



*Others spread Leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.”
St. Mark 11:8*

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

Service of Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.

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“Come, Celebrate with Us”

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! To assist the office staff in serving you, **please sign the yellow Attendance & Communion Registration sheet included in the bulletin.** We also ask first time worshippers to sign the guest book on the table near the doors. Following worship, everyone is invited to the entrance area for refreshments

Please direct all pastoral care concerns to Pastor, Rich Mueller at 914-388-2240.



The Congregation gathers outside for the Blessing of the Palms and Procession into the sanctuary.

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

C: Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

The Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O, Lord.**

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

(Congregation raises up palm fronds)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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 bear them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection we may 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 Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

[344, "All Glory, Laud and Honor"](#)

Refrain

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes a five-line vocal part and a five-line piano accompaniment. The piano part consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, despite the fact that he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

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 awakens—
 awakens 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?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I ^l am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat ^l and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my ^l years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones ^l are
consumed.**
¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay
to ^l my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street ^l they avoid me.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, ^l out of mind;
I am as useless as a ^l broken pot. R**
¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ^l all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to ^l take my life.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in ^l you, O LORD.
I have said, “You ^l are my God.**
¹⁵My times are ^l in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who ^l persecute me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine up- ^l on your servant;
save me in your ^l steadfast love.” R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sandy Vontroba

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO MARK

HYMN OF THE DAY

[808, "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"](#)

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - `ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - `ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931
 Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community
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THE PRAYERS *(Stand or kneel)*

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river

keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Establish peace and justice among the nations (*regions in conflict may be named*). Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers (*individuals preparing for baptism and confirmation may be named*). Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. (*We give thanks for the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today.*)

Your mercy is great.

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen

PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

P: Peace be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Your offering can be left in the baskets provided near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

481, "Come to the Table"



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen

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 a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: '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 presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

The image shows a musical score for 'Holy, Holy, Holy' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.'

The minister continues with the Words of Institution

Continue with the Lord's Prayer

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.

COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We trust the Word, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you." By Christ's invitation, all baptized people of God are welcome to receive Christ's gift of love and mercy. Cups are available to receive wine from the Worship Assistant's pouring chalice. If grape juice is preferable, it is available in the tray the Acolyte carries.

Those not wishing to participate in Holy Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. Please notify the usher if you are unable to come forward, but wish to commune in your seat. Approach the altar from the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN [811, "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"](#)



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, king of grace,



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



that life's trou-bles nor its plea-sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, all my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
 Music: DER AM KRÉUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

COMMUNION HYMN (2)

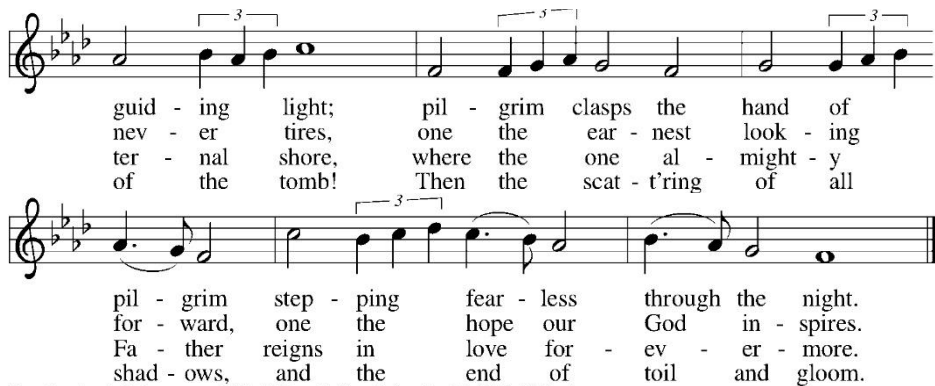
327, "Through the Night Of Doubt and Sorrow"

1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its

ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall

fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all
 pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

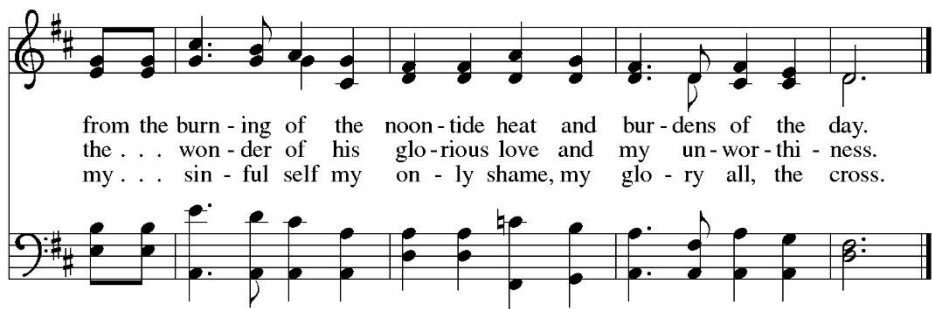
Text: Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

COMMUNION HYMN (3)

[338, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"](#)



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;
 the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;
 a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

BLESSING

The presiding minister may say a table blessing.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.

