



Welcome to
TRINITY CHURCH ON THE GREEN **10:30^{am}**
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

PALM SUNDAY: THE PASSION OF THE LORD
MARCH 24, 2024 AT TEN-THIRTY A.M.

LITURGY OF THE PALMS AND HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
THE CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS AND THE CHOIR OF ADULTS & GIRLS



LITURGY OF THE PALMS

All who are able gather on the apron in front of the church to join the Liturgy of the Palms and procession into the church. The branches of palms to be carried in the procession are distributed to the people before the service.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Priest 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.

GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark;

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

WHEN they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The People hold their branches of palms in the air as the Priest says

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.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSION

Priest: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The cross, children and donkey will lead the procession into the church, followed by the choir. The people will follow the choir into the church, singing the hymns on the following pages. As the choir takes their place in the chancel, the people go to their seats.



HYMN

“All glory, laud, and honor”

Valet will ich dir geben

sung by all in procession

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

HYMN

“Ride on! ride on in majesty”

Winchester New

1 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho -
2 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride
3 Ride on! ride on in ma - jes - ty! The an - gel ar - mies

san - na cry; Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road
on to die: O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin
of the sky Look down with sad and won - d'ring eyes

With palms and scat - ter'd gar - ments strowed.
O'er cap - tive death and con - quer'd sin.
To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Expects his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

HENRY HART MILMAN, 1827, *alt.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Priest 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.**

Children's Chapel

We invite all children wishing to attend Children's Chapel to gather at the front of the church and follow Angela Arpino, our Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, to the undercroft. The children will return to the nave before Communion.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

LESSON

A reading from Book of the Prophet Isaiah

50:4-9a

seated

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?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:9-16

In te, Domine, speravi

chant: Charles Harford Lloyd

sung by the choir

(1849-1919)

- 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.

LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away”

Stuart Townend

sung by all, standing



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
 2. The bod - y of our Sav-iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
 3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
 4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who
 Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that
 Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may
 and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So, we
 brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So, we
 en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So, we
 steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. As we



share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
 share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
 share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His
 share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will



sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace
 sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love
 sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace
 come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n



a-round the ta-ble of the King.
 a-round the ta-ble of the King.
 a-round the ta-ble of the King.
 a-round the ta-ble of the King.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Mark 15:1-39

The Passion begins with the congregation seated. The People take the role of the Crowd.

Narrator The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator He answered him,

Jesus “You say so.”

Narrator Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Narrator But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Narrator They shouted back,

Crowd “**Crucify him!**”

Narrator Pilate asked them,

Pilate “Why, what evil has he done?”

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

Crowd “**Crucify him!**”

Narrator So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to

him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystanders "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

Narrator In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Chief Priests "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

Narrator Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator which means,

Jesus "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

Narrator And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystanders "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

Narrator Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion "Truly this man was God's Son!"

SERMON

congregation seated

The Rev. Heidi Thorsen, Associate Rector

THE NICENE CREED

standing

WE believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying,
“Crucified King, *have mercy on us.*”

Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been
humble as you are humble. We have been unwilling to share the gospel with our friends and
families. Crucified King,
Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord—especially those who are threatened by your message of love and justice. Have mercy on us for our silence and complicity. Crucified King,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Have mercy on us and teach us to love what you have called good. Crucified King,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us to value what you value. Increase in us love for our neighbors. Crucified King,

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen those whose strength fails them. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants. Crucified King,

Have mercy on us.

Merciful Lord, you know the pain of death—even death on a cross. Have mercy on the dying and the dead. Bring them to the joy of everlasting life in you. Crucified King,

Have mercy on us.

