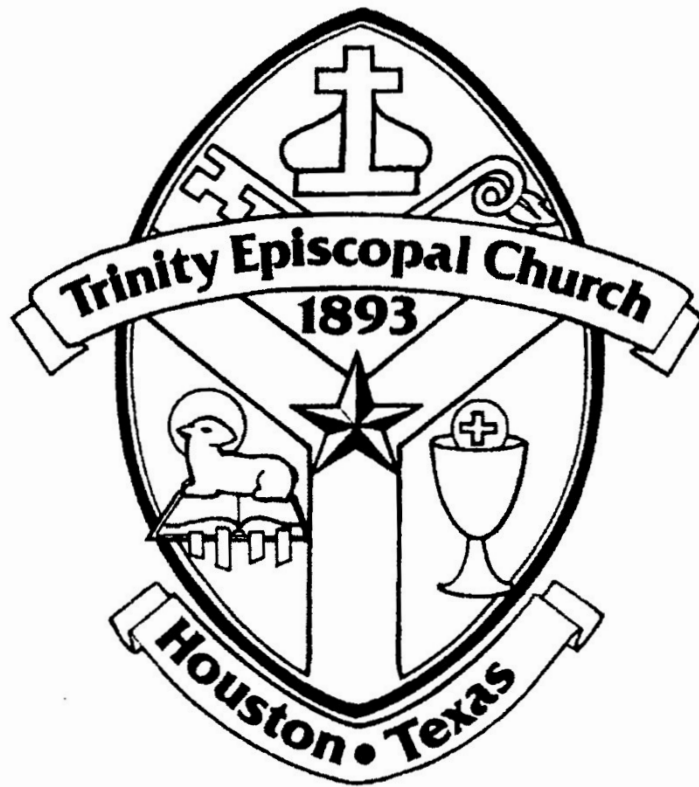


SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024
7:45 a.m. Abbott Garden
8:00 a.m. Morrow Chapel



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Dale Klitzke, Priest Associate

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

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- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.

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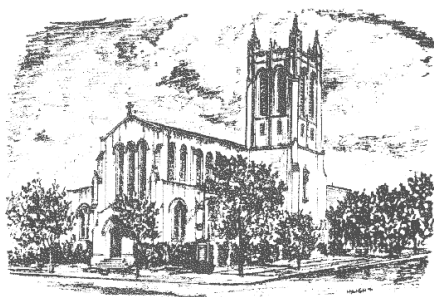
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The SUNDAY of the PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

7:45 gather in the Abbot Garden

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The branches of palms are distributed to the people as they gather.

ANTHEM AT THE GATHERING

Hosianna, dem Sohne Davids Bartholomäus Gesius (c.1560-1613)

Hosianna, dem Sohne Davids!	Sing Hosanna, sing we now to the son of David!
Gelobet sei, der da kommt im Namen des Herren.	Now praise we him, who is come, the Savior of all people.
Hosianna in der Höhe!	Sing Hosanna in the highest!

-Matthew 21:9

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

Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

The 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.

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.

All hold branches in their hands.

AT THE PROCESSION

All go toward the church in procession. During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and the following hymn is sung by all.

Melody (Canon)



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis. Ho

COLLECTS

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 my ear to listen to 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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31: 9-16

In te, Domine, speravi

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Alternately 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 168 (vs. 1)

O sacred head, sore wounded Herzlich tut mich verlangen

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 MARK

Mark 14: 1 - 15:47

*The congregation is seated for the first part of the Passion.
The congregation assumes the role of the crowd, reciting "Crucify him!"
All stand at the arrival at Golgotha.*

Narrator It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

Chief Priest Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Narrator While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Crowd Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.

Narrator And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Narrator Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

Peter Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Narrator So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

Narrator So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

Narrator They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Peter Surely not I, Lord?

Narrator He said to them,

Jesus It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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 While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

Jesus Take; this is my body.

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them.

Jesus This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter Even though all become deserters, I will not.

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

Narrator But he said vehemently,

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

Narrator And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus Sit here while I pray.

Narrator He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

Jesus I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said.

Jesus Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Narrator He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Narrator And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

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

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

Judas The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

Narrator So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas Rabbi!

Narrator and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

Sequence Hymn verse 2

Narrator All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Narrator They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

1st Witness We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'

Narrator But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

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

Narrator But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him

High Priest Are you the Messiah, the Son of God of the Blessed One?

