SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29, 2026
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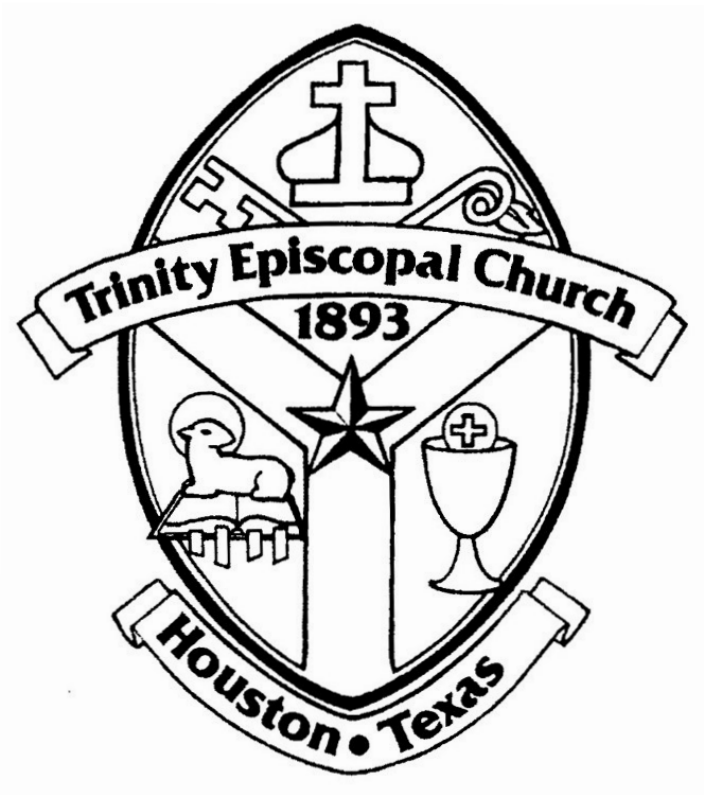

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Making God's Presence Real
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love

WELCOME TO TRINITY CHURCH

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

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Children 3yrs through 3rd grade *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- 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.
- There is a Children's Area in the Historic Church near the Fellowship Hall. It is available to all children up to five years old, all special needs children, and their caregivers during services held in the Historic Church. It features books, puzzles, and other quiet activities .

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The SUNDAY of the PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

10:15 gather on the Francis Street Lawn.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST I

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!
Gelobet sei, der da kommt
im Namen des Herren.
Hosianna in der Höhe!

Sing Hosanna, sing we now to
the son of David!
Now praise we him, who is come, the Savior
of all people.
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 thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby thou hast given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 21: 1-11

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

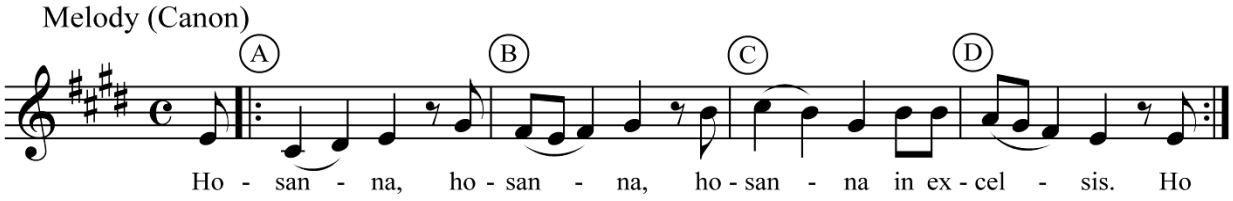
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**
Celebrant It is right to praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this 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.

*Please hold up 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 thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever.
People **Amen.**

