# PALM SUNDAY



April 2, 2022 Trinity Church

# WORSHIPING THE GOD WHO FULFILLS HIS PROMISES

Liturgist: Matt Pannkuk

Scripture Reader: Peg Nichols

Pastoral Prayer: Jim Talent, Ruling Elder

## **Prelude**

### Welcome and Announcements

## **Quotes and Reflections**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. — Psalm 24:7

"No pain, no palm; No thorns, no throne; No gall, no glory; No cross, no crown." — William Penn

"When Christ entered into Jerusalem the people spread garments in the way: when He enters into our hearts, we pull off our own righteousness, and not only lay it under Christ's feet but even trample upon it ourselves."

— Augustus Toplady

# WE READY OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Procuring a Donkey from Ligonier.com (Aug. 16, 2016)

The four evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—are all concerned with the teachings and miracles of Jesus. Yet in none of the four Gospels is the public ministry of Jesus the primary focus. Each gospel writer slows down his narration of Jesus' life considerably once our Lord makes His final visit to Jerusalem, and each devotes an extraordinary amount of attention to the events between Palm Sunday and the resurrection of Jesus. The amount of space devoted to that time period shows that the full significance of Jesus' life and ministry is revealed only in His passion.

Mark uses six of his sixteen chapters to tell the story of the last days of Jesus' life. Mark 11:1-6 records the instructions Jesus gave to two of His disciples immediately before He and His followers entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The church's traditional liturgical calendar has only seven days passing between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, but there are reasons to believe several months intervened between Jesus' entry into the city and His resurrection. The most significant of these reasons is that John's gospel has Jesus in Judea about four months before His crucifixion, having come up for the Feast of Dedication, which took place in the fall (John 10:22).

We read that when Jesus reached the Mount of Olives, our Lord sent two of His disciples to procure a colt for Him. The messianic significance of this should not be missed. In the first century, many rabbis thought the Mount of Olives would be the place from which the promised Messiah would finally come to Jerusalem. More importantly, the royal beast of burden for the ancient Israelite kings was the colt, that is, the donkey. They also used mules, which are the offspring of donkeys and horses. For instance, when David wanted to reveal Solomon as the next king of Israel, he had Solomon ride on his mule (1 Kings 1:28–53). Zechariah 9:9 is a prophecy that the Son of David, the Messiah, would come to Jerusalem on a "colt, the foal of a donkey." After keeping knowledge of His messianic identity limited to only a few people for most of His ministry, Jesus was finally getting ready to reveal Himself as the Messiah to the masses.

Jesus' instructions to the disciples who procured the donkey demonstrate His sovereignty over the coming events (Mark 11:2–6). He expected the donkey's owners to know who He was and to grant the disciples' request. What was about to happen was something Jesus had been preparing for His entire ministry.

# **Song of Preparation**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Trinity Hymnal #235

Children's Song

Victory Chant
Words and Music by Joseph Vogels

# Call to Worship—Psalm 118 (selected)

Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his

steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

People: "His steadfast love endures forever."

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the

cornerstone.

People: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice

and be glad in it.

WF DECLARE THE ETERNAL WORTHINESS OF GOD

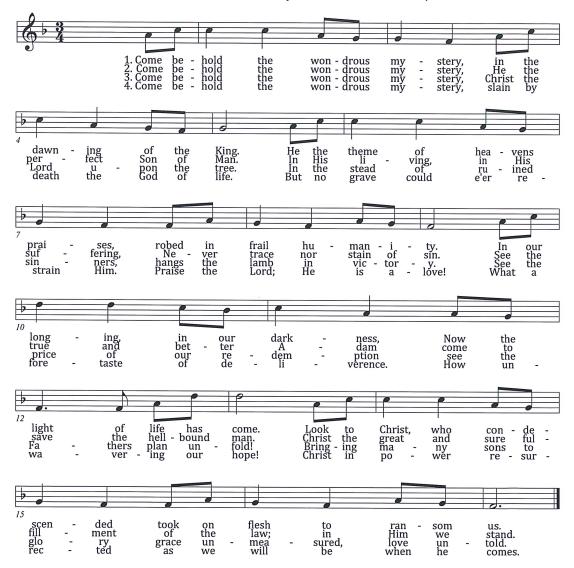
\*Songs of Adoration

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Trinity Hymnal #309

# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker



# \*Prayer of Adoration

## WE HEAR FROM GOD'S WORD

# New Testament Reading—John 12:1-11

Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

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—Psalm 31:9-10

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.

#### Silent Confession and Lament

# Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace—Psalm 31:19

Oh, how abundant is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you and worked for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of the children of mankind!

