

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Gathering

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSION WITH BRANCHES

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 21:1-11

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING OF BRANCHES

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

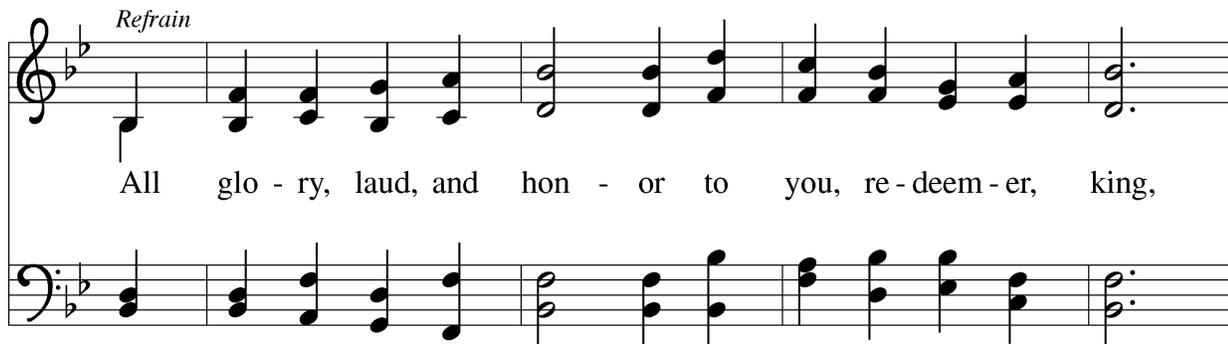
PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

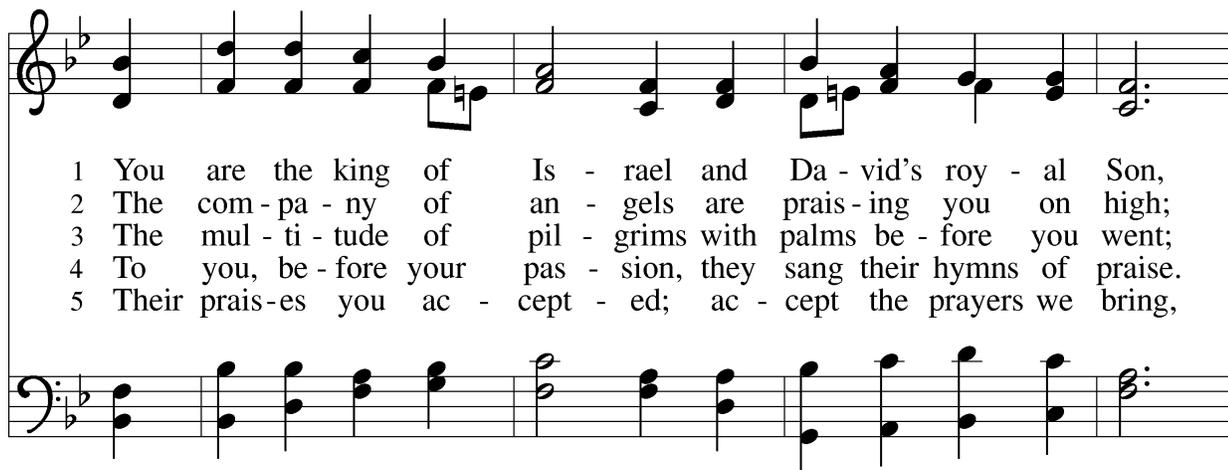
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ 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;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
- Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
- ^{9a} It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na the hap - py chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang;
 the vic - tory palm - branch wav - ing, and sing - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; earth, let your an - thems ring.

to Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and hea - ven rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 con - tent that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his hum - ble pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC Into Jerusalem Jesus Rode – *Alfred V. Fedak*

OFFERTORY SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Meal

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

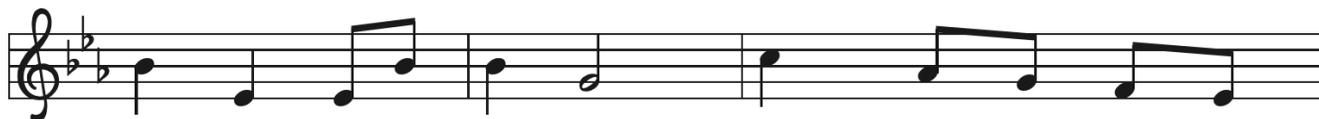
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.
All are invited. All are welcome.
Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG *Prepare the Royal Highway*

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

COMMUNION SONG *Sing Praises, All You Peoples*

Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num. Lau -
Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord. Sing

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prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sending