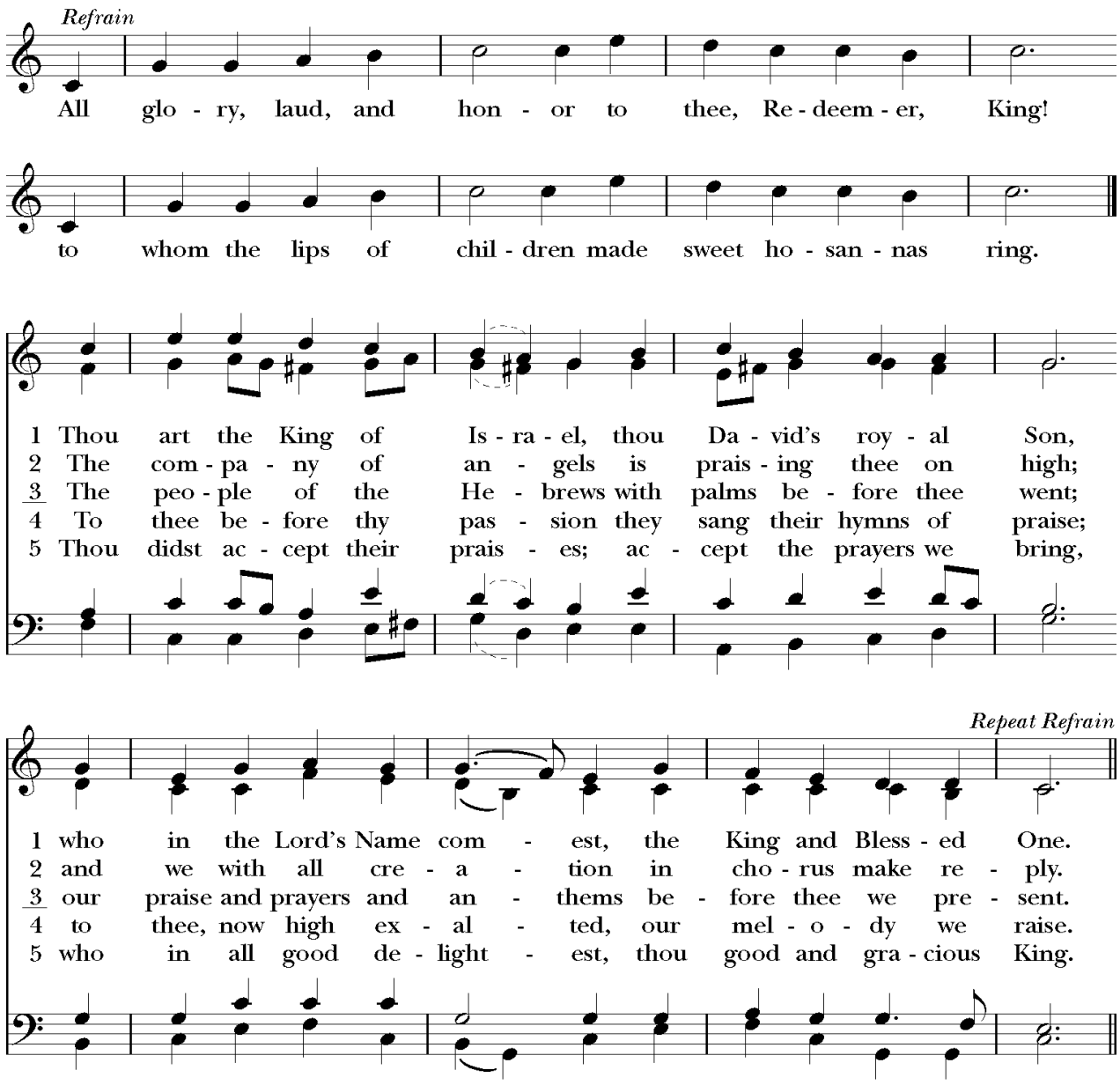
Celebrant Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

COLLECT *(at the doors of the church)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
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**.

As the procession enters the church, the following hymn is sung:

HYMN IN PROCESSION 154 *All glory, laud, and honor* Valet will ich dir geben

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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 Liturgy of the Word

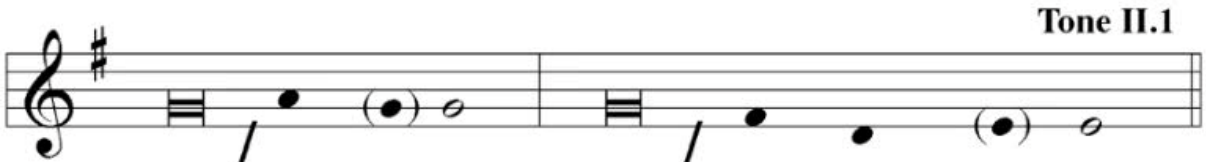
Please be seated

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 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?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31: 9-16 Tone II.1

Sung responsively with a cantor by whole verses
Choir and congregation sing the verses in bold.

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 ac/quaintance; *
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 per/secute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant, *
and in your loving-kind/ness save me."

