



April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

REFLECTIONS

The hands of the king are the hands of a healer, and so shall the rightful king be known.
J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973)
British scholar and author
The Return of the King

[One] characteristic of intra-Trinitarian love [is] mutuality, the willingness within the divine family to serve each other, to be eternally at the disposal of the others. . . . Triune love is life-changing. Its complete devotion to the Lord and the neighbor puts an end to selfish, me-focused lifestyles. Its mutuality leads to sacrificial service, embracing the needs of others as our own. Its transparency produces intimacy and attachment that is morally good and unconditional. Finally, its unity builds bridges of joyful acceptance, especially across generational, cultural, and linguistic barriers.
John W. Mahony
Contemporary North American theologian
“Love in the Triune Community?” in *The Love of God*

Let us say to Christ: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*, the king of Israel. Let us wave before him like palm branches the words inscribed above him on the cross. Let us show him honor, not with olive branches, but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under his feet like garments, so that he may draw the whole of our being into himself and place the whole of his in us.
Andrew of Crete
Eighth Century Martyr

GATHERING

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Call to Worship

John 12:12-16, NIV
Rev. David Fisk

Leader: The next day the great crowd that had come for the feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"

**All: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Blessed is the king of Israel!"**

Leader: Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, O Daughter of Zion;

All: See, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

Leader: At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that they had done these things to him.

Psalm 72 (Doxology)

Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by the Lord's Prayer)

All: 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 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, forever and ever.
Amen.

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Call to Confession

Romans 6:1-4 NIV

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Prayer of Confession

“Trisagion”*

Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y.

Ho - ly im - mor-tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

* The title of this Greek Orthodox prayer means “thrice holy,” reflecting the declaration of the heavenly angels in Isaiah 6:4. Meditating on God’s holiness leads us to acknowledge our sins and cry out, “Have mercy, on us.”

Words of Encouragement

Colossians 1:13-14, ESV

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Lord Is King

Prayer for Christ’s Church and the World

Colossians 4:2, NIV

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

The Passing of the Peace

*The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.*

Children’s Worship:

Parents who wish may send children grades K5-3rd to meet leaders in the Lobby. Children will return to their families following Communion, through the side doors to your right.

Worship through Giving

2 Corinthians 8:9, NIV

My King Is Known by Mercy

THE WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:24-28, NIV

Reader: Lauren Yoder

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

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

Sermon

Dr. Jimmy Agan

Everything in Love: How Triune Love Shares Glory

COMMUNION

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

All Communion bread is gluten-free.

Trays contain wine in the middle and grape juice in the outer rim.

Please hold the elements until everyone is served and we will all take them together.

SENDING

In Christ Alone

Benediction

John 12:13, NIV

Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration