



TRINITY

EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
A house of prayer for all people

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Welcome: *Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, we are honored to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a visitor card found in the back of the pew in front of you, drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week. If you would like to know more about the cathedral, a tour of the building is available immediately following the service. A tour guide will meet you in the baptistry in the back of the church. Above all, please know that this is your Cathedral, and all are welcome.*

Children in Worship: *We love the presence of children in our worship services here at Trinity. Engaging materials for children can be found near the bell tower doors in the back of the Cathedral. The bell tower has a speaker that allows you to hear the service if you need to step out with your child. Nursery care is also available for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old. If you need directions, our ushers and greeters would be happy to show you the way.*

Hymns are found in the red hymnal.

THE PRELUDE

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, BWV 736

Johann Sebastian Bach

FANTASIA SUPER 'VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN,' BWV 735

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

All stand as the procession begins.

THE INTROIT

HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID

Thomas Weelkes

*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the King of Israel. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places.
Hosanna in the highest heavens.*

Text: Matthew 21:9 and Luke 19:38

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. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:1-11

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

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS

All raise their palm branches as the Celebrant says the following blessing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our 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. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

All wave their palm branches and sing as the procession moves through the Cathedral.

HYMN 154

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

Valet will ich dir geben

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

The LORD God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The LORD God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The LORD God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

Sung by the choir to plainsong (Tone VII.3)

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

*For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
 my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.*

*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.*

*I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
 I am as useless as a broken pot.*

*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.*

*But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
 I have said, "You are my God.*

*My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.*

*Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving-kindness save me."*

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 164

ALONE THOU GOEST FORTH, O LORD

Bangor

During this hymn, children in second grade and younger who want to take part in the Children's Liturgy follow the Good Shepherd banner out of the Nave. They will return at the Peace.

THE PASSION GOSPEL

MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

The congregation remains seated for the first portion of the Passion Gospel.

Narrator: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Narrator: One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas: "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

Narrator: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples: "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

Narrator: He said,

Jesus: "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

Narrator: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

Narrator: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples: "Surely not I, Lord?"

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

Narrator: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas: “Surely not I, Rabbi?”

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: “You have said so.”

Narrator: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus: “Take, eat; this is my body.”

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

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

Jesus: “You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

Narrator: Peter said to him,

Peter: “Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.”

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator: Peter said to him,

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

Narrator: And so said all the disciples.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Narrator: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas: “Greetings, Rabbi!”

Narrator: and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

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

Narrator: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

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

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

Narrator: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

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

Narrator: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

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

Narrator: The high priest stood up and said,

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

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

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

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

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

Narrator: They answered,

Chief Priests: “He deserves death.”

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

Chief Priests: “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 Girl: “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

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

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

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

Servant Girl: “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

Narrator: Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter: “I do not know the man.”

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

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

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

Peter: “I do not know the man!”

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

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

Narrator: And he went out and wept bitterly.

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

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

Judas: “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”

Narrator: But they said,

Chief Priests: “What is that to us? See to it yourself.”

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

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

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

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: “You say so.”

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

Pilate: “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?”

Narrator: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

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

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

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

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

Pilate: “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

Narrator: And they said,

Congregation: **“Barabbas.”**

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

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

Narrator: All of them said,

Congregation: **“Let him be crucified!”**

Narrator: Then he asked,

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator: But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: **“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,

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

Narrator: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

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

All stand.

Narrator: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

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

Bystanders: "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

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

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

Narrator: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus: "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator: that is,

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

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

Bystanders: “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,

Bystanders: “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

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

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

Centurion: “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

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

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

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

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

Narrator: Pilate said to them,

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

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

The Passion Gospel ends in silence.

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Intercessor and people pray responsively

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Especially _____.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for _____.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Especially _____.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then all may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All stand for the hymn.

HYMN 168

O SACRED HEAD, SORE WOUNDED

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

During the Offertory Hymn, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread, wine, money, and other gifts to the Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are brought forward and placed on the Altar.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

MISSA PASSIONIS CHRISTI

Arthur Wills

Soloist: John Willis

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.

All stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

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.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

To receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand at the Altar rail. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request. If you prefer not to drink the Wine, please know that receiving only Bread is a “full Communion.” If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the Bread and Wine, come forward to the rail and cross your arms over your chest. If, for whatever reason, you prefer to receive the Bread and Wine in your pew, let your usher know.

MUSIC AT HOLY COMMUNION

MOTET

SOLUS AD VICTIMAM

Kenneth Leighton

*Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
 For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
 For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds. Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
 Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy win.
 This is the night of tears, the three days' space, sorrow abiding of the eventide,
 Until the day break with the risen Christ, and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
 So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be;
 Heavy with weeping may the three days pass, to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.
 Text by Peter Abelard (trans. Helen Waddell)*

HYMN 458

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

Love Unknown

HYMN 167

THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY

Horsley

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

If people are being sent to take the Bread and Wine to those who are absent, the Deacon says

Deacon In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one, because we all share one bread and one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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

HYMN 158

AH, HOLY JESUS, HOW HAST THOU OFFENDED

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

HERZLIEBSTER JESU, OP. 122, NO. 2

Johann Sebastian Bach

As we enter into Holy Week, we invite you to leave with quietude and prayer.

✧ ALTAR GIFTS ✧

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY FATHER JOHN PIERCE CALHOUN
BY HARRIET CALHOUN STEPHENS

Notes on the Notes: One of Palm Sunday's distinguishing features is the contrast between Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the start of the service and the somberness of the Passion gospel. This morning's music serves to heighten this juxtaposition. The prelude comprises two rousing chorale-preludes based on the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor," which we sing during the procession. Before the procession, the choir sings Weelkes' Hosanna to the Son of David, a setting of the words which the crowd chanted to celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

The rest of the music is of a markedly different character. We switch to hymns which dwell on the Crucifixion, the choir sings Leighton's Passiontide anthem Solus ad victimam, and the postlude is a forlorn setting of the final hymn, the Lutheran Passiontide chorale "Herzliebster Jesu."

Arthur Wills' Missa Passionis Christi is the perfect match for Palm Sunday and, conversely, is really only appropriate on Palm Sunday. The only two days of the year which include Passion Gospels are Palm Sunday and Good Friday, and churches cannot celebrate the eucharist on Good Friday, so there is no use for a mass setting on Good Friday. Additionally, Palm Sunday is already a full day, so the conciseness of the Missa Passionis Christi is welcome. Finally, the severity of the piece makes it fitting for such a somber liturgy.

LITURGICAL LEADERS

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Thomas Alexander, <i>Curate</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	The Very Rev. Andrea McMillin, <i>Dean and Rector</i>
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Peggy Cromwell, <i>Priest Associate for Pastoral Care</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Dr. Susan Loy Lyon
<i>Lectors</i>	Peter Hartstein, Christoph Keller
<i>Passion Readers</i>	Mary Hodges, Ben Utter, Chalmer Wayland
<i>Intercessor</i>	Herschel Cast
<i>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mary Hodges, Missy McCain, Emma Mitchell, Charliss Russ
<i>Acolytes</i>	Kate Faulkner, Meg Faulkner, Susan Grace Mitchell, Marshall Pittman, Allison Tuite, Evie Tuite, Oliver Wippo, Maggie Wippo
<i>Music</i>	Dr. Colin MacKnight, <i>Director of Music</i> Katie Gunn, <i>Associate Director of Music</i> Trinity Cathedral Choir Trinity Cathedral Ringing Society
<i>Usbers</i>	Herschel Cast, Grady McCoy, Kerri McCoy
<i>Tour Guide</i>	Michael McNeely

HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY

Join us at Trinity as we walk with our Lord toward the cross and resurrection. Regular attendance throughout Holy Week makes Easter Sunday all the more meaningful.