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

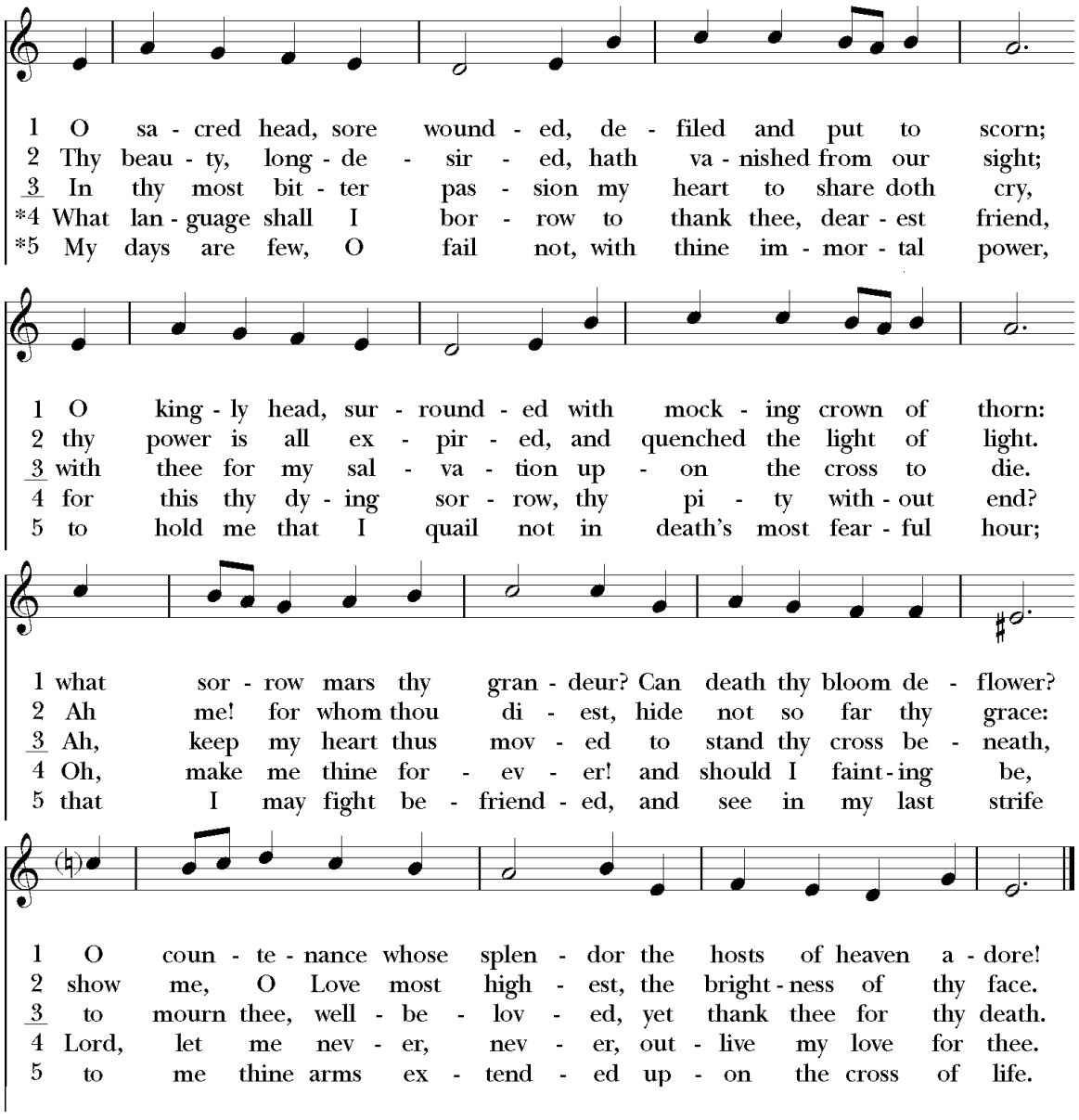
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient 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.**

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.



THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

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

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 Prophesy 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

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

Madonna il Poco Dolce Nicola Vicentino(1511-1576)

The children who attended Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will return at this point so that they can participate with their families in the Holy Communion.

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Please pass the peace in a socially distanced manner.
Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Please participate as able in the collection of an offering to help Trinity Church sustain our mission and ministry. For those who are unable to give monetarily, or have given online, we have made reusable wooden coins available so that all might participate in the spiritual practice of giving and contributing in a visible, inclusive way. A dollar, an offering coin, or more helps ignite the spirit of generosity in children and adults alike.

OFFERING

Online Giving is available.
Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or click:
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Texting. Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contribution.

SCAN ME

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ride On* Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
thy humble beast pursues his road with palms and scattered garments strowed.
Ride on, ride on.
In lowly pomp ride on to die, O Christ thy triumph now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky looked down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne awaits his own anointed Son.
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.

Please stand as able.

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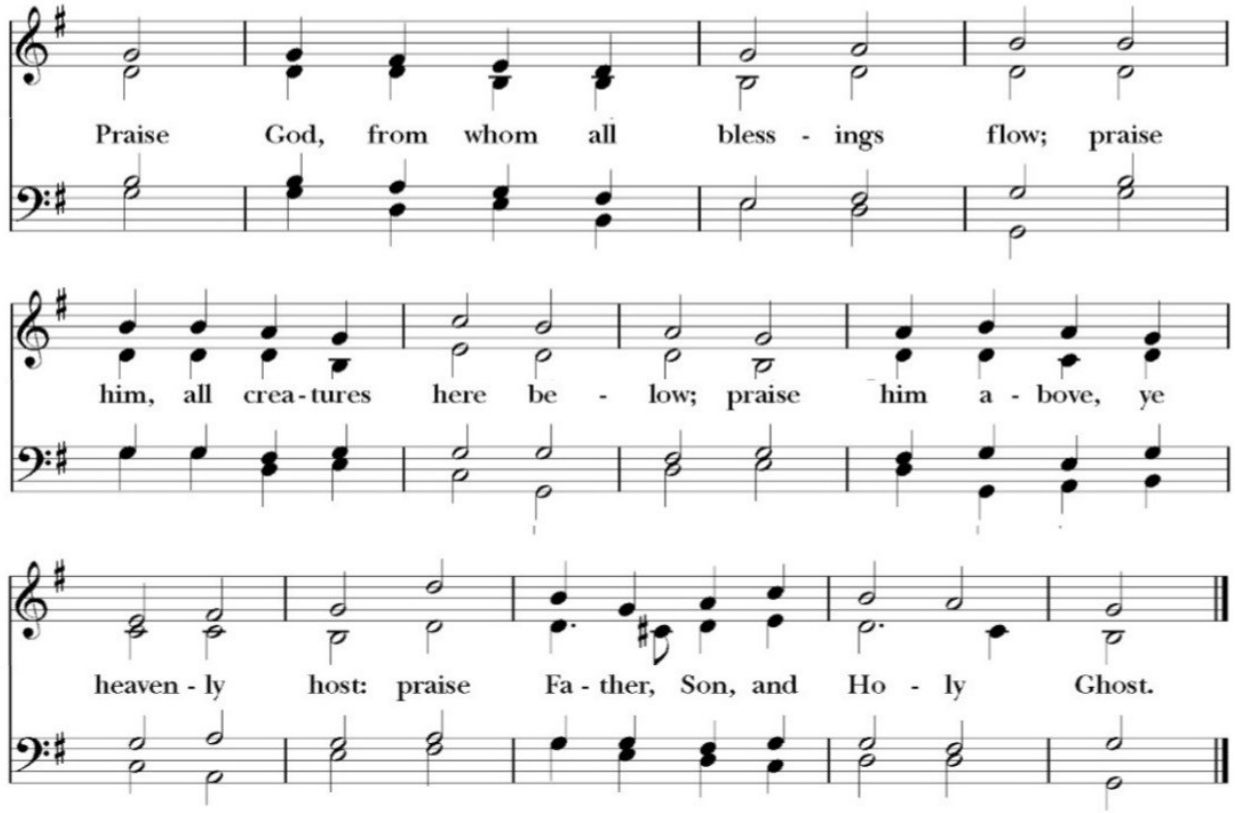