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus I am; and '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 Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

Narrator All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Elder Prophecy!

Narrator The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant 1 You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Narrator But he denied it, saying,

Peter I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

Narrator And he went out to into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant 2 This man is one of them.

Narrator But again, he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystander 1 Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

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

Peter I do not know this man you are talking about!

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him:

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

Narrator And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Sequence Hymn verse 3

Narrator Pilate asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator He answered him,

Jesus You say so.

Narrator Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

Narrator But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

Narrator They shouted back,

Crowd Crucify him!

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Crowd Crucify him!

Narrator So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him to the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldier Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

All stand.

Narrator Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of the skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and they divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each would take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read,

Soldier The King of the Jews.

Sequence Hymn verse 4

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

Passerby 1 Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

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

Chief Priest He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Narrator Those that were crucified with him also taunted him.
When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus *Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*

Narrator Which means,

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

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

Bystander 1 Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Narrator And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

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

Narrator Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Silence

Narrator And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion Truly this man was God's Son!

Narrator There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time.

When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Sequence Hymn verse 5

There will be a brief moment of silence following the reading of the Passion.

Please be seated.

MEDITATION ON THE READING OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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VERSE AND RESPONSE AT PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord
People **and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

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SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful God, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

**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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

BCP, page 338

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. If you wish to partake of the chalice, you may do so by intinction. Intinction is done by dipping a host into the wine, and is completely optional. If you prefer, it is perfectly fine to continue receiving the host only. If you are unable to come forward for communion, it will be brought to you in your pew.



We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, page 339

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and ever living God,
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,
in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Almighty God, we pray thee graciously to behold this thy 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. And may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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We would like to thank the Trinity Garden Club for this week's coffee hour.

*Please note that dates are open to host (part/all) coffee hour
on April 7, 14, 21, and 28.*

*To sign up, please scan the QR code below or contact Jamie Chambers:
jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155
if you need assistance.*

Thank you

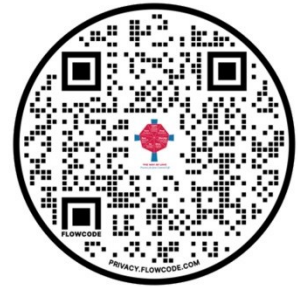




BULLETIN INSERTS

March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday (B) Week 6: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at iam.ec/lifetransformed or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Week 6

Sunday, March 24

Today's Practice: Watch the Rev. Dr. Hillary Raining's video at iam.ec/lifetransformed for Week 6. The topic is based on the practice "Worship" and is titled, "The Gathering of God's People".

Read: Zephaniah 3:12-20

Monday, March 25

Today's Prompt: What can you Easter Day say "no" to so you can say "yes" to prayer, rest, and joy?

Read: "Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, a holy convocation; you shall do no work: it is a Sabbath to the Lord throughout your settlements." – Leviticus 23:3

Tuesday, March 26

Today's Prompt: Slowly read this passage aloud. How does this passage speak to the world today?

Read: Matthew 4:8-22

Wednesday, March 27

Today's Prompt: Who can support you in living a Jesus-centered life?

Read: "[God] has made us qualified to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life." – 2 Corinthians 3:6

Thursday, March 28

Today's Prompt: How might you share what brings you great joy with others?

Read: "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." – Romans 12:6-8

Friday, March 29

Today's Prompt: How can you incorporate rest from technology today?

Read: "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

Saturday, March 30

Today's Prompt: How has this Way with God impacted your experience of God?

Read: "Let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" – John 7:38

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THE WEEKLY WINDOW

OF TRINITY THE HEART OF MIDTOWN

March 24, 2024 – The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, Year B

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Sunday In-Person Services

8:00 am and 12:30 pm (Chapel)

10:30 am (Historic Church)

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 24th: 7:45 am Blessing of Palms in Abbott Garden, Holy Eucharist 8 am in Morrow Chapel ; **10:15 am**, Blessing of Palms on Francis Street Lawn, 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist in Historic Church **12:15 pm**, Blessing of Palms in Bishop's Garden, 12:30 pm Holy Eucharist in Morrow Chapel

Monday, March 25th and Tuesday, March 26th: 12 noon, Holy Eucharist in Morrow Chapel

