

# PALM SUNDAY



April 5, 2020  
Trinity Church

## WE READY OURSELVES TO WORSHIP

"We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, 'Blessed are they that mourn,' and I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not imagination." — C.S. Lewis

"The best praying man is the man who is most believingly familiar with the promises of God. After all, prayer is nothing but taking God's promises to him, and saying to him, 'Do as thou hast said.' Prayer is the promise utilized. A prayer which is not based on a promise has no true foundation." — Charles Spurgeon

"The foundation of moral life is God's truthfulness." — John Piper

"If you aren't constantly astonished at God's grace in your solitude, there's no way it can happen in public." — Tim Keller

"I love reading this passage ("he was numbered with the transgressors," Isa. 53:12; Lk 22:37) and hearing Jesus grab that pronoun 'he' and velcro it to his chest. He is the Suffering Servant, the son of David, the one who would 'justify the many' as he is 'pierced for our transgressions.' I read this passage and I find myself more impressed with my Savior who loves the Word of God, the will of God, the elect of God, all to the glory of God. Jesus Christ indeed has it all together as he goes to die for folks who can't get it right. I love him because he is so different than me, so perfect and so full of a holy zeal that terminates on the glory of God. I love him because he is different than me and is everything that I want to be. Simply, I love him because he is Jesus, the one and only." — Erik Raymond

# WORSHIPPING THE GOD WHO FULFILLS HIS PROMISES

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Song of Preparation

## *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Intro by Jean Sibelius. Words by Ada Havershon and Matt Merker. Music by Matt Merker

**VERSE 1 & 2**

5 G G/B C D G



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;

9 G/B C D G



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.  
Pre - cious in His ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.

13 Em D/F# G C B Em



I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;

17 D/F# G/B C D G



For my love is oft - en cold; He must hold me fast.  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

**CHORUS**

22 C D Em D/F# G



He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

26 AM' G/B C D Gmaj' G/B

For my Sav - ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

30 C<sup>2</sup> Gmaj<sup>7</sup> G/B C<sup>2</sup> Em<sup>9</sup> C

**VERSE 3**

3. For my life He bled and died,

35 C/E D/F# G Em<sup>9</sup> C

Christ will hold me fast; Just - ice has been sat - is - fied;

39 D G Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less life,

43 B Em D/F# G/B C

He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight,

47 D G C D Em

**CHORUS**

when He comes at last! \_\_\_\_\_ He will hold me fast,

52 D/F# G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C

He will hold me fast; For my Sav - ior loves me so,

56 1. D G 2. D G **ENDING**

He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.

## **\*Call to Worship—Psalm 18 (selected)**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

**All: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**

# WE DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD


## \*Songs of Adoration

### *I See the Lord*

Words and Music by Chris Falson

♩ = 80

D A/C# Em D/F# G



I see the Lord seated on the throne ex -

4 Asus A D A/C# Em D/F#



alt - ed, and the train of His robe fills the temple with

7 G E7/G# D/A Em7/A




glo - ry; And the whole earth is filled, and the

11 D/A Em7/A Bm7 Gmaj7



whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled with His

15 Em/G D D Em/D D




glo - ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

20 Em7/D Bm7 D/F# G

Asus	A
1	

Asus	A	D
2		



ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord. Lord of lords.

# Sanctus

Music by Brian T. Murphy, 2009

C Am F C Am

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might Heav-en and Earth are full of Your glo - ry

4 F F C G

Ho - san - na Bless - ed is he who comes In the name of the Lord

7 F C G C

Ho - - - san - na in the high - est\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written on a treble clef staff in common time (C). It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains six measures with lyrics 'Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might Heav-en and Earth are full of Your glo - ry'. The second line starts at measure 4 and contains four measures with lyrics 'Ho - san - na Bless - ed is he who comes In the name of the Lord'. The third line starts at measure 7 and contains four measures with lyrics 'Ho - - - san - na in the high - est\_\_\_\_'. Chords are indicated above the notes: C, Am, F, C, Am in the first line; F, F, C, G in the second line; F, C, G, C in the third line.

