

# PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Word, Rite II

APRIL 5, 2020

10:30 a.m.



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***Making God's Presence Real  
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love***

# The SUNDAY of the PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

*Those watching online may gather branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be held up during the procession and during the prayer of blessing. Greenery may also be placed on the front door of your home.*

ANTHEM AT THE GATHERING      *Hosanna to the Son of David*      Jean Baptiste Calkins

Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Amen

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

**People**      **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.

**People**      **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21: 1-11

*(Read along in English as our Youth Minister reads the Gospel in Spanish.)*

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."

*The celebrant then gives the following blessing*

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**People**      **It is right to give him 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.

*During the Procession, all raise the palms.*

*Celebrant* 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 liveth and reigneth in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

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

**People** **Hosanna in the highest.**

COLLECT (*at the doors of the church*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

AT THE PROCESSION

*The virtual procession goes toward the church. During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and the following hymn is sung by all.*

*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. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*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.

**People** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31: 9-16

In te, Domine, speravi  
*Read responsively by whole verse.*

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

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

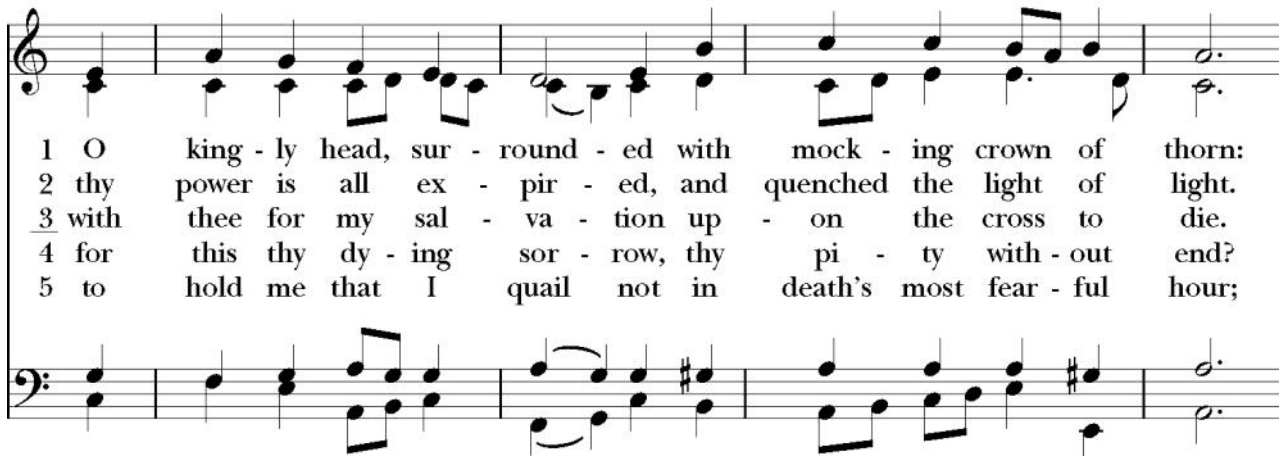
**People** Thanks be to God.

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The congregation remains seated and sing verse 1.  
Verses 2-5 are interspersed throughout the Passion reading.



1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;  
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;  
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,  
\*4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
\*5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,



1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:  
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.  
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.  
4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?  
5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;



1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?  
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:  
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,  
4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,  
5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife



1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!  
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.  
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.  
4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.  
5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26: 14-27: 66

*(Follow along in Spanish on the Trinity Facebook Page)*

- 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 The priests paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment Judas began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.  
On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,
- Peter Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?
- Narrator Jesus 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, Jesus 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 the disciples became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,
- Peter "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 Jesus 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 his disciples,

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 his disciples to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to them,

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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Jesus came and found the disciples 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 Jesus 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 the crowd a sign, saying,

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

Narrator At once Judas 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 the crowd 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.

### ***Sequence Hymn verse 2***

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted Jesus 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, Peter 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,

1st Witness 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 to Jesus,

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 Jesus,

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 The scribes and elders answered,

Scribe He deserves death.

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

Elder 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 1 You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

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

Peter I do not know what you are talking about.

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

Servant 2 This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Narrator Again, Peter 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 1 Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Narrator Then Peter 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 Peter 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. Judas said,

Judas I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Narrator But the chief priests and elders said,

Chief Priest What is that to us? See to it yourself.

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

Chief Priest 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,

Prophet 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.