Holy Week Meditaion - March 29, 2026

Leçons de ténèbres by François Couperin - 4 p.m. in the Cathedral

Monday - March 30

Morning Prayer - 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Holy Eucharist, spoken - 12 p.m. in the Chapel

Tuesday - March 31

Morning Prayer - 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Holy Eucharist, Renewal of Clergy Vows and Blessing of Chrism - 11 a.m. in the Cathedral

Wednesday - April 1, 2026

Morning Prayer - 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Holy Eucharist, spoken - 12 p.m. in the Chapel

Community Dinner - 5:30 in Morrison Hall

Koinonia Eucharist with Footwashing - 6 p.m. in the Garth
Labyrinth Walk - 6:30 p.m. at Harrison House
The Office of Tenebrae, choral - 7 p.m. in the Cathedral

Thursday - April 2, 2026

Morning Prayer - 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel
The Liturgy for Maundy Thursday and Stripping of the Altar, choral - 7 p.m. in the Cathedral

Friday - April 3, 2026

The Liturgy for Good Friday, choral - 12 p.m. in the Cathedral

Saturday - April 4, 2026

The Liturgy for Holy Saturday - 9 a.m. in the Treadway Garden
The Great Vigil of Easter with Lighting of the Fire, choral - 7 p.m. in the Cathedral - Champagne reception to follow

Easter Day, Sunday - April 5, 2026

Holy Eucharist Rite II, choral with strings - 8 a.m. in the Cathedral
Eggstavanza - 9:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in the Garth and Treadway Garden and
Breakfast in Morrison Hall
Holy Eucharist Rite II, choral with strings - 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral
(incense will be used at this service)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Decorating the Cathedral for Easter

Join the Flower Guild on Saturday, April 4 at 9 am to help decorate the Cathedral for Easter. All hands needed, and newcomers are very welcome. To learn more, contact Beth Barnes (*beth.hathaway@comcast.net*).

A Living Church: Transformed by Christ

Sundays at 9:15 am, Morrison Hall (beginning April 12)

Led by the Very Rev. Andrea McMillin

Trinity Cathedral is a vibrant expression of the Body of Christ, and we are called to invite, welcome, and connect our neighbors more deeply into that life. As a resurrection people, we share in the ongoing work of becoming a living church formed by grace, grounded in community, and sent out in love.

In this Easter season, as we proclaim the resurrection of Jesus, we at Trinity Cathedral will gather to explore how we are continually being renewed and transformed as the Body of Christ in this place. Together, we will reflect on how we grow as a community, how we are shaped as disciples, and how God calls us to live Christ-shaped lives in the world.

Andrea as our new Dean and Rector will lead us along with guest presenters as we listen, learn, and discern together.

Book Club: Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church by N. T. Wright

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Conference Room (beginning April 8)

What do Christians believe about life after death? In this famous and accessible book, N. T. Wright gives an account of the Christian hope while also debunking many misunderstandings about the resurrection of the dead. This will be a wonderful class for the Easter season. To sign up, contact the Rev. Thomas Alexander (thomas@trinitylittlerock.org).

April 8: Chapters 1–2, April 15: Chapters 3–4, April 22: Chapters 5–6, April 29: Chapters 7–9
May 6: Chapters 10–12, May 13: Chapters 13–15

Invite.Welcome.Connect. Workshop

Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Trinity Cathedral

This workshop is to learn more about the Invite - Welcome - Connect ministry as a resource which equips and empowers individuals and congregations to practice evangelism, hospitality, and connectedness. This workshop is for any parish and congregational leaders (clergy, wardens, vestry members, committee and group leaders).

Cost: \$30, includes lunch and materials.

CHILDREN & YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all program questions contact Emma Mitchell, emma@trinitylittlerock.org

Some things to remember about Easter Sunday:

Families are encouraged to attend the 8:00 a.m. service. This will be full Eucharist with a brief children's sermon, with the Egg Hunt to follow.

Bring flowers from your garden to help "Flower the Cross" on your way into church!

Bring an Easter basket to collect eggs during the Egg Hunt (in the courtyard). Eggs will be traded in for Easter Treat Bags.

The bench and flowered cross at the Cathedral entrance are a great spot to take family photos for the directory! We would love to have updated pictures of your family in Realm.

We'll serve a light breakfast in Morrison at 9:15 a.m. alongside the Egg Hunt.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 1-5, 2026

Registration is live for our annual Vacation Bible School week! VBS is open to all rising Kindergartners - rising 5th graders. Youth going into 6th-12th grade are invited to be volunteers and help lead the week. Adult volunteers we need you too. Sign up today and help make this week fun and memorable as we explore peacemaking together. Register using this QR code.

