

Palm Sunday



March 29, 2026

10 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Parish

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You will find that our worship blends the ancient mysteries of the church with a modern and vibrant faith. Located in the pew rack are Hymnals and the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), along with connection cards. Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate so that we can connect you with the life of the church.

NURSERY: Kids of all ages are welcome to attend the service! However, parents may prefer to take infants and toddlers up to 3 years old to our staffed nursery, located downstairs in the Parish House next to the sanctuary. The ushers or greeters can accompany you to the nursery.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL: Is on pause for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday so the children and teachers can celebrate with us!

RESTROOM: A restroom is located to the right as you enter the church, to the left as you exit.

LIGHTING A VOTIVE: The Little Side Chapel, located in the alcove to the left as you enter the church, is available to anyone wishing to light a candle and have a few moments of reflection and prayer.

Liturgy of the Palms

Palms and bulletins are distributed. Those unable to gather outside are welcome to wait in the pews. All stand.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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.**

READING: 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."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.**

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

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Following the children and choir, the People process into the Nave, waving the palms and responding:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

COLLECT

Entering the church, the celebrant says:

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.**

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN:

Hymn 154

All glory, laud, and honor

Valet will ich dir geben

Hymnals are found in the pew racks.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT 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—
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?
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:9-16

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

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

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

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

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

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

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

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

NEW TESTAMENT 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.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN:

Hymn 435

At the Name of Jesus

All stand

THE PASSION: Matthew 26:14-27:66 (*Found in your bulletin insert*)

The People are seated until the arrival at Golgotha, when all stand.

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (From the New Zealand Prayer Book)

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved.

Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations, especially Donald, president of the United States, Bill, governor of Tennessee, and Wes and Joe, our mayors.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his Kingdom, especially Sean, our presiding bishop, John, bishop of Tennessee, and [_____] our priest today. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Trinity's search for our next priest, that we may be filled with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, patience, love and mutual respect.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all the men and women in the service of our nation, and their families, at home and abroad. Defend them, strengthen them, give them courage, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed, or visit <https://trinityparish.com/giving/> or scan the QR code using your phone's camera to give online.



You may also mail your offering or pledge to: 317 Franklin Street, Clarksville, TN 37040.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Hymn 167

There is a green hill far away

Horsley

DOXOLOGY

The People stand and sing while the offerings are brought forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer C, Book of Common Prayer, p. 369)

The People stand.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: Hymnal S130

The People sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People kneel.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection,

as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S158

The People sing:

**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.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion. Here are the options at Trinity:
Communion is distributed in the same way on both sides.*

Bread and wine: *You will receive bread in your hand, which you should immediately consume, and then you will drink from the chalice. You may assist in directing the wine to your lips, touching only the base of the chalice. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.*

Intinction: *You may very carefully dip the edge of the wafer in the wine. Please do not touch the upper part of the chalice.*

Bread only: *After receiving bread, cross both arms over your chest to indicate no wine.*

Blessing only: *If you or your child wish to receive a priest's blessing instead of bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Hymn 172

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were You There

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand or kneel.

Let us pray.

**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.**

HOLY WEEK BLESSING

Almighty God, we pray you 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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 171

Go to dark Gethsemane

Petra (Redhead 76)

In honor of the Passion of Christ, the People leave in silence.

Please join us in the Parish Hall immediately following today's service for coffee and a light meal.

Those serving today

1st reading: Steven Stroman

Psalm: Lucas Evan Smith

2nd reading: Jeanie Faust

Prayers: Jan Hodgson

Vergers: Katie LeBeau Dean, Chris Smith

LEM/Cross: Nancy Snyder Gibson

Torch/server: Allison Lee Stroman

Torch/plates: TJ Neville

Ushers: Titus Neville, Larry M Faust

Greeters: Kate Greene Smith, Christie Crawford

Livestream: Jamie Loy

Gatekeeper: Megan Williams

Children's Chapel: None today

Parish H. lockup: Howell Foust

Altar Guild: Mark

Celebrant

We are joined today by the Rev. Patrick Ormos of Nashville.