Wednesday, March 27th: 6 pm, Tenebrae in Morrow Chapel

Maundy Thursday, March 28th: 7:30 pm, Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar in Historic Church; **9 pm**, The Watch in Historic Church (continues till 12 noon Friday)

Good Friday, March 29th: 11:30 am Children's program in Atrium ; **12 noon** Good Friday Liturgy in Historic Church; **1:15 pm**, Stations of the Cross in Historic Church

Holy Saturday, March 30th: 7:30 pm, The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Baptism and the First Eucharist of Easter in Historic Church

Easter Day, March 31st: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, Holy Eucharist in Historic Church

Easter Flowers – Due March 24th

Help make our church more beautiful to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord by donating flowers. These can be a memorial to a departed loved one or to honor a living person. The deadline is Sunday, March 24th at 5 pm. For more information, click [here](#).

The Watch – Overnight March 28th to March 29th

Our Lord asked his disciples to watch one hour with him. We watch with him from the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday until the Good Friday Liturgy at noon. We especially need coverage between 1 am and 5 am. Please sign up for your hour [here!](#)

Parish Family Picnic – April 7th, 3 p.m.

You are invited to join us for our annual family picnic.

We will gather on the Francis Street Lawn for fun, fellowship, and food!

Please bring a dish to share. Trinity has some great cooks, so we'll have some great treats.

This is a great time to meet new friends and make new connections.

NO RSVP Needed.

All Parish Retreat! Register Now!

Camp Allen Retreat Center

April 12–14th – [SIGN UP HERE](#)

All are welcome!

\$60 adults/\$30 children plus \$15 each for Saturday night meal.

We will enjoy fellowship, prayer, games, and more!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 24th, 2024

7:30am – 1:30pm Nursery Open

7:45 am Gather in Abbott Garden

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)

10:15 am Gather on Francis Street Lawn

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)

11:45 am Coffee Hour (Abbot's Garden)

12:15 pm Gather in Bishop's Garden

12:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite III (Chapel)

8:00 pm Compline (Facebook)

Monday, March 25th, 2024

12 pm Midday Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, March 26th, 2024

12:00 pm The Listening Post

12:00 pm Midday Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Wednesday, March 27th, 2024

10:30am Staff Meeting

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

6:00 pm Tenebrae (Chapel)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28th, 2024

12:15 pm Good Times AA (Masterson)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

7:30 pm Maundy Thursday liturgy (Church)

9:00 pm The Watch (Church)

Friday, March 29th, 2024

11:30 am Children's program (Atrium)

12:00 pm Good Friday liturgy (Church)

1:15 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Saturday, March 30th, 2024

7:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter (Church)

Our Weekly Zoom links can be found at

<https://www.trinitymidtown.org/zoom-withus>



PRAYERS

Our custom is to read aloud each week the names of those who request our prayers. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and Bulletin those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about prayer names, please contact the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

Bill, Nick, Edith, Graeme, Christopher, Monica, Dorothy, Daniel, Angela, Velma, Leslie, Samenka, Yolande, Samaica, Nelson, Jamie, Leland, Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Stephen, Emily, Van, Dick, Victims of Violence, Ric, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, Bob, David, Robert, Susan, Patty, Dana, Emilia, Gaby, Florence, Carolyn, Rick, Charles, Harrison, Kathy, Erma, Mary, Chris, Guillermo, Holly, Ray, Barbara, Howard, Claudie, Romy, Bryce, Rose, Bart, Marie, Josh, Christina, Collette, Sybil, Charlotte, Bob, Pamela, James, Jason, Meredith, Nikki, Annalise, Ella, Julie, Cindy

For the faithful departed:

The victims of war in Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine and all victims of gun violence.

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up at www.trinitymidtown.org/flower-ministry/.

Next available dates: April 14th, 21st, 28th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please sign up online to volunteer [here](#) or scan QR code below. For questions or further information please contact Jamie Chambers: jamielynchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155 if you need assistance.

Next available dates: April 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.



Happy Birthday!

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Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm

If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



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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.

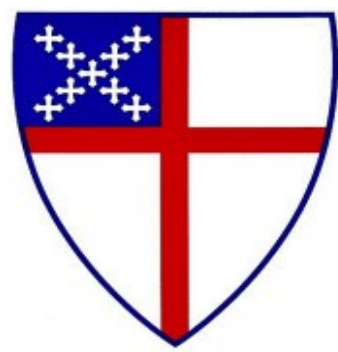
Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street 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.





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