Leader: Christian, give thanks to God for His abundant

goodness!

People: Thanks be to God!

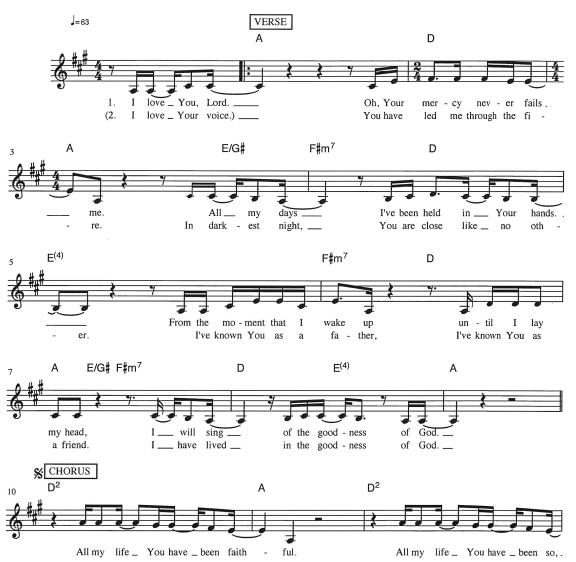
Leader: Now may the peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you!

# Song of Rejoicing

## Goodness of God

Words and Music by Jen Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding, and Brian Johnson





## WE HUMBLE OURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD

# **Pastoral Prayer**

# **Tithes and Offerings**

(Children's Church meets for 4yr to 2nd grade in room 106, with the exception of the 5th Sunday of the month)

#### Sermon

"Christ Our Bridegroom" Matthew 25:1-13 Rev. Dr. Chris Polski

## THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### \*Sursum Corda

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the LORD.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

People: It is good and right so to do.

## \*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christian, in whom do you believe?

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

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

The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right

hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

## Words of Institution-Matthew 26:26—29

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

# **Prayer of Consecration**

# The Giving of the Bread and Cup

Upon direction from the ushers, please come forward down the center aisle. After you receive the elements, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please hold the elements until we are all able to partake together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup.

(Grape juice is in the purple cups and wine in the clear. The bread is gluten and nut free)

# Communion Song (Ensemble)

Jerusalem

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Tiarne Tranter. Arr. by Dustin Loehrs and Grant Wall

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

# \*Sending Song

Mighty God We Thank and Praise You

Mighty God we thank and praise you for this meal, this Bread of Life; Precious blood and body, broken, from your Son our Savior, Christ. In these myst'ries you assure us we are members of your Son; Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, with all faithful people, one.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, in your grace, to make us strong, That, with all the saints before us, in good works we may press on! Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, pow'r and glory to your name!

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

\*Benediction

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Evangelism: A Better Story – Rev. Pablo Rosales (Room 111)

The Great Commission is known by every believer. Christians are called to share the wonderful story that they believe to be true. However, in the modern world there exist several competing stories. Together, we will first take a look at the Great Commission and then listen to the competing stories, in order to find ways to share the "Better Story."

## Turning Points: A Survey of the Most Significant Moments in Church History and Why They Still Matter – Rev. Dr. Chris Polski (Sanctuary)

It's been over 2000 years since the earthly ministry of Christ concluded and during that time His followers have expanded from being a small sect in Jerusalem to a world-wide movement of billions who have altered the course of human history. What were the most significant events in that process? Who were the key players and what did they believe? How did the church become what it is today and what lessons can we learn as we seek to live out our calling where the Lord has planted us? Please join Pastor Polski during the SS hour as he explores these and other fascinating questions by looking at key moments in the history of the Church.

#### Exodus - Ruling Elders, Fielding Poe and Jim Talent (Room 110)

Moses, the Law, the Egyptian Plagues, the flight from Egypt: the references from Exodus are throughout Scripture. Can we really understand Mount Zion, unless we study to appreciate this experience of Mount Sinai? As our pastors take us through Exodus in their Sunday sermons, we will be doing a verse-by-verse study of the book, Exodus, a Flight from Slavery.

#### Adult Choir - Katie Polski, Music Director (Fireplace Room-101)

All are welcome to join our adult choir this semester which will meet during the Sunday School hour from February 5th through April 2nd. Our choir will sing three times during the Sunday morning services this semester, including Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Katie Polski.

Jr. & Sr. High Students - Lower level 4th-5th Grade - Room 102 1st-3rd Grade - Room 106B Pre K/Kindergarten - Room 105 Nursery - Rooms 103 & 104

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday School for all ages** meets today. A list of classes and their locations can be found on the previous page. There is no Sunday school next week.