Flower donations

Flowers given by Altar Guild.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF THE DIOCESAN HOUSE

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Chris, Kate, Meg and Wade Smith
Lucas Smith and Jodi Stephens
Mary Suiter

Parish Prayer List

Jack Mitchell
Mary Smith
Anne Finley
Dorothy Hartzog
Linda Broderick-Northup and Family

Calendar

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- **7:30 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
- **10 a.m.:** Holy Eucharist Rite II, with music, nursery available

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

9 a.m.

- **Children:** Godly Play for students pre-school through 5th grade.
- **Youth:** Students 6th through 12th grade.
- **Adults:** Walk in Love: "Episcopal Beliefs and Practices" by Scott Gunn

11:30 a.m. (following 10 a.m. service)

- **Adults:** The Old Testament Prophets in Context

Nursery is available starting at 9 a.m. through the 10 a.m. service for infants up to 3 years old.

FELLOWSHIP:

- **Wednesday Night Dinner** every week at 5:30 p.m. Donation of \$10 for ages 16 and up, \$5 for students, free for 15 and younger.
- **Small Groups** meet weekly or bi-weekly. To sign up, go to <https://trinityparish.com/engage/small-group-connections/> or call the church office, 931-645-2458.
- **Women's Study**, "The Gift of Years," second Saturdays at 9 a.m., Parish Hall library.
- **Loaves & Fishes** Trinity volunteer Day, third Wednesdays at noon, 325 Crossland Ave.
- **Circuit Workit** low-impact exercise, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall, first floor classroom.
- **Chair Yoga**, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., Parish Hall, first floor classroom.
- **Fiber Arts Group**, third Saturdays at 10 a.m., Parish Hall library.

Announcements

Holy Week Services

Be sure to join Trinity during Holy Week!

- **Maundy Thursday**, 6 p.m. April 2 with the Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Altar, Overnight Vigil.
- **Good Friday**, 6 p.m. April 3 with the Veneration of the Cross
- **Easter Sunday Early Service**, 7:30 a.m. April 5 with Lighting of the New Fire and Paschal Candle.
- **Easter Sunday Principal Service**, 10 a.m. April 5, with Flowering of the Cross, incense, bells, Baptisms and more, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt!

Maundy Thursday Overnight Vigil: The church will be open after the service overnight. Sign up for a time slot using the form at the back of the church, or online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044CACAF2BA2FACE9-62804044-overnight>

Easter Memorial Flowers and Music: Anyone who would like to do so can make a memorial donation for Easter flowers, and new this year a memorial donation for Easter music. Please specify the memorial on a check or in an envelope in the offering plate or with the church office.

Flowers for the Altar: We have dates available if you would like to make a donation for Sunday flowers. Please contact Laura Harpel by email at horsedoctor3@gmail.com or by cell at 931-206-4600. You can also contact the office.

Brunswick Stew: Save Saturday, April 25 on your calendar for the churchwide Brunswick Stew making. An old Trinity tradition is coming back to life! Congregation members will be asked to contribute the ingredients for a delicious stew, then we will prep and cook in an iron cauldron over a wood fire together in the parking lot behind the church. Plan for a fun day of cooking together, playing together, and enjoying delicious stew! Want to volunteer to be a part of the Red Cup Committee, the unofficial cooking crew? Contact Kate and Chris Smith at (931) 551-7412 or norakatemom@gmail.com. We need potato and onion choppers, can openers, cauldron stirrers, and as many cooks in the "kitchen" as want to be involved.



Your Pledge to Trinity: We are called to discern how we can best support the growth of God's Kingdom. Stewardship isn't limited to one season – our gifts of time, talent and treasure can be offered at any point throughout the year. Your pledge helps Trinity sustain our sacred space and expand our outreach and connection in the community. Thank you for sharing your commitment to Trinity.

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Scan here to submit your pledge online or contact the church office.

Newcomers Dinner: Save the date! If you're new to Trinity (or just feel like you're pretty new!) we want to invite you to a Newcomers Dinner at 6 pm on April 10 in the Parish Hall. Please RSVP by scanning this QR code and filling out the Google form for us.





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Our Team

Office Administrator: Kelsey Deboard
Music Director: Dr. Daniel Copher
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Lead Verger: Chris Smith

Our Vestry

Howell Foust, Senior Warden
Bill Kimbrough, Junior Warden
Thommy Barbeauld
Will Green
Bob Houston
Frank Lott

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Chris Nolder
Kate Smith
Amy Truesdale
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