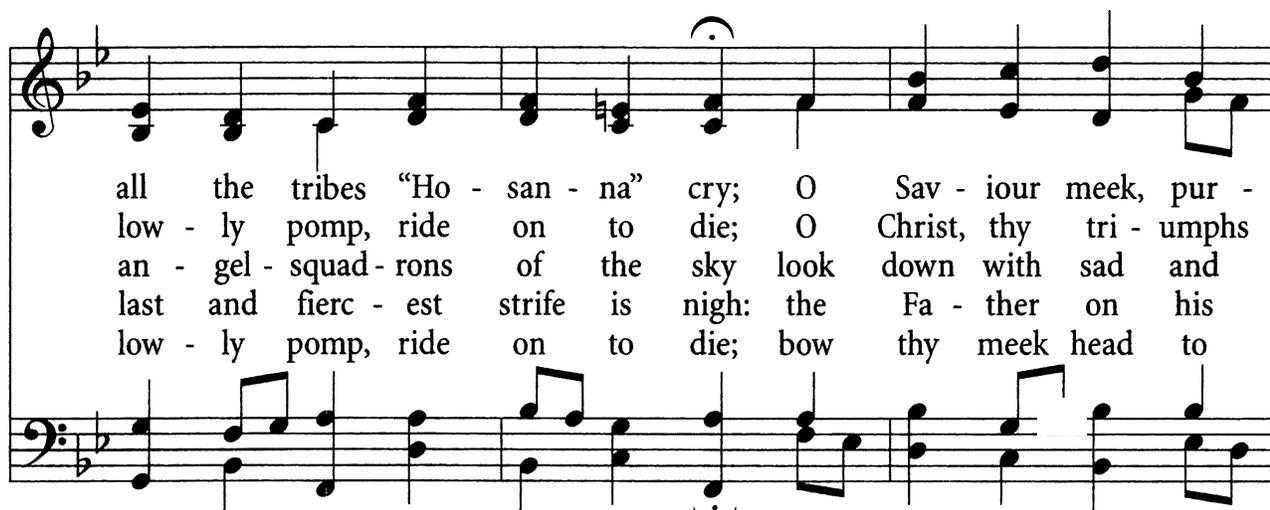
BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

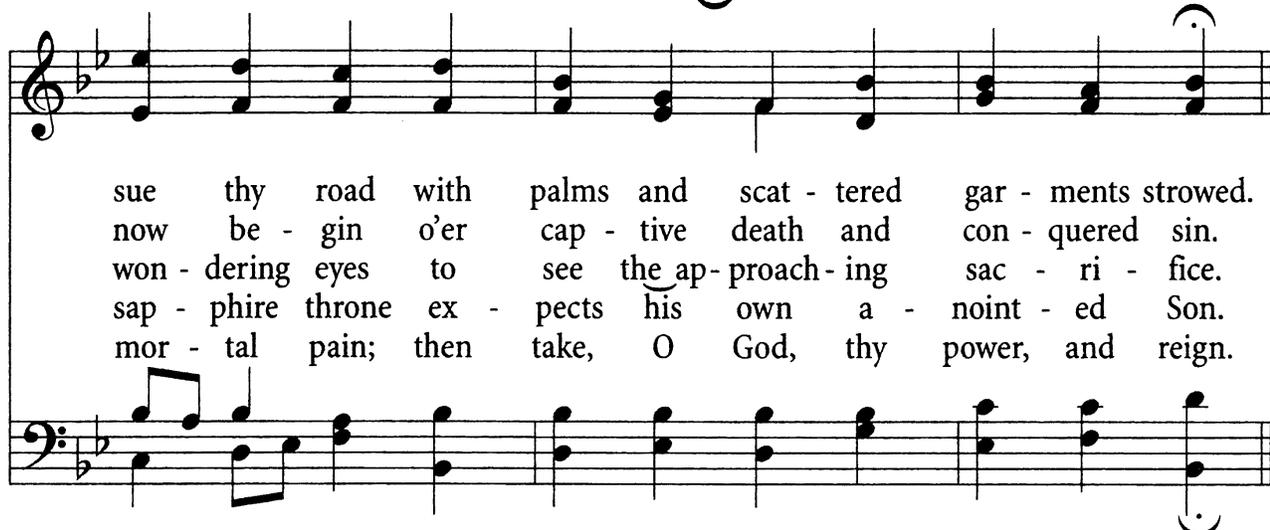
SENDING SONG *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*



1 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark!
 2 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In
 3 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The
 4 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy
 5 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In



all the tribes "Ho - san - na" cry; O Sav - iour meek, pur -
 low - ly pomp, ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs
 an - gel - squad - rons of the sky look down with sad and
 last and fierc - est strife is nigh: the Fa - ther on his
 low - ly pomp, ride on to die; bow thy meek head to



sue thy road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE Fughette on 'O Lamm Gottes unschuldig' – *Johann Pachelbel*

+ Palm Branches

Trinity forgoes palm branches on Palm Sunday, the use of which often promotes deforestation in sensitive ecosystems. In the biblical narrative, palm branches were local greenery, and so we also use local branches in our procession today.