## \*Prayer of Adoration

# WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

## Old Testament Reading—Psalm 39:1-16

*The Psalmist expresses trust in the Lord in the midst of distress*

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 persecutors!  
Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!

Reader: The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of  
the Lord stands forever!

**People: Thanks be to God!**



# WE CONFESS OUR UTTER UNWORTHINESS BEFORE GOD

## **Call to Confession—John 12:23-26**

And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.”

## **Silent Confession and Lament**

# WE ENCOUNTER AND REJOICE IN THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

## **Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—John 12:44-46**

And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.”

Leader: People of God, give thanks to God for his light that overwhelms the darkness!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you!**

# \*Song of Rejoicing

# Oh Give Thanks! (Psalm 107)

Wendell Kimbrough

D D D

1. We were wan - d'ring in the de - sert with our souls  
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs  
 3. We were fools in our re - bell - ion with our hun -  
 4. We were far out on the o - cean ma - king wealth

4 G G Bm7

so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home - land we did not  
 bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark - ness we were slaves  
 - ger strike of pride; we were sick and grow - ing clos - er to the death  
 and cha - sing dreams but the waves of great de - struc - tion brought us trem -

8 A sus A D

know how to seek, but we lif - ted up our voi -  
 to sin and blame Then we cried out in our la -  
 - we should have died Then he heard of our con - di -  
 bling to our knees, and we cried like drun - ken sai -

11 D/F# G G

- ces to the on - ly One who hears and the God  
 - bor to the on - ly One who hears and the God  
 - tion and He called us by our names and the God  
 - lors to the on - ly One who hears and the God

14 D/A A Bm C A D

of mer - cy came and brought us near. Oh give thanks to the Lord  
 of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.  
 of glo - ry took a - way our shame.  
 of com - fort took a - way our fears.

19 F# G D Bm D

for His love en - dures fo - re - ver! We were wan - der - ing and lost and our Fa -

24 E7 A D F#

- ther brought us home to a safe dwe - lling place, to a feast

28 G D F# Bm D7 G Gm6 D

of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Special Music**

*Ancient of Days*

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves

**Sermon**

"To Fulfill the Scripture"

John 19:23-24

Rev. Nate Taylor

**\*Song of Response**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Trinity Hymnal #295

**\*Benediction**

**These are just announcement highlights. If you'd like to know more about Trinity, connect with us in one of the following ways...**

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Worship and General Church Information

**Please look for communication mid-week about ongoing activities at church. We will let you know if there is a change to any of the activities below.**

- **New Adult Sunday school class:** Spiritual Formation in an Anxious Age — With the presence of a pandemic, grim economic news, stir-crazy isolation, and the quest for new routines, it can be easy to simply try to get by. The temptation is to press pause on our spirituality as many other aspects of life stand still. What if, instead, we took some time to ask ourselves, "Who am I becoming?" We're all scrambling to find practices that will sustain us through tough times, but what if we thought this way about all of life? Join Pastor Nate for a new Adult Ed class starting April 19th. We'll be asking what it means to cultivate the habits of love and disciplines of grace as we seek to be conformed to the image of Christ, even in the midst of a very anxious time. **Pastor Nate will be recording the lessons and distributing them via email and social media.**
- The **church office** is closed temporarily, but please don't hesitate to contact your elder or a staff member if you need anything.
- **All Bible Studies** will move to an online format for the next few weeks. Your ministry leader will reach out to you with more information.
- Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.
- **Choral Ensemble** rehearsals have ALL been cancelled.
- If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to [amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org](mailto:amymitchell@trinitystlouis.org).
- **Sign up for the Diaconal Care group** by going to Church Center, click the tab that says "Groups" then scroll till you find "Service," click that tab and search for diaconal care group.
- **Holy Week Services:** Join us for our Good Friday Service on our Facebook page, Friday, Apr. 10th at 7pm. Easter Morning Worship will be at 9:30am on our Facebook page. We will not have a Maundy Thursday or Easter Sunrise service this year as originally planned.

Trinity's ministries are organized around the core values in our purpose statement which reads: Trinity Church exists to **exalt** God's name, **establish** God's people, **equip** God's church and **engage** God's world, in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the sake of the Risen King, Jesus Christ.