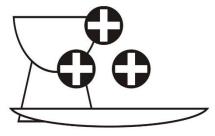
PALM SUNDAY



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

APRIL 5, 2020

10:30 AM



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE BRONX, NEW YORK

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

WELCOME TO TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are the "FAMILY OF FAITH" here in the Castle Hill section of the Bronx, New York. "Trinity exists to receive and share God's gifts."

IS TODAY YOUR FIRST TIME? Welcome once more! Thank you for being with us today. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity, joining our parish or speaking more about things going on in your life, please connect with Pastor Gonzalez. You can reach him at pastor@trinitylutheranbronx.org. We hope that this is not your last time with us & we that you'll continue to share in our joy as a Family of Faith!

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE is printed in this booklet (which is also called the "bulletin."). LARGE PRINT EDITIONS of this are available at the entrance in the narthex (the back of the church). RESTROOMS are located in the side hallway of the sanctuary (the area of the church where we worship), which can be accessed through the side door, near the front of the church. A CHANGING TABLE is available in the women's restroom, along with a handicap-accessible stall.

A FEW REMINDERS FOR WORSHIP: If you are still finishing your breakfast, you are welcome to eat in the narthex on the opposite side of the "CITYtots" Play Area. We ask that you would refrain from eating in the sanctuary. Also, please feel free to take this bulletin home with you. It is filled with announcements about upcoming events. You can also use it to review & remember what you have received today throughout the week. During times in the worship service where we are reminded to sit quietly, please remember that many will use this as an opportunity to pray & reflect, so please show care & love to your neighbor, doing your best to remain quiet & respectful.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE AND ENCOURAGED TO BE IN WORSHIP! Trinity remembers what Jesus says in St. Matthew 18:13-16, "Let the children come" & we are not bothered by their noise or movement... it is a sign of a church that's alive! To make it more convenient for the little ones to receive the joys & benefits of worship, Trinity has provided our "CITYtots" Play Area for those who are not yet attending school. IF YOUR CHILD IS 4 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER, feel free to sit with them in that area while following along with our worship service. You are even welcome to have a chair placed towards the middle of the narthex, allowing you to continue in worship while they play. FOR THOSE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (AGES 5 & UP), we believe that it is a great benefit for them to participate in worship. As you enter, you will find coloring sheets & crayon packs for them to use in the sanctuary. Encourage them to sing & celebrate with you throughout our worship service. They will learn from your example & be joy-filled worshipping alongside those who love and care for them.

In the Name of Jesus

P: In the Name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna to the Son of David.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the Name of Christ.

--Paul Baloche

Processional Hymn: HOSANNA!

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you—We turn to you. Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for you—We long for you. 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your presence, all our fears are washed away—Washed away!

CHORUS:

HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

You are the God who saves us! Worthy of all our praises!

HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

Come have Your way among us! We welcome you here, Lord Jesus!

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You—We turn to You. In your Kingdom, broken lives are made new—You make us new. 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your presence, all our fears are washed away—Washed away!

CHORUS (see above)

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your presence, all our fears are washed away. 'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day. In Your presence, all our fears are washed away —Washed away!

CHORUS (2X) (see above)

HOSANNA! HOSANNA! HOSANNA!

Liturgy of the Holy Word

Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

First Reading: 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 backward. 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?

Psalm 31:9-16



Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.

For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with | sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones | waste away.

Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my | neighbors,

and an object of dread to my acquaintances;

those who see me in the street | flee from me.

I have been forgotten like one | who is dead;

I have become like a broken | vessel.

For I hear the whispering of many—terror on | every side!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to | take my life.

But I trust in | you, O Lord;

I say, "You | are my God."

My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

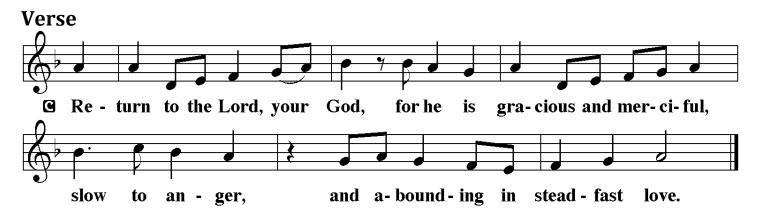
Make your face shine on your | servant;

save me in your | steadfast love!

Glory be to the Father and | to the № Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle (*Letter***) Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of 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.



Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th and 27th chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(after the reading)

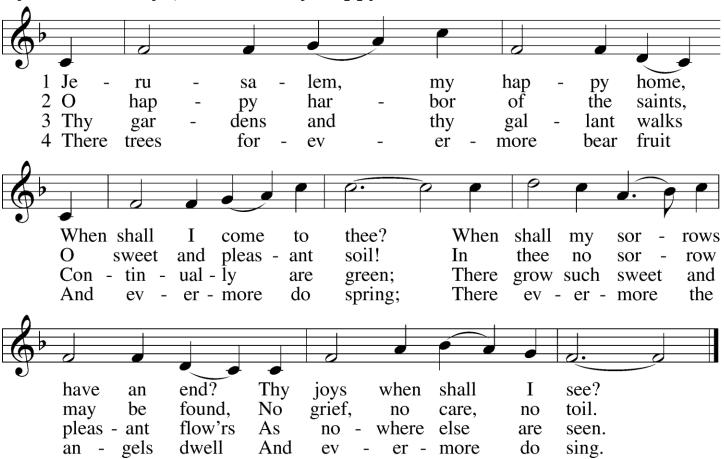
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon (Followed by **Silence** for prayer & meditation)

Hymn of the Day: Jerusalem, My Happy Home

--LSB 673



- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
 Around my Savior stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below
 Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
 For that bright home of love
 That I may see Thee and adore
 With all Thy saints above.