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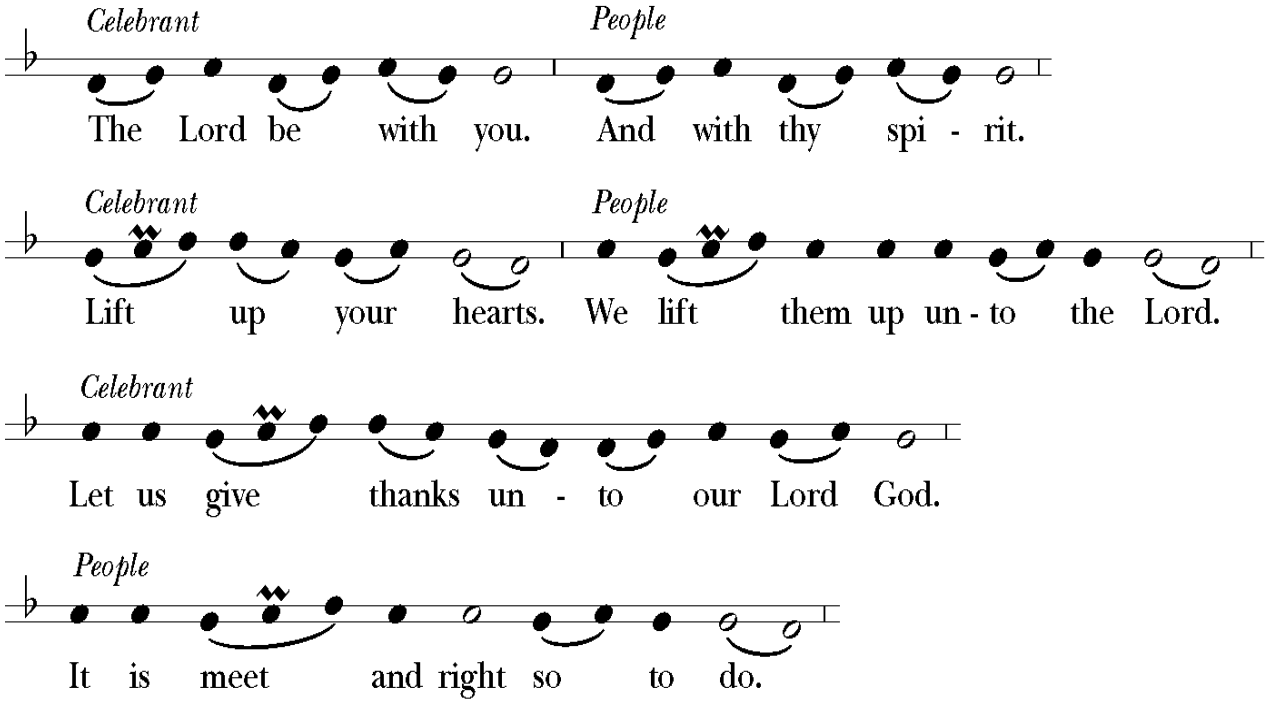
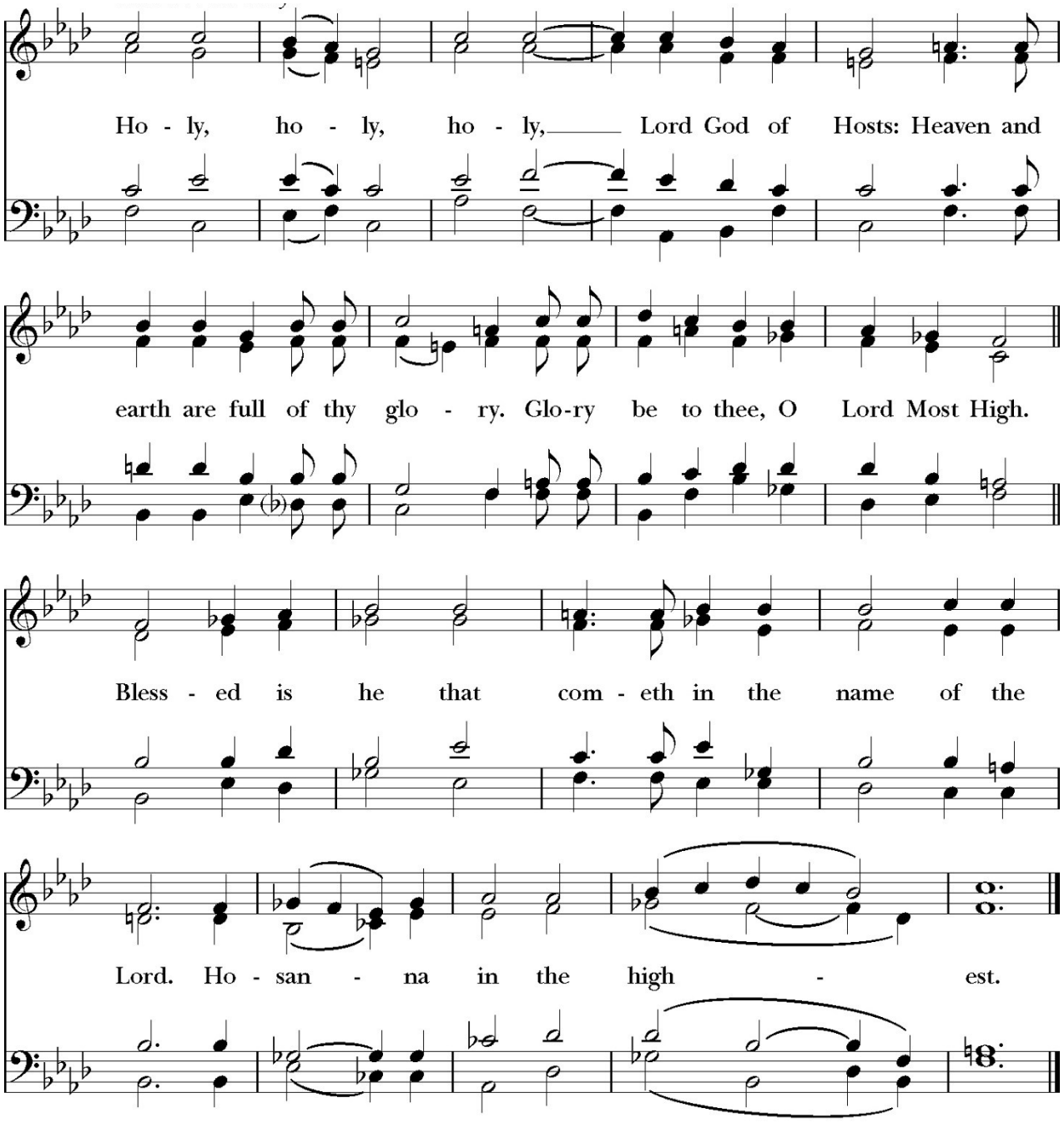