### **Sequence Hymn verse 3**

Narrator 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 Jesus 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 Jesus 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 the crowd,

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

Narrator For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, 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 the crowd said,

**Crowd Barabbas**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

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

Narrator All of them said,

**Crowd Let him be crucified!**

Narrator Then Pilate asked,

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator But the crowd shouted all the more,

**Crowd 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,

**Crowd His blood be on us and on our children!**

Narrator So Pilate 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 Jesus 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,

Soldier Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator They spat on Jesus, 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. As they went out, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon, they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

**All stand.**

Narrator And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read,

Soldier This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

**Sequence Hymn verse 4**

Narrator Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Passerby 1 You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!

Passerby 2 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 Jesus, saying,

Chief Priest He saved others; he cannot save himself.

Scribe He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

Elder He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said, "I am God's Son."

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with Jesus 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,

Bystander 1 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,

Bystander 2 Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

### **Silence**

Narrator 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, 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. Joseph 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. Joseph 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 Priest Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive,

Pharisee He said, "After three days I will rise again."

Chief Priest Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise Jesus' disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people,

Pharisee "He has been raised from the dead,"

Chief Priest 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.

### Sequence Hymn verse 5

MEDITATION ON THE READING OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST  
*Our Father in Heaven*

Georg Böhm

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

ANTHEM

April Sloan-Hubert, soloist  
Collin Boothby, accompanist

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Give wisdom to those who have responsibility and authority in every land, that we may share with justice the resources of the world, and work together in trust.

Let us pray for the Church and its mission.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend James Richard Wong Yin Song and the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

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In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Christ Church Cathedral, Houston; Grace, Houston; and Lord of the Streets, Houston. In the ministry cycle of prayer for the Young Professionals Ministry.

We pray for our bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff and Kai, our Bishops; for Hannah and Henry our clergy.

We commend to your keeping ourselves and each other, our families, those with whom we work and learn, our neighbors and our friends.

Comfort and heal, we pray, all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble, especially for those we now name: Vivian, Myron, Theresa, Jack, Bridget, Thurman and Jeannette.

Let us give thanks for the faithful departed, especially Elsa Áviles, Bubbha Thomas, Ellis Marsalis, Jr. and all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of your kingdom.

We give you thanks for your servants in every age, especially for these who are celebrating their birthdays: John, Ann, David, Brad, Elissa, Kaydance, and Danya.

O God, we who come before you this day are many and diverse, with different needs and desires.

We ask you to accept our thanksgivings, to guide our ways, and to receive our praise. O God, hear the prayers of your people.

*Officiant*

Facing the coronavirus, we pray  
for all who mourn their dead  
for the thousands who have contracted the virus  
for all who are quarantined  
for those who are stranded away from home  
for those who have lost their employment  
for those who fear the present and the future  
for children who cannot assemble for school  
for parents with needs for child care  
for physicians, nurses, and home health aides  
for hospitals and clinics  
for volunteers who are serving their communities  
for medical researchers  
for the World Health Organization  
for adequate and wise governmental policies. . .



In your mercy, benevolent God

**People** Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your  
Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

BCP, page 80

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the  
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, page 97

*Officiant*

The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

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.

**People**

**Amen.**

*Unison or harmony*

1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior'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 strong 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 made a - way; a

1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then  
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet

1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them-selves dis-please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 5 stead-fast he to suf-fering 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?  
 Heaven 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.

DISMISSAL

Officiant

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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# THE WEEKLY WINDOW

of TRINITY *The Heart of Midtown*

April 5, 2020

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday —Year A



**Be a part of the Palm Sunday celebration from home this Sunday.**

We invite you all to participate by placing greenery (real or artificial) on your front door. Anything you can find will work! Find some greenery to raise up during the Palm Sunday service which will begin at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 5th and can be viewed throughout the day at:  
**<https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston>**  
and  
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## This Week at Trinity Virtual Services

### Sunday, April 5, 2020

9:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study (via Zoom)  
(Contact [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org) for link)

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite II, Church  
(go to [Facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston))

### Monday, April 6, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
3:00 p.m. Rector's message on Facebook  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Tuesday, April 7, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
10:10 a.m. Yoga with Saba  
(via Zoom—for link, contact [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org))  
11:30 am Monthly Women's Circle  
(via Zoom—for link, contact [frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:frontoffice@trinitymidtown.org))  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook

### Wednesday, April 8, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook  
7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (via Zoom)

### Thursday, April 9, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on Facebook  
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service on FB The Watch 8:00 pm., Thurs.—Noon, Fri.



