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A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING

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



Hosanna in the highest heaven!

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

All Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.

All Amen.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF Matthew 21:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus and his disciples 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." This took place to fulfill 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the 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 proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

All Hosanna in the highest.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #154 All glory, laud, and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Amen.

Please be seated.

THE 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 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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

Please stand for the Psalm.

PSALM 22 1-11

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my
mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.

Please be seated.

THE EPISTLE: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection.

Passiontide

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects 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 power, and reign. Amen.

HENRY HART MILMAN, 1827, *alt.*

64 *Second Tune*
WINCHESTER NEW

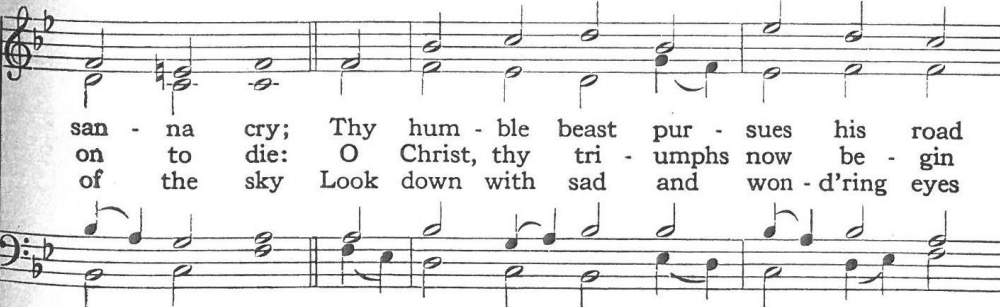
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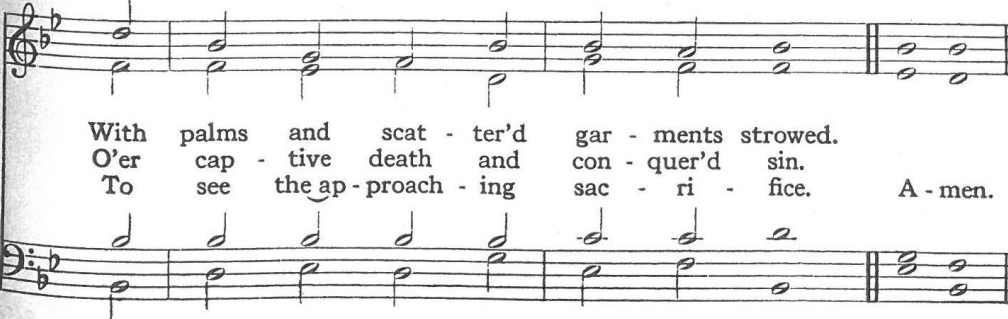
With solemnity



1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies



san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road
on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin
of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes



With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice. A - men.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation remains seated until the arrival at Golgotha, when all stand or kneel.

- Narrator* One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,
Judas "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"
Narrator They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
Disciples "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"
Narrator He said,
Jesus "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"
Narrator So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,
Jesus "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."
Narrator And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
Disciples "Surely not I, Lord?"
Narrator He answered,
Jesus "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."
Narrator Judas, who betrayed him, said,
Judas "Surely not I, Rabbi?"
Narrator He replied,
Jesus "You have said so."
Narrator While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,
Jesus "Take, eat; this is my body."
Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,
Jesus "Drink from 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 never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."
Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,
Jesus "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."
Narrator Peter said to him,
Peter "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."
Narrator Jesus said to him,
Jesus "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Narrator And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.”

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.”

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.”

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.”

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas “Greetings, Rabbi!”

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Friend, do what you are here to do.”

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus “Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?”

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.”

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as

the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

People “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.’”

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,

High Priest “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest “I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus “You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest “He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?”

Narrator They answered,

People “He deserves death.”

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Chief Priests “Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?”

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter “I do not know what you are talking about.”

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man.”

Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystander Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.”

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter “I do not know the man!”

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said

Jesus “Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

Narrator But they said,

Chief Priests "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus "You say so."

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

Narrator But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Narrator And they said,

People "Barabbas."

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator All of them said,

People "Let him be crucified!"

Narrator Then he asked,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

People "Let him be crucified!"

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

People **“His blood be on us and on our children!”**

Narrator So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Members of the People rise, as they are able, and remain standing for the remainder of the reading.

Narrator As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

People **“You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”**

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Chief Priests “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’”

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”

Narrator that is,

Jesus “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

People **“This man is calling for Elijah.”**

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

People **“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”**

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. *(Pause.)*

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion “Truly this man was God’s Son!

Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.”

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.”

Narrator So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Silence for reflection.

Hymn #172 Were you there when they crucified my Lord

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
 *3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you
 4 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh!
 there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh!
 there when they pierced him in the side? Oh!
 there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh!

