
Ho - -  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

T  
B

pow'r and might, hea - ven 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.

*The People may remain standing or kneel after the Sanctus*

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION  
SETTING: *Freedom Mass*, Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

**Cantor** **All**

S A  
Christ has Christ has died, Christ is

T B

ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI  
SETTING: *Freedom Mass*, Betty Pulkingham (1928-2019)

**Smoothly**

**Cantor** **All**

S A  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

T B

mer - cy on us. you take a - way the sins of the



THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

*O bone Jesu* - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*O bone Jesu, miserere nobis:  
quia tu creasti nos, tu redemisti nos  
sanguine tuo praeiosissimo.*

O, good Jesus, have mercy on us:  
because you created us, you have redeemed us  
with your most precious blood.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Priest* Bow down before the Lord.

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 474

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

TUNE: *Rockingham*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

POSTLUDE



*Following the Liturgy, all are welcome to join us for a parish luncheon in the parish hall.*

## Serving This Week

Presider: Fr. Geoffrey Mackey

Lectors: Paul Miller, Paula Sellers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Couch, Paul Miller

Crucifer: Jacob Miller

Altar Guild: Julie Matheny, Edith Newman (10:30a); Mickie Richardson (Tuesday); Susie Fitcher (Wednesday); Susie Fitcher, Carol Snyder (Friday)

Ushers: Mike Matheny, Kevin Oliphant, Jr.

Musicians: Marie Mallory (organist, pianist)

Choral Scholars: Eva Crocker, Jacob Dillon-Fontaine, Bryar Greene, Isabella Wolfe

This week we celebrate the birthdays of Harper Cameron, Conner Dauphin Hughes, Samantha McGee, Denny Prather, Dan Thomas (**T**), Jennie Brannon (**W**), Jennifer Swisher, Julie Rathbone (**TH**), Barbara Full (**SA**), and the anniversary of Abby & Richard Hayhurst (**S**).

*The Altar Arrangements this week are given by Sue Ellen Johnson to the Glory of God  
and in Loving Memory of Nancy Sue Frye, Melvin Frye, and Edwin D. Johnson.*

## This Week at Trinity

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans, Traffic Circle)
	10:00 a.m.	Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Smoot Girls Ensemble (Trinity Hall)
WEDNESDAY	5:00 p.m.	"Holy Hike" & Eucharist (Point Park)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Nave)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Maundy Thursday
	7:00 p.m.	Vigil before Altar of Repose begins (Adams Chapel)
FRIDAY	12:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified & Veneration of the Cross
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers of the Burial of our Lord
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
	7:30 p.m.	Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter (Good Shepherd Church)
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:15 a.m.	Youth Easter Egg Hunt & Party
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Trinity Hall)

**Maundy Thursday Vigil** - Sign-up sheet for the Maundy Thursday Vigil is in the back of the church.

**Katie's Ladies April Gathering** - Katie's Ladies, the women's group at First Lutheran Church has invited the women from Trinity to meet them for dinner on Thursday, April 9, at 6:00 PM at J.P. Henry's on Emerson Avenue. Please RSVP to our office by April 7.

**JULIET's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) April Gathering** – This new dinner group which is open to women from both Trinity and Good Shepherd will meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00 PM at George's Place (behind the Red Lobster.) Please plan to attend and let the parish office know by April 6 if you will be there.



### The Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter baskets filled with plastic eggs, sweet treats, and toys are a staple of many family Easter celebrations in America. Children may search for eggs in the yard to fill them, and they provide a celebratory event for the holiday. *But did you know that Easter baskets actually have religious roots?* In many cultures, the *Paschal Basket* was filled with various food items that had been given up for Lent (meat, dairy, eggs, etc.) or which had a religious symbolism (sweet leavened bread, salt, horseradish, etc.). These baskets would then be brought to the church on Easter and the foods in them blessed by the priest.



We will be continuing this tradition (and adapting it) at Trinity Church this Easter. **Whether you want to make a traditional *Paschal Basket*, or bring your children's *Easter Baskets*, full of toys and goodies, we will place them in the Trevor Chapel on Easter Sunday morning and they will be blessed at the end of the Eucharist.**

### Traditional Elements

- A sweet, leavened **bread** (called Kulich or Paska), symbolizing Christ, the “true bread from heaven,” who has “risen” from the dead.
- Decorated **eggs** (“psanky”), a symbol of new life and resurrection.
- **Ham, lamb, veal, bacon**, etc., as flesh meats are traditionally abstained from during Lent.
- A spicy **sausage**, such as kolbasi, which is indicative of God’s favor and generosity.
- **Horseradish** (mixed with grated red beets), symbolic of the Passion of Christ still fresh in our minds.
- **Salt**, a condiment required for flavor, to remind us that we are to be the “salt of the earth.”
- **Cheese**; and **Butter**, often formed into a mold shaped like a Lamb or a Cross. Dairy products are traditionally abstained from during Lent in the Eastern Churches as well.
- Anything else one might have given up for Lent: **sweets, chocolates, a bottle of wine**, etc.

## Upcoming Liturgies



### **Holy Wednesday, April 1**

5:00 PM – Holy Hike & Eucharist at Point Park, Downtown Parkersburg

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

9:30 AM – Morning Prayer in the Choir

6:00 PM – Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar  
*(Watch before the Altar of Repose follows immediately after Liturgy)*

### **Good Friday, April 3**

12:00 noon – Liturgy of the Presanctified  
& Veneration of the Cross

6:00 PM – Vespers & Veneration of the Shroud

### **Easter Eve, April 4**

7:30 PM – Easter Vigil  
*with our Sister Parish at*

The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd  
903 Charles Street, Parkersburg, WV

### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 AM – Festival Choral Eucharist, Rite II  
*(with the blessing of Easter Baskets)*

### **PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May our Lord Jesus Christ – whom we have served and celebrated and honoured in his holy, glorious, life-giving, and divine mysteries – in his grace and mercy make us worthy of the beauty and glory of his kingdom, and of joy with his holy angels; and to have guiltless faces before him, standing at his right hand in the Jerusalem which is above. To him be praise and may the right hand of his providence rest upon us and upon all creatures, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Liturgy of the Chaldean Church



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