Keep our community in your prayers this week:

Special Needs: Alexander, Linda Armstrong, Azhar, Maria Brandriff, Denise Bryant, Max Cohen, Mark Depman, Ivan Diaz, Liz Dickinson, Doreen, Elinor, Erika Farrell, Gamara, Pierre Gaudron, Julianne Griffin, Ibrihim, Kathleen, Angie Lopez, Betsy Mac Graw, Larry Mac Leon, Ella Mauhs, David McKeand, Sue Parnoff, Charlotte Pederson, Tom Pederson, Robert Perron, Kavya Reddy, Maureen Schaffer, Alice Schneider, Hank Schneider, U. Shankes, Marabeth Spencer, Johannes Thomeer, Eleanor Tignor, Emily Tredwell, Laurel Van Wilgen, Pat Wade, the people of Sudan

Departed: Janice Marie Bean, Blanche Cantafio, Jennifer Houston, Carolann Patz, Mary Jane Roy

Birthdays: **Mar. 24:** Becky Harper, Debby Kraemer; **Mar. 25:** Peggy Atherton, Lisa Barr, Ren Sharma, Peter Van Ness; **Mar. 26:** Ben Paquette, Edwin Thrower; **Mar. 27:** Linda Lorimer, Melinda Luth; **Mar. 28:** Leslie Belcher, Joan Dreyfus; **Mar. 29:** Laura Davis, Kathryn Tripp; **Mar. 30:** Chukwekezie Ezigbo, Barbara Greten; **Mar. 31:** Zoe Eichler, Nick Moretti; **Apr. 1:** Boris Shpitalnik; **Apr. 2:** Augustine Segger; **Apr. 5:** Ailene Lee, Nancy Piehler, Bunny Rodriguez; **Apr. 6:** Jason Giering

The Priest concludes with the following Collect

LORD hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

standing; please share a sign of peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

congregation seated

- Trinity Players upcoming performance | Good Friday 3:30 pm
- Celebratory reception following Easter Vigil
- Last Sunday for Lenten Stations

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

7:45 a.m. | Quiet Eucharist, Rite I with Liturgy of the Palms

10:30 a.m. | Liturgy of the Palms & Eucharist of the Lord's Passion

2:00 p.m. | Chapel on the Green

MAUNDY THURSDAY | March 28

2:00-4:00 p.m. | Outdoor Maundy Thursday Service, followed by a foot washing clinic & health fair

7:30 p.m. | Mass of the Lord's Supper, with foot washing

GOOD FRIDAY | March 29

12:00-3:00 p.m. | The Seven Last Words – a meditative service of reflections on the words Jesus spoke on his way to the cross

7:30 p.m. | Solemn Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus Christ

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL | March 30

7:30 p.m. | The Great Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter, reception to follow

EASTER DAY | March 31

7:45 a.m. | Quiet Eucharist, Rite I in celebration of Easter morning

10:30 a.m. | Festival Choral Eucharist followed by the Easter Egg Scramble

2:00 p.m. | Chapel on the Green

Offertory

During our Offertory Anthem, we invite you to consider how you are giving to God's mission in the world and here at Trinity Church on the Green – through time, talent, and financial support.

Ways to Give

1. **ONLINE:** Visit our safe & secure online donation portal: <https://onrealm.org/TrinityOnGreen/-/give/general>
2. **CHECK:** Mail Checks to office address: 950 Chapel Street, Floor 2, New Haven, CT 06510
3. When making donations of securities, please contact the Parish Office with the information of the stock donation - either via email or a phone call. Stock donations often do not include the name and address of the donor.
4. Please contact AnnaDea Chavez, Development Manager with any questions

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

sung by the choir

Ride on

Grayston Ives

(b. 1948)

Refrain: Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

In lowly pomp ride on to die,
O Christ thy triumph now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
awaits his own anointed Son.

