



# **PALM SUNDAY**

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**APRIL 13, 2025**

# MORNING WORSHIP

## THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Praise Him who comes, and is to come! Praise Him for His Father's boundless grace! This day is joy-filled for all creation. My glad soul will sing a song of praise, and wave branches of thanksgiving that were once just palm branches, thrown in front of You by children. Now we own Your hidden majesty, and we cry with those children: "Hosannah to the Son of David!"*

EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN (306 - 373 AD)

THEOLOGIAN AND HYMNODIST



## APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst

The Prelude

*Horn Concerto Op. 11, No. 1 in E-flat Major*  
*I. Allegro*

Richard Strauss

The Announcements

Rev. Kurt Cooper

The Chiming of the Hour

•† The Ascription of Praise *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

**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.**

**So come, my Sov'reign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!**

**Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.**

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

† The Call to Worship – Psalm 103:19-22 (*congregation reads bold type*)

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens,  
**and His Kingdom rules over all.**

Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word,  
obeying the voice of His word!

**Bless the LORD, all His hosts,  
His ministers who do His will!**

Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion.

*ALL:* **Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

•† The Processional Hymn No. 185 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

ST. THEODULPH

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

† The Doxology – No. 650 in *The Hymnal*

OLD HUNDREDTH

## SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession – Exodus 20

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**You shall have no other gods before Me;**  
**You shall not make for yourself an idol;**  
**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain;**  
**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy;**  
**Honor your father and your mother;**  
**You shall not murder;**  
**You shall not commit adultery;**  
**You shall not steal;**  
**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor;**  
**You shall not covet.**

The Silent Prayers of Confession

The Assurance of Pardon – Galatians 2:19-20

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Cooper

The Offering

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9:7*

The Anthem

*Joy in the Morning*

Natalie Sleeth

There'll be joy in the morning on that day,  
for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone,  
There'll be joy in the morning on that day.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore,  
Every heart and voice will then rejoice,  
There'll be peace and contentment evermore.

And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us,  
And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,  
And the way of the Lord will that day be restored,  
There'll be love, sweet love, everywhere.

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Whitehurst

† The Reading of God's Word – Matthew 21:1-11

pew Bible, page 1049

*If you are visiting today and do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures,  
please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.*

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,  
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

**Isaiah 40:6b, 8**

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.  
They may be picked up in Room E-100 after the service.*

The Sermon

*The King and I*

Rev. Whitehurst

† The Hymn (*see insert*)

*Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*

ST. DROSTANE

## COMMUNING WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND HIS PEOPLE

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

*Who should come to the Lord's table? Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life, and who are members in good standing of an evangelical church. (from the Heidelberg Catechism)*

† The Nicene Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of Humble Access

The Words of Institution

The Serving of the Meal    *Oboe Sonata in G minor, BWV 1030*

J. S. Bach

*Oboe Concerto in F Major, RV 455*

Antonio Vivaldi

*Please partake of the elements as you receive them,  
just as we must each receive Christ for our own salvation by faith.*

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

## FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 371

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

† The Benediction of God's Grace

† The Threefold Amen – No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude

*Toccatà in C Major*

Johann Pachelbel

*Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!  
Psalm 24:10*

## **SERMON NOTES**

*The King and I*  
Matthew 21:1-11

I. The King You Must Acknowledge

II. The Praise You Must Sing

III. The Question You Must Answer

### **Leading In Worship**

Rev. Kurt Cooper, *Senior Minister*

Rev. Cameron Whitehurst, *Assistant Minister*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*

Mrs. Shannon Mathai, *Assistant Director of Music and Organist*

Mr. Andrew Wales, *organist*

Mr. George Gichero, *oboe*

Mr. Shaka Marko, *horn*

# HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY



## **PALM SUNDAY VESPERS | APRIL 13**

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*A service led by Children's Choirs, with string quartet.*

Homily by The Reverend Michael Howell

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE | APRIL 17**

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*Music by the organ with Dr. William Hayter, clarinet.*

Homily by The Reverend Cameron Whitehurst

## **GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE | APRIL 18**

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*Music by the Chancel Choir and organ.*

Homily by The Reverend Kurt Cooper

## **EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20**

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.\* in Trinity Park

*In case of inclement weather the Sunrise Service will be held in Trinity Hall.*

Homily by The Reverend Cameron Whitehurst

Pancake Breakfast in Trinity Hall

*Served immediately following the Sunrise Service – all are welcome!*

Easter Morning Worship at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

*Music by the Chancel Choir and soloists with organ, brass, and percussion.*

Sermon by The Reverend Kurt Cooper

*\*Nursery (ages 3 months to pre-K) is provided for all services except for the Sunrise Service.*

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR EVENING VESPERS