The Celebrant proceeds

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,

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 Father, 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.

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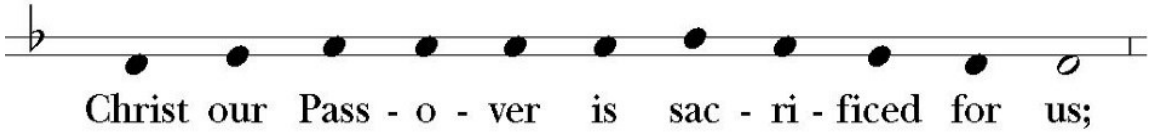
Celebrant



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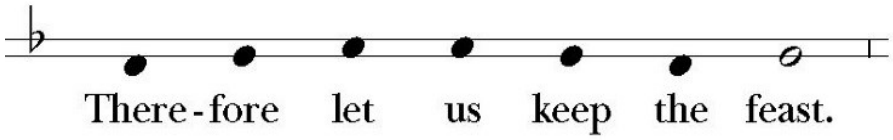
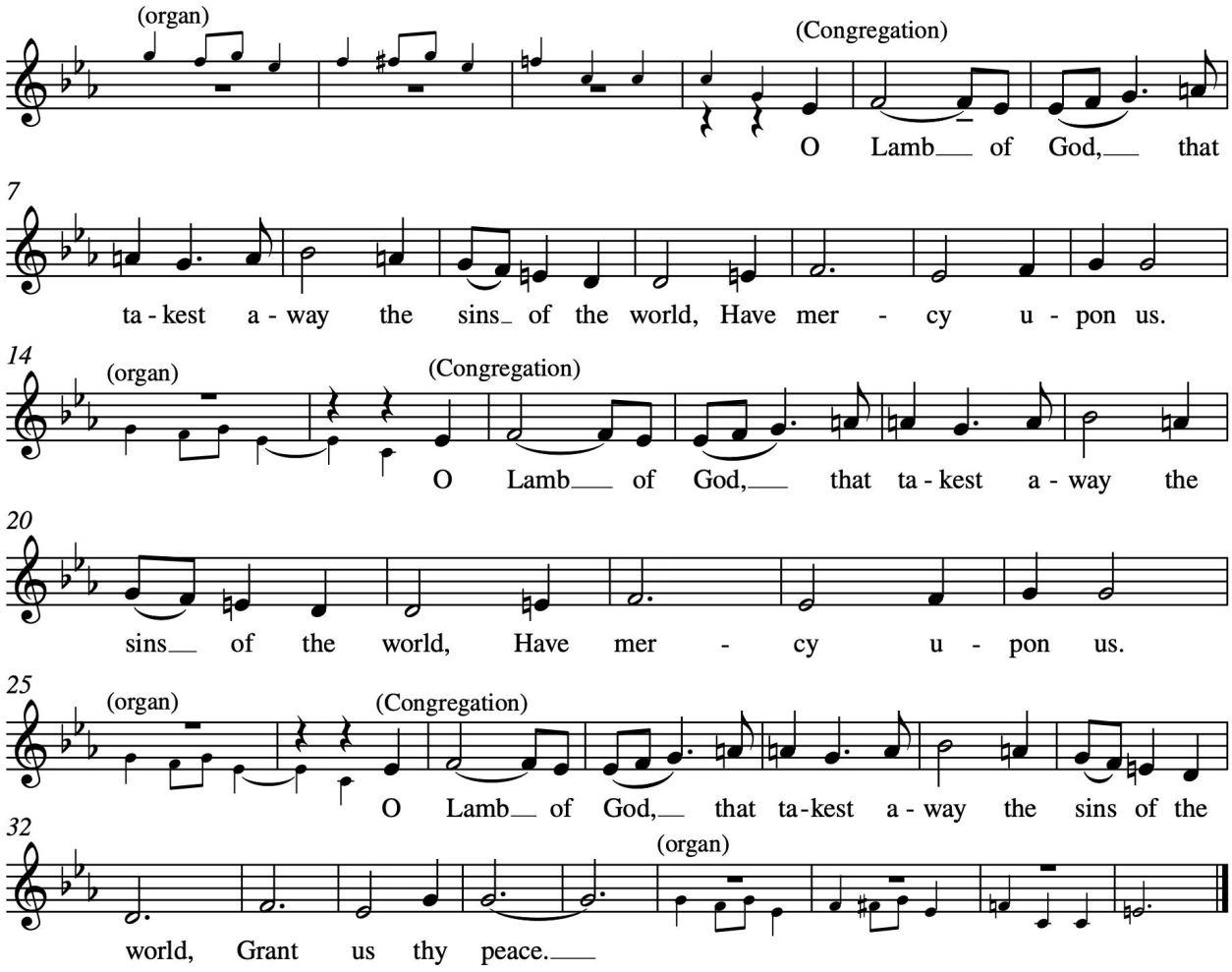


INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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.

AGNUS DEI Angela Ortiz

Instructions for Holy Communion

All are welcome to come participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Communion Anthem

Aria: Von den Stricken meiner Sunde Johann Sebastian Bach

Danielle Romano, soloist

