

Holy Trinity United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

REFLECTION: “O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!” – Psalm 121:7-8

PRELUDE: “The Holy City” – Stephen Adams
Shawn Berry – Soloist

WELCOME

INTROIT: “Jesus, Refuge of The Weary” –
Girolamo Savonarola

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM:
Matthew 21:1-11

THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE:

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

***OPENING HYMN: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #278**

*OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE: “Blessed Be the Name” #63**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

READING OF THE PASSION STORY Matthew 27:11-54

ANTHEM: “The Bellman’s Song” – Traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

As concerns and celebrations are shared the Pastor offers a Bidding Prayer ending with the words, “God, in your mercy” to which the congregation may respond by saying “Hear our prayer” after which all will pray responsively the following:

In peace, we pray to you, O God.

Silence

For all people, in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and
the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church;
**For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the
truth.**

For our Bishop, Pastors, Deacons and Laity.
For all who serve God in the Church.

These prayers we offer in the name of and for the sake of
Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

#385

INVITATION:

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON:

We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted ‘Crucify him!’ or remained silent in the face of injustice. We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us. Jesus Christ, our King of glory, we have not been outspoken for you. We have not called for your death, but neither have we shouted of your greatness, nor expressed delight in the salvation you have won for us. Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you that we may become more faithful and more joyful servants of the King. Amen.

The Psalmist says: But I trust in you, O Lord, I say ‘You are my God.’ My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.” In Christ, God hears; God answers; God sets us free. In Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

The Peace: The peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with your spirit.

(The people pass the peace)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "What Wonderful Love" –
Russell Schulz-Widmar



***PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

***DOXOLOGY** #94

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

This Is the Day Holy God, sovereign over power and pain, glorious triumph and deep disappointment, we enter this Holy Week bringing our tithes and offerings to your altar and leaving them here in the hope you will use them to make the world a more loving and compassionate place. We are reminded through the scripture that you sent two of your disciples out to make the world ready for your coming: "Go into the village...find the donkey...tell them the lord has need." Remind us that your kingdom breaks into the world not as a spectacle for us to witness but as a parade where we are called to make a working contribution. We pray in the name of the One who comes not just for the parade, but for the cross at the end of it. Amen.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (musical setting A)
#17-18

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER THE RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION:

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN: "What Wondrous Love Is This" #292**

***BENEDICTION:**

L: Give thanks to God for God is good!

P: God's steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna!

L: We go from this place crying out for salvation!

P: Come, save us! Hosanna!

L: We go from this place ready to follow Jesus to the garden, the cross, and the tomb.

P: Come, save us! Hosanna!

L: We go from this place ready to pay attention as the waving of palms turns to a sentence of crucifixion.

P: Come. Save us. Hosanna.

L: We go from this place knowing that even in death, God's love endures.

P: Come. Save us. Hosanna.

**POSTLUDE: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" –
James Mansfield**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH PRAYER LIST: Linda Phillips, Tuckerman Ferris, Norman St. Hilaire, Beth Daley, Linda Kulju, Virginia Pickett, Susan Hess, Amy Briggs Kemeza, The Bennett Family, Sarah Pena, Judith Flachbart, Linda Murphy, Scott McGrath, Sarah & Libby MacQuarrie, Laurie Wilson, Dr Ali, Mark, Maureen, Erich, Joanne Smith, Jeanette, Mary, Millie Ward, Bridget, Rev. Higgins, Richard French, Deb Campbell, John, Jean, Ritchie, President Carter, Peace in Ukraine, June, Claire McLaughlin.

JOYS AND CONCERNS for prayer time can be emailed to Pastor Matt at mjwissell@gmail.com or texted to 978-430-2749 (please leave your name as well as your request).

PASTORAL VISITATION: If you would like a visit from Pastor Matt, please notify him at mjwissell@gmail.com or call his cell phone at 978-430-2749. You may also contact the church office at htumchurch@gmail.com or 978-777-7408.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Saturday evenings at 7:30pm.

North Shore Ministry: Thank you for all your help. It is much appreciated. Thank you to the person who brings the brown bag goodies! This week's needs are blankets, sleeping bags, tents, sneakers, t-shirts, undies, socks and still in need of hotel rooms. We bring not only lunch on Sundays but food for many for the week. Weekly needs are bread, mayo, water, coffee, ramen noodles, soda, chips, cheese slices, cold cuts, cereal, oatmeal, microwavable food including popcorn.

EVENTS

Sunday

Church Service and Sunday School 9:30 am
Followed by fellowship coffee hour

First Sunday of every month, Fill a red grocery bag for the
Danvers People to People Food Pantry

Monday

The Gathering 7pm-8:30pm

Tuesday

Samaritan Circle: Second Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

Friendship Ring: First Wednesday of the month (off-site)

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal 7pm

Friday

Saturday

AA 7:30pm

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday April 2nd – Palm Sunday
Sunday April 9th – Easter Sunday
Easter egg hunt following Church Service
Saturday May 20th – Merry May Vendor and Craft Fair

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The Reverend Matthew J. Wissell, *Pastor*
Nancy Rodriguez, *Christian Education Director*
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Rev. Barbara Otto, *Organist*
Jodi Armstrong, *Office Administrator*
Kevin O'Brien, *Sexton*

LAST DAY TO ORDER



Easter Tulips Order Form 2023

The altar will be decorated on Easter Sunday with a beautiful display of tulips.

Deadline for ordering is **SUNDAY, APRIL 2.**

Your name: _____

Please choose the color of your tulips and how many:

RED: ____ **YELLOW:** ____ **ORANGE:** ____ **PURPLE:** ____ **PINK:** ____

Number of Tulips = _____ x \$10/each = \$ _____

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

In memory of: _____

AND/OR

In honor of: _____

In honor of: _____

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Along with this order form, please enclose CASH or CHECK made out to Holy Trinity United Methodist Church (marked Easter Tulips) and place in the offering plate or in the basket on the narthex table.

Thank you and Happy Easter!

Merry May Vendor and Craft Fair

Saturday May 20, 2023

\$40 per booth

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If you are a crafter/vendor or know someone who may be interested, email rgberfam@gmail.com with Merry May in the subject line.

We plan to have a bake table and sell water/soda/coffee and will need volunteers for it. Contact Linda Ramsdell at blberamsdell@yahoo.com or 978-239-3808 if interested in helping with the bake table. If you are a crafter but do not wish to rent a spot, we hope to put together a table with Holy Trinity members' donated items for sale.

VENDOR &



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