+ Sunday to Sunday

29 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Palm Sunday
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
30 – Monday	5:00 pm	Karate
	6:30 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
31 – Tuesday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	3:30 pm	Karate
1 – Wednesday	5:15 pm	Music Together
2 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Hybrid Worship + Maundy Thursday
3 – Friday	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship + Good Friday
	11:00 am	Prayer Vigil Begins at Trinity
4 – Saturday	6:00 pm	In-Person Worship + Easter Vigil
5 – Sunday	6:30 am	In-Person Worship + Easter Sunrise
	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Easter Sunday
	10:30 am	Easter Breakfast

+ The Great Three Days

Our Palm Sunday liturgy sends us off into Holy Week, which culminates in the Three Days. Please join us for this continuous liturgy:



Maundy Thursday

April 2nd, 7:00 pm, Hybrid Worship

We partake in foot washing and hear Jesus' commandment to love one another. We strip the altar before departing in silence, anticipating the next day's events.



Good Friday

April 3rd, 10:00 am, Hybrid Worship at Zion United

We gather for ecumenical worship with friends from St. George's Anglican and Zion United as we contemplate the stations of the cross.



Easter Vigil

April 4th, 6:00 pm, In-Person Worship

We gather outside around a pillar of fire to share the new light. Then, we process inside to hear ancient stories of our faith, offer thanksgiving for Baptism, and then share in the Meal, celebrating the risen Christ.

+ Easter Breakfast

Following Easter Sunday worship we gather for Trinity's Annual Easter Breakfast! Please use the sign-up sheet at Trinity to let us know how many might attend from your household for this potluck celebration.

+ Easter Feaster Food Drive

During the season of Lent, our Trinity community has been invited to pause in thanksgiving for the bounty that will be on many of our tables for our Easter dinners. In response, consider sharing with those using the Food Bank at Wilmot Family Resource Centre by donating an item or two to our “Easter Feaster” food campaign. All donations can be left in the baskets at the entrances. Monetary donations are welcomed also; simply mark an offering envelope or e-transfer as “food bank”.

+ Prayer Vigil

Each year, Trinity hosts a prayer vigil from Good Friday through Holy Saturday. Individuals or families from the congregation sign up for one-hour timeslots from the conclusion of the morning Good Friday liturgy, through to the Easter Vigil service on Saturday night.

In this personal time of devotion, as folks contemplate Christ’s death and resurrection, many will pray, sing, or read. A few timeslots remain available on Saturday. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those interested.

+ Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

As violence in the Middle East escalates, CLWR, the ELCIC and the Humanitarian Coalition are asking for your help to provide life-saving aid. Please join us in prayer and consider donating today. Give now at clwr.org/middleeast, call 1-800-661-2597, or mark a Trinity offering as “Middle East”.

✦ Local Vocals' One Stop World Tour

They're back! Enjoy the musical stylings of Wilmot's own a cappella ensemble, *Local Vocals*, in two shows at Trinity: Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th, both at 7:00 pm. Tickets go on sale online at telc.ca on Friday, March 20th. In-person ticket sales available after worship today in the Martin Luther Room.

Local Vocals has been celebrated as "One of the Vocal Groups in Canada." You may recognize them from their appearances at esteemed venues such as "Stairs at Castle" or "Parking Lot Christmas Tree Sale." They'll be dusting off oldies like: Dust in the Wind, 9 to 5, Uptown Funk, Both Sides Now, When I'm 64, and with a special tribute to Lady Gaga! You won't want to miss out!

✦ Book Study: *Reclaiming the 'L' Word*

Have you ever wondered what it really means to be Lutheran? Whether you are new to the Lutheran tradition or have been part of it your whole life, our upcoming four-week study offers an opportunity to explore the heart of our faith together.

Later in April, we will begin a conversation based on the book, ***Reclaiming the 'L' Word: Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core*** by Kelly A. Fryer. Through this engaging and accessible book, we will explore the core ideas of Lutheran faith and how they shape our understanding of grace, discipleship, and life together as the church.

This online study via Zoom will happen on four Tuesdays from April 28th to May 19th. The time of day will be determined shortly.

If you are interested in joining the study, please sign up with Pastor Tanya by Easter Sunday, April 5th. The cost of the book is \$26.00 and can be paid by an e-transfer or offering envelope marked as "book study".

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