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble,

trem-ble. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 trem-ble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Soloist: Jackson Merrill

Members of the congregation are asked to observe the periods of silence following each petition. All are invited to offer their own petitions and thanksgivings following the prayers for those who have died.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishops Ian and Laura; for this gathering; for this parish of Trinity as we seek a
new Rector, and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all
people, especially in during this COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those who have died from COVID-19.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant offers a concluding prayer.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in
the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us
and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O
lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

BCP p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP p. 364

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.
OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.

+ ASSISTING AT WORSHIP +

The Rev. Norman M. MacLeod – **Celebrant and Preacher**

Lector & Intercessor Martha Freimuth

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LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for our entire parish family of Trinity Church, Hartford.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Andrew's, Kent; Emmanuel, Killingworth; Trinity, Lime Rock; St. Michael's, Litchfield; collaborative ministries and all Ministry Networks; Joining Jesus in the New Missional Age, ECCT Regions and Region Missionaries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles.

We pray for Peg Andrian; Mavis Bennett; Ginny Catanzaro; Gloria Cheyney and family; Tori Henry; Louise Krippenstapel; Carlene Lewis; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Al Pereira; Jim Register; Carolyn Rogers; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Al Shuckra; Diane, Helen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtenga; Alice Turcotte; Carl Williams, Chris Weber; Richard Green (brother of Peter Green), Donald Bowens (Dianne Bowens-Waller), Joseph Negrelli Jr. and his family, Alan and Elena Rice, Brenda and Ronald Stahley (parents of Pamela Haddad), Bill McMunn and Richard Alan Garver, Diane Bowens-Waller, Bruce and Jane Tatge (parents of Anne Green), Polly Thomas, Rebecca Bourret, Peter Vreeland, John E. Robinson, Mark, Maritza and Anne Marie Pacileo, Percy Williamson, Amy Williams, Nancy Crandall and those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, and immigration and refugee policies, and their families; and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of homicide victims in our city of Hartford, and beyond. We pray for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.



The Aumbry Candle is lit this week in loving memory of Steve Smith.

Worship This Week with Trinity Church

Buildings Closed and Face to Face Services Suspended Until Further Notice

Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

Video Taped Service Goes Up at 8 AM

View it [here](#).

The Rev. Norman MacLeod, Officiating

Thursday Noon Services Continue on Zoom

Maundy Thursday

Service Live-Streamed via Zoom at 7 PM.

Good Friday

Ecumenical Asylum Hill Churches Service on Video

Access information coming on Tuesday

Service Live-Streamed via Zoom at 7 PM.

A Message From Father Norman

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Dear Beloved Trinity friends:

The prayer above is the Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, this past Sabbath day. All week its words have echoed in my mind and heart. I put in bold the words which most resonate with me as we face the coronavirus pandemic.

Unruly wills. One of the hardest things for us to do is set aside our own desires or habits for the common good. Sheltering in place violates a basic human need for company, but unruly wills which ignore the need to protect ourselves and one another from COVID-19 are a recipe for disaster.

Love what you command. God commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. The governor and public health officials require us to keep our distance from one another, to stay at home as much as possible. How can we love this version of God's great commandment about neighbor love?

Swift and varied changes of the world. This pandemic struck swiftly over a period of weeks, bringing "varied changes" unlike anything we have ever experienced.

True joys. Facing these sudden restrictions, the resulting break in familiar patterns calls us to ask, "What is really important?" Or to put it another way, "Where are true joys to be found?"

Someone asked a friend of mine, "What has not been taken away from you because of the pandemic?"

He replied, "The knowledge that I am a beloved child of God. Nothing can take that away from me."

It is a great question, "What has not been taken away?"

Where in all the loss within and around us, are true joys to be found?

A neighbor across the street posted a giant Valentine on the front door, with the words, "Together Apart." I have never seen this fellow apartment dweller, but in this strange time, the neighbor expressed, for me, a true joy. We are all on this together, surrounded by love beyond knowing.

Many blessings,

Norman



The Wardens' Corner

It seems that the entire world is struggling to define how to live lives of meaning and joy in the midst of a global pandemic. For members of ECCT parishes, maintaining a connection to their church through online worship services, phone calls to friends, and regular communications such as our own "Voice" newsletter has helped them hold on to a "new normal." This is true of Trinity members as well, it seems, based on the number of appreciative emails and phone calls following our online worship.

We want you to know that even now, Trinity is working to live out our mission. The Parish Care and Outreach teams have both had productive

Zoom meetings about ways they can be a presence in the life of the parish and our Hartford community during this time of unprecedented difficulty.