Young Adults Lunch TODAY! Join us at 12:15 at Hokkaido Seafood Buffet:129 Concord Plaza Shopping Center, St. Louis, MO 63128.

NO Men's & Women's Bible Study this week.

Volunteers today: Ushers: Oehlerking, Moen, Broughton, Smith. Nursery: Marcus, Inions, K. Linenbroker, P. Waldron. SS: Bava, Younger. CC: Doiron, Inion. Next Sunday: Ushers: Roberts, Wong, Maglione, Alexander. Nursery: Hall, Keating, J. Standerfer, Highmark. CC: Jackson, Linenbroker.

**ACTION** will NOT meet this week. We will resume for our final gathering of the semester on Apr. 12.

The next Men's Breakfast is Sat., Apr. 22nd at 8am. Register on Church Center or see Kyle Roberts.

Men's Night this Wed. at 7:30pm at Chris Freeman's.

Following the 9:30 am Easter Worship Service, nursery children through 5th grade are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt** on the front lawn. Children will be given an Easter bag to collect eggs during the children's sermon and at nursery pick-up. **If you would like to make an egg donation** for the event, please see the Church Center event sign-up (or use the QR code to the right).

**Easter Flowers:** The live flowers that will be put out for our Easter service will be available to take home following the 9:30 service. A donation basket will be in the church office to help offset the cost.

If you would like to receive the monthly **Children's Ministry Newsletter**, please send your email address to: melissa.kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org.

If you do not receive our **weekly email updates** on Tuesday mornings, please send your email address to amy.mitchell@trinitychurchkirkwood.org

There are several easy ways to serve at Trinity. Feel free to reach out to these ministry coordinators to get involved: Ushers: Paul Schaffer:

Paul.Schaffer@trinitychurchkirkwood.org, **Greeters**: James Broughton (jlbroughton12@gmail.com), **Nursery**: Alyssa Hall (alyssaruth120@gmail.com). **Children's Ministry:** Melissa Kocker (Melissa.Kocher@trinitychurchkirkwood.org)

Did you know you can use the **Church Center app** for online giving, church directory, to sign up for events, connect with your small groups, bible studies, etc? Contact the church office for assistance.

You can **sign up for all upcoming events** by scanning

your phone camera over the QR

code and then following the link:



### HOLY WEEK

We hope you will join us for services this week

- Good Friday Service- Apr. 7 at 7pm
- Easter Sunrise Service- Apr. 9 at 7am (outdoor-weather permitting)
- Easter Morning Worship- Apr. 9 at 9:30am

## MISSION UPDATE

#### The Mobilized Church: Missions Workshop - April 26th and 27th

If someone were to ask you, "What kind of missions work does your church do?", would you know what to say? In a lot of churches, "missions" is the work of a few people in the church while the rest of the congregation is in the dark as to what is going on. This is no one-person's fault. Rather, it comes from a culture of compartmentalization and specialization. These aren't necessarily bad things, but we can see what happens if what is meant to be a team effort gets compartmentalized too early too soon. Take youth sports for example—kids (sometimes as early as 5 years old) are given a position that they will be expected to play for the rest of their lives. Note only will this delay athleticism and field awareness, but soon the team game is "not fun anymore." Similarly, the particular position of "missions" is given to some and they are expected to play that position for the rest of the lives.

In the mobilized church workshop, which will be hosted here at Trinity Church, we want to discover how the entire church can be involved in missions. How, as a team (or one body), we can strengthen and deepen our missional engagement for the spreading of the gospel.

These are two all-day workshops (9am – 5pm). Cost and information are found by clicking this QR code: 

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Please contact Pastor Pablo with any questions.

#### Mark your calendars - May 20th - BBQ with Oasis International

Oasis is a ministry that comes alongside new arrivals to this country to help them acclimate to a new land, people, and cultures. They provide resources and material goods to families in order to reflect the love that God has for all his image bearers. They are constantly looking to deepen relationships with refugees and immigrants in order to find open doors for sharing what we all need, the reconciliation of our broken relationship with God.

This BBQ serves to strengthen the relationship that Oasis has with this community. At the same time, it is a unique opportunity for us to create and develop relationships with people who are very different from us, all while enjoying a Arts and Crafts, a performance from Kinetic Tapestry (A Circus and Performing Arts Studio in St. Louis), Grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs. Sign up to volunteer here:

Please bring the whole family for this event. Non-volunteers can arrive around 11am. Location: Oasis International, 5035 Gravois Ave, St. Louis, MO 63116



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.

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