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The Apostles' Creed

P: Together, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Luther's Morning Prayer

P: Together, let us pray the Morning Prayer.

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

L: Jesus took the form of a servant and was obedient to death, even death on a cross. May you follow His example and share in the resurrection.

C: Amen.

L: In faithfulness to God, Jesus gave His life as a ransom for many. May you walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

C: Amen.

L: On the cross of Calvary Jesus bore our grief and carried our sorrows. May His passion bring you healing and peace.

C: Amen.

L: May Almighty God – the Father, the ► Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

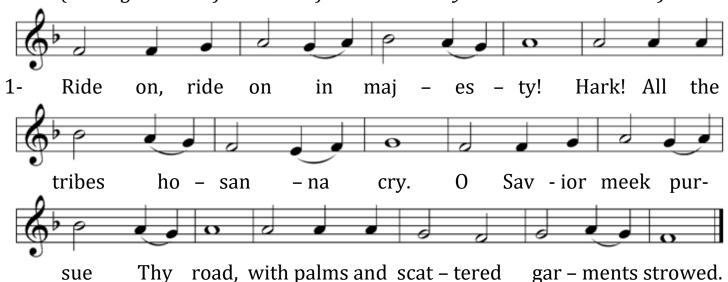
C: Amen.

(Please turn to follow the processional cross to the narthex.)

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Recessional Hymn: Ride On, Ride On In Majesty *LSB 441 (Tune: LSB 425)*(Closing with the first verse of "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross")



2-Ride on, ride on in majesty!In lowly pomp ride on to die.O Christ, Thy triumphs now beginO'er captive death and conquered sin.

3-Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad & wond'ring eyes
To see the_approaching sacrifice.

4-Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.

5-Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

6- When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

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A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ABOUT HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday is the first day of the Holy Triduum (The Three Days). "Maundy" is from the Latin word for "mandate." Jesus gave us the mandate to love one another as He has loved us. This Liturgy continues with Good Friday and the Resurrection of Our Lord. Together, The Holy Triduum proclaims the mystery of our faith: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."

<u>Instruction:</u> On Maundy Thursday, following the Liturgy and moving into Good Friday, <u>we strip the altar</u> and leave all things bare to remind us of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus and his betrayal and arrest.

During this time, we will hear the reading of Psalm 22 and meditate on the Word. <u>Following the stripping of the altar is</u>

<u>SILENCE.</u> We return for Good Friday, as we remember the Son of Man is glorified on the throne of the Holy Cross.

GOOD FRIDAY

On this day the Church gathers to hear the proclamation of the Passion, to pray for the life of the world, and to meditate on the lifegiving cross. The ancient title for this day—THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS—reminds us that the Church gathers to offer thanksgiving for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, for upon the wood of the tree hung the salvation of the whole world. The Church reflects upon our Lord's Passion on this second of the Three Days, contemplating the mystery of our salvation.

<u>Instruction:</u> We remember the solemnity of this day as <u>WE</u> <u>GATHER AND DEPART IN SILENCE.</u>

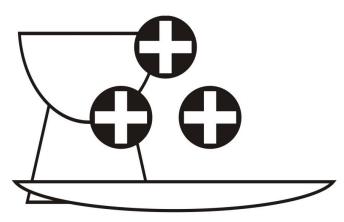
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

This Liturgy's Easter Proclamation announces, "This is the night in which all who believe in Christ are resurrected from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed by grace, and are restored to holiness." Jesus' resurrection is the very foundation of our Christian faith, and it is what makes this the crowning moment of the Church's year. On this night, the Church celebrates the presence of the risen Lord as He brings us to new life in Holy Baptism, speaks His Word of promise, and comes to us in the Christian community.

<u>Instruction:</u> At the Great Vigil, we begin our service <u>OUTSIDE</u>, in front of the church. There, we light the great fire of the Easter Vigil, celebrating the light that illumined brightly, burst open the tomb, and shone from our Risen Savior. From there, we process inside and continue the wonderful celebration.

ALL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! AS WE CONTINUE WORKING THROUGH THE CHALLENGES OF COVID-19, WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED. THANKS! PEACE & LOVE IN JESUS!!!



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SUNDAY LITURGY (WORSHIP SERVICE): 10:30 AM

SIGHT (RELIGIOUS EDU.): BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:30AM

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MS. ONI NIKOLLI, LEAD MUSICIAN
THE REV. SEM. ERIK JOHNSON, VICAR
THE REV. MATTHEW RYAN GONZALEZ, PASTOR

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