German Text:
Von den Stricken meiner Sünden
Mich zu entbinden,
Wird mein Heil gebunden.
Mich von allen Lasterbeulen
Völlig zu heilen,
Läßt er sich verwunden.

English Translation:
From the snares of my sins
To unbind me,
My Savior [Jesus] is bound.
From all vice-boils
To heal me completely,
He lets himself be wounded.

The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts
So that the patients at Hospitality Apartments, and all those who will be visited may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **Amen.**

Please stand or kneel as able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

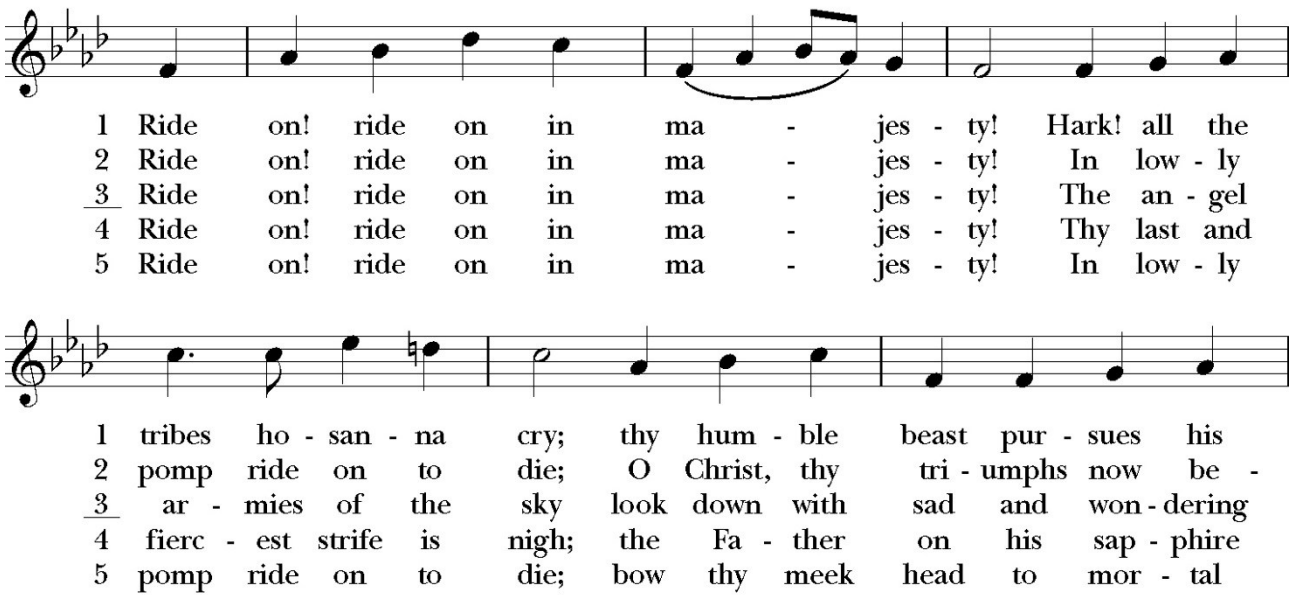
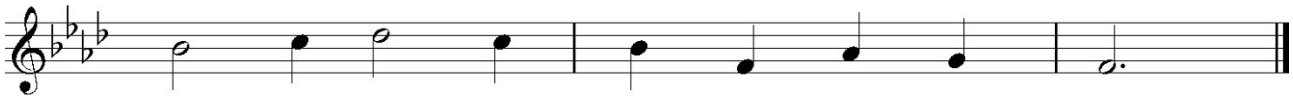
Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members 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