A: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

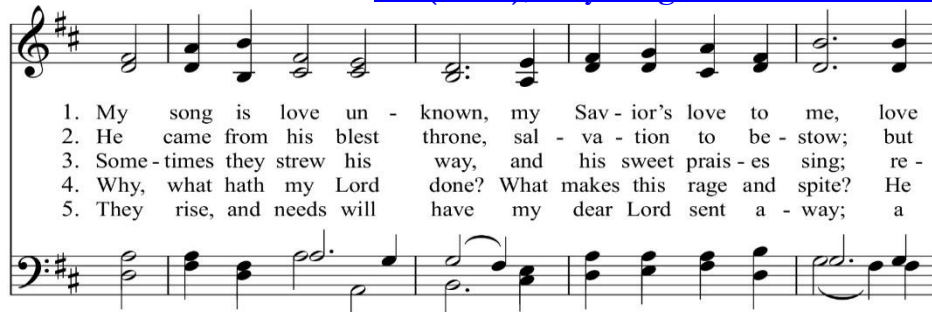
BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✚ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

[661 \(WOV\), “My Song Is Love Unknown”](#)



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior’s love to me, love
 2. He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow; but
 3. Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing; re -
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord sent a - way; a

to the love-less shown, that they might love - ly be. O who am
 men cared not, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But oh, my
 • sound-ing all the day ho-san-nas to their King. Then "Cru-ci-
 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet in-ju-
 mur-der-er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet will-ing

I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 Friend, my Friend in-deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 • fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 ries! Yet all his deeds their ha-tred feeds; they 'gainst him rise.
 he to suf-f'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

6. In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home,
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine;
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman, ca. 1624–1683
 Alt. 1990

LOVE UNKNOWN 6.6.6.6.8.8
 John Ireland, 1911

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

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EASTER BREAKFAST

Please sign up in the narthex as the deadline is **today** if you would like to attend or volunteer to help.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Announcements for Sunday, March 24, 2024

TO KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity. Cancer/Illness: **Tammy Cain, Milissa Collins, David Durant, Jay Fassbender, Brittany Dyche Harvey, Elsie Lamb, Susan Mueller, Dot Peterson, Sheila Ross, David Scott, Charles Sharp and Joey Simon; Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement including: **Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Colter Burkey, Adam Cormier, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Titus Nissen, Rich Peacock and Dylan Winslow; Holy Trinity's Mission Partner: **New Hope Lutheran Church – Sallis MS; ELCA Leaders: **SE Synod Bishop Rev. Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller.********

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our stewardship last week: Attendance – 51 Offerings – \$1,770.00

SCRIPTURE MARCH 31ST: *Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8*

BIRTHDAYS

Sam Oldham 03/25 Richard Micelli 03/26 Jeff Ramsland 03/26

Snacks 4 Students

Our outreach project for the month of March is to continue replenishing snacks for students among Baldwin County Schools. Numerous school's pantries are totally depleted. If you would like to donate, please place individually wrapped, single serving, healthy snacks on the table just outside our church office. At the end of the month, they will be distributed to another local school in need. Thank you, Tiffany Bogle.

Deadline for April's Newsletter: Tomorrow, **Monday, March 25th**, is the deadline for all input to April's Newsletter. Please contact our church office with whatever you would like included (htlcdaphne8271@gmail.com or 251-621-2968.)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Today** **Palm Sunday**
9:15am – 10:00am Children's Sunday School
10:00am Service of Holy Communion
12:00pm Deadline: Easter Lily, Easter Breakfast, and
Easter Egg Hunt Sign-up
- Mon., Mar. 25** Deadline for April Newsletter Input
4:30pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in
Sanctuary & Classroom
- Tues., Mar. 26** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
3:00pm – 6:30pm Musical Beginnings: Voice Lessons in
Sanctuary
- Wed., Mar. 27** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
3:00pm – 5:00pm Musical Beginnings: (Piano, Drums &
Violin) in Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall & Classroom 1
4:00pm – 5:30pm Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
5:00pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in
Sanctuary
- Thur., Mar. 28** **Maundy Thursday**
8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
4:30pm – 6:00pm Musical Beginnings: Music Lessons in
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- Fri., Mar. 29** **Good Friday**
4:00pm – 4:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in
Sanctuary
7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service
- Sat., Mar. 30** 8:00am Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
- Sun., Mar. 31** **Easter Sunday**
8:00am – 9:00am Easter Breakfast
10:00am Service of Holy Communion
11:15am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Phoebe Circle Update: Due to several schedule conflicts, there will be no March meeting. We will meet **April 9th** (Tuesday evening) at Linda Veren's home: 123 Petz Ave in Fairhope. Please RSVP Linda at 256-468-3885 or tigerjagmom@gmail.com.