### Friday, April 10, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
12:00 p.m. Good Friday service on FB  
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross on FB

### Saturday, April 11, 2020

9:30 a.m. Daily Prayer e-mail  
7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil on Facebook

### Sunday, April 12, 2020

9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday service  
(go to [Facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston))

### Daily Scripture and Prayer from the Rector

(if you are not receiving this e-mail, contact [connections@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:connections@trinitymidtown.org))

### Pub Theology via Zoom

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### Inner City Spirit Podcast

at [TrinityMidtown.org](http://TrinityMidtown.org), click Sermons page *or* on iTunes, access by clicking on "Trinity Episcopal Church Sermons"

Videos of the services may be accessed on our webpage/facebook page at any time after the official service times

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### **Trinity continues its commitment to feed the homeless—**

Trinity staff will continue distributing sack meals each weeknight at 5:30 pm.

(Individuals shown in photo have granted permission for use of their likeness. Photo: Hannah Atkins Romero)

Stay connected to Trinity with these services and so much more anytime on:



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## Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who are at a turning point and request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire ongoing prayers. Please use the pew cards or email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, [rector@trinitymidtown.org](mailto:rector@trinitymidtown.org). If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper at [normajcoop@aol.com](mailto:normajcoop@aol.com).

*Bob, Myron, Marvin, Larry, Caroline, Neil, Allegra, Gareth, Jimmie, JaNelle, Louis, Godfrey, Tom, Jill, Leslie, Stephen, Rike, Larry, Christopher, Barbara, Van, Aurora, Kazi, Sterling, Sandi Lee, Emily, Marcus, Anita, Danny, Steve, Inez, Margaret, Barbara, Letba, Lincoln, Penn, Norman, Richard, Jim, Phil, Judy, Vinan, Charless, Theresa, Jack, Bridget, Thurman, Jeannette, victims of violence, all affected by the coronavirus*

For those in our armed services:

*Will Dahlstrom, Martin Cabello and Christopher Krenshaw*

For the faithful departed:

*Bubba Thomas, Elsa Aviles, Ellis Marsalis, Jr, all who have perished by contracting the coronavirus*

## Happy Birthday!

John Coats	Danya Serrano
Ann McCoy	Elissa Bird
David Cooley	Brad Beers
Kaydance Lomasong	



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## The Emergency Aid Coalition needs our help!



**Bread and fruit urgently needed!**

If any parishioners are able to find extra bread or fruit and are willing to bring it to the EAC Food Pantry, please contact Marian Bryant at 832-859-1065 or Lydia Smyth at 713-240-9992. They depend on their member congregations to support them as they support the community. Thank you for helping feed our vulnerable and valuable friends in need.

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## A HISTORY OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Trinity Episcopal Church of Houston has existed as a house of worship and a center of its community for over a century. As such, it has adapted to the changing nature of the city, as Houston grew from a regional town of approximately 40,000 souls to a dynamic metropolitan giant, the fourth largest city in the United States. With a congregation that grew from a few founding members in the 1890s to several thousand parishioners at its peak, Trinity Church is an example of how spiritual people have contended with the challenges presented during a city's most crucial period of urban development.

Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

During the late 1910s and 1920s, Trinity entered an era of explosive growth, paralleling that of the city, and became an important center of the Episcopal faith. The congregation's many youth and adult activities were community events that attracted wide attention among the general populace. An integral part of its city, Trinity likewise maintained special relationships with Houstonians of other faiths. With a membership numbering 1,900 parishioners in 1930, Trinity emerged as the largest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Texas and one of the largest in the nation.

After World War II, Houston's growth presented Trinity with perhaps its greatest challenge. As the city physically expanded into the new postwar suburbs, Trinity's membership began to decline. Rather than abandon its historic location, the congregation showed itself to be steadfast. Resurrecting itself from this period, Trinity reaffirmed its mission, this time as a beacon in the inner city where it has become a leading institution in the heart of Houston, determined to enhance the quality of urban life for everyone.

While our neighborhood has gone through many changes, the parish has remained steadfast, and actively ministers to a diverse congregation and to the poor in its midst. As the Midtown Houston neighborhood began redeveloping, starting in the early 2000s, Trinity Church has rededicated itself to its spiritual mission, and has become an active part of the Midtown area for music and other creative art expressions.



## SERVICE TIMES

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Lord of the Streets	
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Morrow Chapel
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Holy Eucharist Rite I or II	Historic Church
	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	Holy Eucharist Rite III	Morrow Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Holy Eucharist	Morrow Chapel
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Evening Prayer	Historic Church
<b>Second Sunday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Compline	Historic Church

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