Grant, Almighty God, that thy people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in thy strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of thy loving providence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.
Amen.

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 156 *Ride on! ride on in majesty!* The King's Majesty



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3 eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
4 throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
5 pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "*Herzliebster Jesu*" Johannes Brahms
from the *Chorale Preludes*

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
immediately following this service.

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Easter flower dedications will be offered on Easter Sunday, April 5.
The next available Sunday for altar flower dedications is April 26.
Make your Flower Dedications Online at trinitymidtown.org
or scan this QR code

We would like to thank the Trinity Garden Club for this week's coffee hour.
Please note that April 19 and 26 are available to host (part/all)
coffee hour.
To sign up, please scan the QR code or contact Jamie Chambers:
jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155
if you need assistance.
Thank you

it's a
BOY
Join us for a Baby Shower celebrating
Rev. Maria Teresa
and Fabian
SUNDAY | APRIL 12 | COFFEE HOUR
SCAN FOR BABY REGISTRY

The Season of Lent

Early Christians observed "a season of penitence and fasting" in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ's fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly.

In the Western Church, Lent is observed as forty days of penitence and preparation before Good Friday, not counting Sundays, which are always celebrations of the Resurrection. It begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Week. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, and the final three days of that week are the sacred Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Purple is the traditional color of Lent, as it represents for us both repentance and royalty. Jesus was dressed in a purple robe during his Passion as a mockery of his being "the king of the Jews"; since long before his time, purple had been a symbol of royalty. For example, in Exodus, we can read how Moses ordered the tabernacle to be made of "ten sheets woven of fine linen twine and of violet, purple, and scarlet yarn" (Exodus 26:1) and in 2 Chronicles 3:14 we read that Solomon ordered the temple in Jerusalem to be decorated with fabric of the same colors. The Church decided to keep the color purple as a symbol, not just of penance and mourning (in anticipation of the crucifixion, and with reference to Jesus), but also as a reminder of the need to confront our own sins, to prepare ourselves spiritually, and to help our neighbors to draw closer to God and his kingdom (conserving in this way the solemn character traditionally assigned to purple).

In keeping with this penitential character, crosses in the church have been veiled during Lent according to ancient Christian practice. With the beginning of Holy Week, the Church's focus turns more directly to the Passion of Christ, and the veiling of the crosses in red reflects this shift, inviting us to contemplate more deeply the mystery of Christ's suffering and sacrifice.

All Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (BCP, p. 265).

In accordance with ancient custom the Book of Common Prayer provides that in Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season BCP, p. 337).

THE WEEKLY WINDOW
OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN

March 29, 2026, Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday , (Year A)
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Regular Sunday Schedule:
Holy Eucharist
8 am in Chapel (Contemplative)
10:30 am in Church (Traditional)
12:30 pm in Chapel (Jazz/Gospel)
Weekdays: Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

Holy Week and Easter Day Schedule

Monday, March 30th, and Tuesday, March 31st:
12:00 noon Holy Eucharist in Morrow Chapel
Wednesday, April 1st:
6:00 pm Tenebrae in Morrow Chapel
Maundy Thursday, April 2nd:
6:00 pm Informal Holy Eucharist with foot washing in Morrow Chapel
7:30 pm Traditional Holy Eucharist with foot washing and stripping of the altar in Historic Church
9:00 pm The Watch begins (see below)
Good Friday, April 3rd:
11:30 am Children's Program in Atrium
12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy in Historic Church
1:30 pm Stations of the Cross in Historic Church
Holy Saturday, April 4th:
7:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter: Renewal of baptismal vows and first Eucharist of Easter in Historic Chuch
Easter Day, April 5th:
8:30, 10:30, 12:30 Holy Eucharist, All services in Historic Church
12:00 noon Parish Easter portrait on Holman St., followed by Easter egg hunt.

Emergency Aid Coalition Lenten Drive

Our community partners, the Emergency Aid Coalition (EAC) is collecting sheets, towels, and family sized toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products) on the Fellowship Hall stage today.

Easter Flower Donations

We are accepting donations for lilies and other flowers for Easter. Deadline is today at 6 pm. You may donate using the paper form or on our website.

The Watch – April 2nd and 3rd

Our Lord asked his disciples to watch one hour with him. We watch with him in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament from the Stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday evening (April 2nd) until the Good Friday Liturgy at noon (April 3rd). You may sign up here:

Baby Shower – April 12th

David Marsh and Robert Feltenberger are organizing a baby shower for the Curate and her family as they expect a baby boy in June. The shower will be at Coffee Hour on April 12th. Their gift registry is here:

Parish Retreat – April 24th – 26th

Our parish retreat at Camp Allen will be held the weekend of April 24th through 26th. Please inquire at curate@trinitymidtown.org .

