



Palm Sunday

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

APRIL 14, 2019

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here.
Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.*

— GEORG WEISSEL, 1642; TRANSLATED BY CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1855



We Enter Into God's Presence

The Prelude

Prelude on *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

arr. Lindsay Lafford

The Striking of the Hour

† The Call to Worship

Mr. Howell

Minister: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

People: **Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Minister: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord!

People: **Hosanna in the Highest!**

On Palm Sunday we celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem five days before His crucifixion. The ministers and children in first through fifth grades process with palm branches, joined by the Chancel Choir. May we rejoice this morning in the Son of David, our Prophet, Priest, and King!

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer (Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

We Receive Cleansing in Christ

The Reading – John 12:9-11

The Silent, Personal, Prayer of Confession

The Reading – John 12:12-19

The Corporate Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Who on this day did enter the rebellious city where You were to die: Enter into our hearts, we beseech You, and subdue them wholly to Yourself. As Your faithful disciples spread their garments in the way, covering it with palm branches, make us ready to lay at Your feet all that we have and are. After having confessed and worshiped You upon earth, may we be among the number of those who shall hail Your eternal triumph and bear in our hands the palms of victory, when every knee shall bow before You, and every tongue confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; Behold, the King of glory waits; *Hosanna! Hosanna!*
 The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here!
Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna!

A Helper just He comes to thee, His chariot is humility, *Hosanna! Hosanna!*
 His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna!

O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the Ruler is confessed! *Hosanna! Hosanna!*
 O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King in triumph comes!
Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart *Hosanna! Hosanna!*
 From earthly use for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
Hosanna, Son of David! Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna!

The Morning Offering

The Christian Greeting

The Anthem

O Thou Eternal Christ, Ride On!

Calvin Laufer

Chancel Choir; Children's Choirs

Arr. Austin Lovelace

O Thou Eternal Christ of God, ride on! Ride on! Ride on!
 Establish Thou forevermore the triumph now begun.
 A mighty host, by Thee redeemed, is marching in Thy train:
 Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and Thou in love shalt reign.

O Holy Savior of mankind, ride on! Ride on! Ride on!
 We bear with Thee the scourge and cross if so Thy will be done.
 And be the road up hill or down, unbroken or well trod,
 We go with Thee to claim and build a city unto God.

O Thou who art the Life and Light, Exalted Lord and King,
 We hail Thine august majesty and loud hosannas sing,
 Until in every land and clime Thine ends of love are won:
 O Christ, Redeemer, Brother, Friend, ride on! Ride on! Ride on!
 The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory

We Receive God's Word

The Personal Preparation and Meditation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.
Following the 8:30 worship service, your children will be taken to their Sunday school classes.
Following the 11:00 service, please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel (E-100).*

The Sermon

THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY

Mr. McRoberts

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John 12:9-19

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A detailed sermon outline can be found inside the morning announcements.

We Commune with God at His Table

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

Family of God, as we draw near to the Lord's Supper to celebrate Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us be grateful and remember that our Lord instituted this sacrament as a perpetual reminder of His dying for our sakes and as a pledge of His undying love for us.

If we are willingly and stubbornly living in sin, lacking peace in our relationships with others, secretly relying on our own good works for favor with God, then we are warned by God's Word not to receive this sacrament.

But all who are truly sorry for their sins and long to be delivered from the burden of them; all who are weary from brokenness and long to be filled with the life of Christ; all who are doubting and need the assuring embrace of God; all who humbly put their trust in Christ and desire His grace that they may lead a holy life; and, all who are baptized members in an evangelical church, are invited and encouraged in His name to join us in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Let us therefore come that we be refreshed and find rest for our souls.

If you are not in a saving relationship with God through Christ today, do not take the bread and cup, but take Christ and receive Him in your heart as those around you receive the meal. Then, immediately following the service, come and tell a minister or one of our leaders what you have done so we can prepare you to receive communion next time as a child of God.

✠ The Hymn No. 247 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

✠ The Confession of Our Faith The Nicene Creed
Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*

✠ The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal

We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve

✠ The Hymn No. 455 *And Can It Be That I Should Gain* SAGINA
(stanzas 1, 4, and 5)

✠ The Sending Hebrews 13:16

Go from the place and do good; give from what has been given to you; for these are sacrifices pleasing to our God.

✠ The Benediction of God's Grace and The Congregation's AMEN

Minister: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore.

People: AMEN.

✠ The Postlude March upon Handel's *Lift Up Your Heads* Alexandre Guilmant

Lenten Devotional and Hymn

April 15-April 20

Christ, the Lord Is Risen Today

Next Lord's Day, EASTER Sunday, we will lift our voices in unison praising God for the very meaning of Easter: ***Christ the Lord is risen today!*** Death could not hold Him. The tomb could not contain Him. The Holy Spirit raised Him to life, and Jesus had conquered death and ripped it of its sting. The result? ***Christ has opened paradise.***

What do we then do? The hymn tells us: ***Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia! Sing, O heav'ns and earth reply, Alleluia!***

Alleluia means "praise Him!" Praise, Ye, the Lord!! Early Christians would greet one another on Easter morning by saying, *Alleluia, the Lord is risen!* And one historian (Jerome) said that when the early Christians sang, *Hallelujah*, the ceilings would reverberate. May we at Trinity Church sing with such exultation that when she sings, the very ceilings reverberate (echo; vibrate)!

Charles Wesley wrote this hymn in 1739. He wrote it for the first service of a new chapel he purchased to hold the growing number of converts in his church in London. (Actually, the alleluias were added later by an editor who felt it better fit the tune.)

Death has tried to win. Since Eden, death has thought it was victorious over us. But as Wesley wrote in light of I Corinthians 15, ***Vain the stone, the watch, the seal ... Christ has burst the gates of hell ... Death in vain forbids Him rise ... Christ has opened Paradise.*** Such strong words! Such strong lyrics to sing at the top of our voices! But one must believe it!

The Resurrection is God's exclamation point on Christ's victory and our salvation. ***Lives again our glorious King!*** And if He lives, so shall we ... forever! His life is our life. His resurrection is our resurrection. And we will ***soar where Christ has led ... following our exalted Head ... made like Him, like Him we rise ... ours the cross, the grave, the skies!*** What hope!! There is no greater hope!

When we boast, let us boast in Christ alone. He won the victory for us. We are merely recipients of what Christ has done for us. He won heaven for us; which is to say, He won LIFE for us – forever.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above ... put to death ... whatever belongs to your earthly nature ... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility and patience ... forgive as the Lord forgave you ... put on love. Let the peace of Christ rule ... and be thankful. (Portions of Colossians 3)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Alleluia!
sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
made like Him, like Him we rise: Alleluia!
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!