Father Norman and Jackson Merrill are planning worship services for the Triduum and Easter Season, and receiving technical support from Casey

Rousseau and Jake Troiano. And Trinity's paid staff continues to support the everyday and business functions of the parish, working from home as much as possible.

We're still in a time of pastoral transition, of course, and that process is also continuing. Enid Oberholtzer, Chair of the Recruitment Team, reports, "We have met several times over the last few weeks. Supported by the work of the Prayer and Discernment Teams and with the leadership of Virginia Army, we are focusing on constructing a calendar of dates to save for the various tasks to be performed, discussing the process of interviewing, and compiling a list of interview questions based on the Parish Profile."

It is likely that our search process will be affected by the uncertainty of our national life. We're not sure what disruption there may be in our process, but we can rest in God's promise that we will be given what we need in order to fulfill God's plan for us.

~~Alan Rice and Martha Freimuth,

Wardens

Adult Christian Formation

This Sunday, April 5 at 11:00 AM.

Join us virtually to hear Allison Bernhard, Principal, and Donna Colliton, Executive Director, from Trinity Academy speak.

Find out how Trinity Academy has successfully completed its first week of distance learning! They will walk us through a typical day including how students and teachers now communicate with one another. While distance learning is certainly not ideal, especially for elementary school children, Trinity Academy is moving forward confidently and doing everything it can to ensure that its students continue to get the best education possible.

Topic: ACF - Update from Trinity Academy

Time: Apr 5, 2020 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting via your computer

<https://zoom.us/j/399564473?pwd=TmNZYU9nQ21SY2ZwZStUd2NvM1c0dz09>

Meeting ID: 399 564 473

Password: 040719

Or Dial in through your phone

929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 399 564 473

Password: 040719

**Lenten Offering for the Diocese of Jerusalem:
Urgent Appeal**

As in years past, Trinity will continue its support of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Ahli Hospital for the Ash Wednesday (February 26th) and Good Friday (April 10th) offerings. We always extend this offering period throughout all of Lent, since we cannot all make those services. With the church closed due to the Coronavirus, our gifts are still needed! We have received word that the virus will soon descend on Gaza. However, in Gaza, there is no possibility of social distancing as most people live in refugee housing that is extremely crowded. Gaza is one of the most confined populated areas on our planet.

During this holy season of Lent, remembering our brothers and sisters where our faith began, is so important. Please make checks out to Trinity Church with AFEDJ (American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem) and send to the church office. Or you can send your donation directly to AFEDJ at: 25 Old King Highway North, Suite 13, Darien, CT 06820. If you would prefer to send an online donation, please go to www.afedj.org Choose Donate/Ahli Hospital, Gaza.

In addition, the Outreach Team met via Zoom on Thursday evening March 26th and voted to send \$3,000 immediately to AFEDJ for the hospital. Your pledge dollars are going to be helping a wonderful small hospital that will be doing very difficult work. The people of the Holy Land thank you!

--Kate Smith for the Outreach Team

Save the Date! Virtual Cystic Fibrosis Walk - June 5th

Kate and Drew Smith's annual walk to support Cystic Fibrosis through the Great Strides program is going virtual.

More information to follow in mid-April. Visit <http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/KateSmith> for more information.



**These doors will open again.
Meanwhile, worship with us online and in your heart.**

The Rev. Norman M. MacLeod, *Interim Priest-in-Charge*
Jackson Merrill, *Director of Music Ministries*
Fran Times-Mack, *Parish Financial Manager*
Vincent J. Pacileo, *Property Manager*
Barbara Roos, *Assistant to the Rector*
Patrick Reid, *Capital Campaign Administrator*

Clement Mogor and Kate Rousseau,
*Church School Coordinators**
Katherine Wilson, *Newsletter Editor (The Voice)**
Liz Kirkpatrick, *Archivist**

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The Rev. George A. Chien, (UMC, MCC), *Associate for Digital Ministries*
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick*
The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith*
The Rev. C. Jon Widing*
The Rev. William J. Eakins, **Rector Emeritus*

Ministry Quadrant Leaders*

Peter Green, *Worship*
Lily Miller, *Outreach*
Clement Mogor, *Christian Formation*
Anne Rapkin, *Parish Care*

Vestry*

Martha Freimuth, J. Alan Rice, *Wardens*
Kathleen Peterson, *Clerk*
Casey Rousseau, *Treasurer*,
Jake Troiano, *Assistant Treasurer*
Kevin Rennie, Kevin Chick
Katherine Wilson, Steven Zhitnik
Walton Brown-Foster
William Kofalk, Stephen Sirotko
Althea Francis
Thomas Oberholtzer, Leslyn Clark, Kate Steven

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The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Ph. D., *Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Laura J. Ahrens, *Bishop Suffragan*

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