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, March 29, 2026
7:30 am – 1:30 pm Nursery Open
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Church)
11:45 am Coffee Hour (FH)
12:30 pm Jazz/Gospel Eucharist (Chapel)
8:00 pm Completas (Facebook)

Monday, March 30, 2026
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, March 31, 2026
10:00 Sandwich Makers (FH)
12:00 pm Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
1:00 pm Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Wednesday, April 1, 2026
10:30 am Staff Meeting (Smith)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Tenebrae (Smith)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)

Thursday,April 2, 2026
12:00 pm Migration with Dignity (Zoom)
6:00 pm Informal Liturgy (Chapel)
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist (Church)

Friday, April 3, 2026
11:30 am Children's program (Atrium)
12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy (Church)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Room)
1:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, April 4, 2026
7:30 pm Easter Vigil (Church)

Sandwich Makers
Tuesday 10 am
Fellowship Hall
Stay for Midday Eucharist

This Week's Adult Forum:

Adult Forum and children's and youth Sunday School resume on April 12th.

Meeting This Week:

Sandwich Makers: Tuesday at 10 am in Fellowship Hall
Men's Breakfast: Saturday at 8:30 am at IHOP, 2515 Southwest Frwy.
Note: Trinity Garden Club will not meet in April.

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 Rector. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

We pray for: Edith, Christopher, Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Kenzo, Joyce, Frazer, Elizabeth, Anita, Anadeli, Jane, Gentry, Diane, Katie, Bob, Dalia, Garrett, Joe, Charles, Henry, Dave, MiMi, Catherine, Kaitlin, Cooper, Marianne; Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Jimmie, Tom, Patty, Emily, Dick, Barbara, Sylvia, Joyce, David, Robert, Dana, Carolyn, Rick, Harrison, Ric, Daniel, Norma, Margaret, Marcie, Yvonne, Steve, Beryl, Amanda, Mary, Marcy, Aaron, Charles, Mary, Kilmar, Charles, Ed, Susan, Diamond, Kensington, Christina, Juan, Benjamin, Shirley, Willie, Eugenia, Juana, Winnie, Richard, Muriel, Toni, Kenneth, Jesse, Jan, John, Carla, Bob, Ken, Brian, Randy, Gabby, all victims of violence

For the faithful departed: Betty Pecore, R. Ray Battin, Marcie Korn, David Carlson, Joseph Andrew Kobilarcsik, the victims of war and famine in Ukraine, Sudan, Iran, and Palestine, victims of violence in U.S. Cities, and all victims of gun violence

For our seminarian: Barrett Hess

Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour

If you would like to make a flower dedication, you can sign up here:

We do not have flowers on the altar during Lent. The next available Sunday for regular flower dedications will be April 26th.

Sign-ups for coffee hour hosts are available, please signup online to volunteer by scanning this QR code.

For questions or further information please contact Jamie Chambers: jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155 .
The next available dates are April 19, 26.

Norma Cooper, Ryan Mire, Ken Jeck, Chris Newman, Stuart Purdy

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Thank you for making and wearing a name tag every Sunday.

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm
If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

Thank you to all who have given so generously! It is never too late.
www.trinitymidtown.org/give.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

PALM SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS:
High Altar: *$150.00*
Side Altar: *$150.00*
Baptistery: *$125.00*

EASTER ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS:
High Altar: *$200.00**
Side Altar: *$200.00**
Baptistery: *$150.00**

LILIES: $35.00 each x _____ = $ _____ (80 needed)

CROSSES FOR DOORS* *(2 needed) @ $200 each) x* _____ = _____

ARRANGEMENT FOR RAILINGS* *(4 needed) @ $200.00 each) =* _____

PASCHAL CANDLE ARRANGEMENT *(1 needed @75.00)* **=** _____

PROCESSIONAL AND CLERY CROSS ARRANGEMENTS *(2 needed) @ $40.00 each) = $*_____

Grand Total: *$* _____

Dedication: *(Check one)*

☐ *In memory of* ☐ *In honor of* ☐ *In thanksgiving for*

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Payment options:

- Check made payable to Trinity Church (note Easter Flowers 2026 on the memo line) and mail to the church (1015 Holman, Houston, TX 77004)
- Pay Online at https://secure.accessacs.com/

Deadline is Sunday, March 29th (Palm Sunday)
*Location may have multiple dedications.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday · March 29th
7:45 am Gather in Abbot Garden for Liturgy of the Palms and Procession
8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Morrow Chapel
10:15 am Gather on Francis St. Lawn for Liturgy of the Palms and Procession
10:30 am Holy Eucharist in Historic Church
12:15 pm Gather in Bishop's Garden for Liturgy of the Palms and Procession
12:30 pm Holy Eucharist in Morrow Chapel

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Wednesday April 1st
6:00 pm Tenebrae in Morrow Chapel

Maundy Thursday · April 2nd
6:00 pm Family Service in Morrow Chapel
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Stripping of Altar in Historic Church
9:00 pm The Watch begins

Good Friday· April 3rd
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