Easter Sunday Schedule

March 31st



Breakfast
8:00 am



Worship with
Holy Communion
10:00 am



Easter Egg Hunt
Following
Worship

Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt **sign-up sheets** are available in the narthex.



Reminder: Today is the **deadline** for ordering **Easter Lilies**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Our March visit to **Prodissee Pantry** will take place this Wednesday, **March 27th, 5:30 pm**. The usual time of fellowship and refreshment will follow. No better way to spend Wednesday during Holy Week than to spend some time in community service. No need to sign up – just show up for this opportunity to serve and enjoy some good fellowship. The Pantry is located on Route 31 in Spanish Fort. See you there!

Assisting in Worship

Presiding Minister	Rev. Richard Mueller
Musicians	Craig Bruce Steve Horlebein
Assisting Minister	Linda Veren
Acolyte	Diane MacShane
Lector	Joan Micelli
Cantor	Debi Horlebein
Children's Sermon	Sandy Vontroba
Altar Guild	Emily Cormier
Greeter	Phyllis Buchholz
Usher	Fred Fassbender
Tellers	Fred Fassbender & Diane MacShane
Camera Operator	Andy Veren
Hospitality	TBD



OPEN CAMERA & SCAN

PURPOSE STATEMENT

God's purpose for Holy Trinity is to grow faith that moves us beyond ourselves.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Faithfully living with Christ at the center.
2. Prayerfully listening with open hearts and minds.
3. Selflessly welcoming all without preconceptions.
4. Courageously bearing our neighbor's burdens
5. Relating to one another with respect and honesty
6. Boldly sharing our blessings with other.

MARCH 24, 2024
PALM/PASSION
SUNDAY



Jesus' entry into Jerusalem gives us hope.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 11:1-11	Jesus enters Jerusalem
Monday	Mark 14:1–15:47	The passion of Jesus
Tuesday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	A servant song
Wednesday	Philippians 2:5-11	The Christ hymn
Thursday	Zechariah 9:9-13	Judgment on Israel's enemies
Friday	John 18:1–19:42	The passion of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 31:9-16	Prayer for deliverance
Sunday	John 20:1-18	The tomb is empty

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark 11:9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to see beyond our short-sightedness to the hope that is for all of us through the cross of Christ, that we may have life. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, blessed are you, the one who comes to us with this gift of food in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the steadfast love of God give you peace and hope.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Ride On, Ride On in
Majesty!*



taking 
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or tell about a time when you or someone you know felt rejected or sad.
- What is it about God's steadfast love that is deserving of your praise, especially as you think about Jesus' journey to the cross?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Mark 11:1-11.

It is not just by chance that the crowds who shout, "Hosanna!" days later also shout, "Crucify him" (Mark 15:13). This contrast leads us to look back to the beginning of the Gospel of Mark where Jesus' first message is, "the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15b). To repent is to change one's mind, to see new things, and to see things differently. The crowds shouting, "Hosanna" have a customary view of power and authority. The power Jesus brings is quite different from the authority of leaders filled with jealousy and fear like the high priests and Pilate, the Roman governor. Jesus' humble rule is displayed from a colt and is filled with self-giving love that conquers all, even triumphing over his own rejection and death. Palm Sunday points to a kingdom with good news and hope for the rejected and those who feel powerless. To truly hear the good news is to repent of anything less than Jesus' rule that alone gives us reason to say, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" (v. 9).

Discuss: What makes it difficult for you to see Jesus' power and glory from the cross?

Pray: **God of power and might, in a world torn apart by fear and jealousy, help us to see in your reign on earth the true source of hope through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you bring hope to someone who may be feeling rejected?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Palm Sunday signals the beginning of Holy Week. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, he knows the week will not end the way the people praising him will want. And yet, Jesus accepts the people's dreams and hopes and takes them to the cross with him. He turns those dreams and hopes into something more. Light six candles of the seven votive candles shaped like a cross being used for Lent. Sit in silence for a moment while looking at the cross.

Then pray: **Lord Jesus, you gave your life for us. Help us to live for you. Amen.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org



"THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK"

MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 28th

7:00 pm – Washing of Feet & Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY – March 29th

7:00 pm – Liturgy of the Cross

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD –

Easter Day March 31st

8:00 am – Easter Breakfast

10:00 am – Festival Service of Holy
Communion

Easter Egg Hunt follows Worship