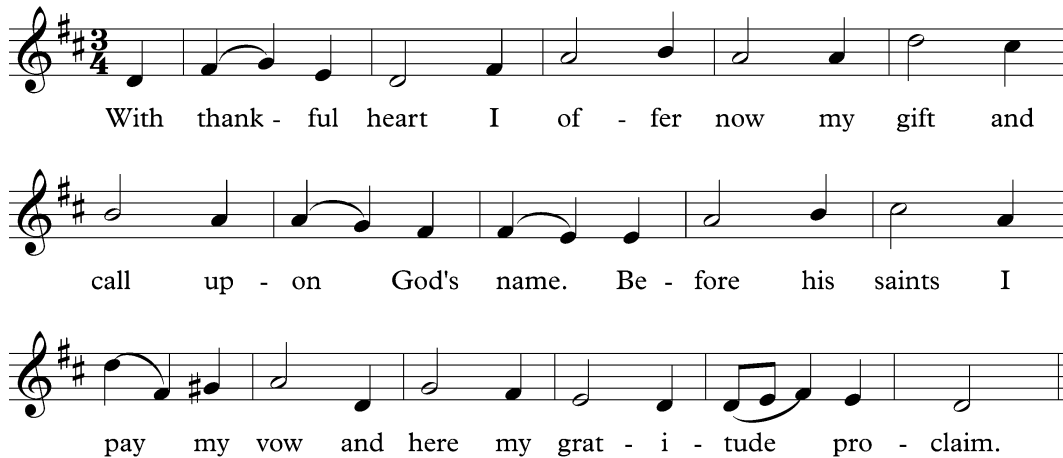
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Milman (1791-1868)

AT THE PRESENTATION

sung by all, standing

Rockingham



With thank - ful heart I of - fer now my gift and
call up - on God's name. Be - fore his saints I
pay my vow and here my grat - i - tude pro - claim.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Priest continues

IT is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

sung by all

Calvin Hampton

(1938-1984)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

standing or kneeling

HOLY and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

said by 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 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Communion

If you would like to receive communion in person today: At this time, the Eucharist will be distributed at the foot of the chancel steps. The congregation is asked to approach the altar steps via the center aisle as directed by the ushers, and to return to their pews via the side aisles.

If you are joining us via the livestream, or would prefer to make an act of spiritual communion today, we offer this prayer for “Spiritual Communion” excerpted from St. Augustine’s Prayer Book:

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength; be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways; conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

If you would like additional prayers for healing today: A member of our Healing Prayer Ministry is stationed in the Columbarium in the back left side of the church, offering an additional space for prayer and anointing with oil.

THE REPROACHES

sung by the choir, congregation seated

John Sanders

(1933-2003)

O, my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

*When I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink,
and you pierced your Savior’s side with a lance.*

Holy is God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

*I opened the sea before you, but you opened my side with a spear.
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud, but you led me to Pilate’s court.*

O, my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!
*I bore you up with manna in the desert, but you struck me down and scourged me.
I gave you saving water from the rock, but you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.*

*I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns.
I raised you to the height of majesty, but you have raised me high on a cross.*

O, my people, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me!

From the Liturgy of Good Friday

A Note on the Reproaches

The Reproaches are a series of antiphons and responses, also called the “Improperia”, expressing Jesus Christ’s complaints to the Church. They are Biblically inspired and were compiled in the mid-9th century. The tradition of reproaches, however, dates to the times of the prophets of Israel who on behalf of God confronted kings and people with critical evaluation. The Reproaches as they have been featured for centuries in various Christian liturgies, were at times combined with prayers for the Jewish people, but these prayers characterized them in pejorative terms. The combination made the Reproaches sound as complaints of Christ against his own Jewish people. The contemporary use of the Reproaches aspires to correct this erroneous use and reconnects with the original inspiration of the prophetic stance of Jesus toward God’s people, both Jews and Gentiles, and this with the utmost respect and admiration for the Jewish people, their heritage, of which Jesus was a member. Antisemitism has no place in liturgy, or anywhere else.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

said by all, standing

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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 168, vv.1-3

“O sacred head”

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

sung by all, standing

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Choral Prelude on *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

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Please consider contributing to cover a portion of the cost of brass and timpani players at our 10:30am service on Easter Sunday. We are delighted to welcome the Trinity Festival Brass back to Trinity and hope to welcome them again in the future. We are dependent on your donations to fairly compensate these fine musicians, so if you would like to make a donation today please scan the QR code, or if you would like to pledge to make a future offering toward please contact AnnaDea Chavez at development@trinitynewhaven.org. Thank you for your continuing support of our brass and timpani players who add so much to our Easter celebration!

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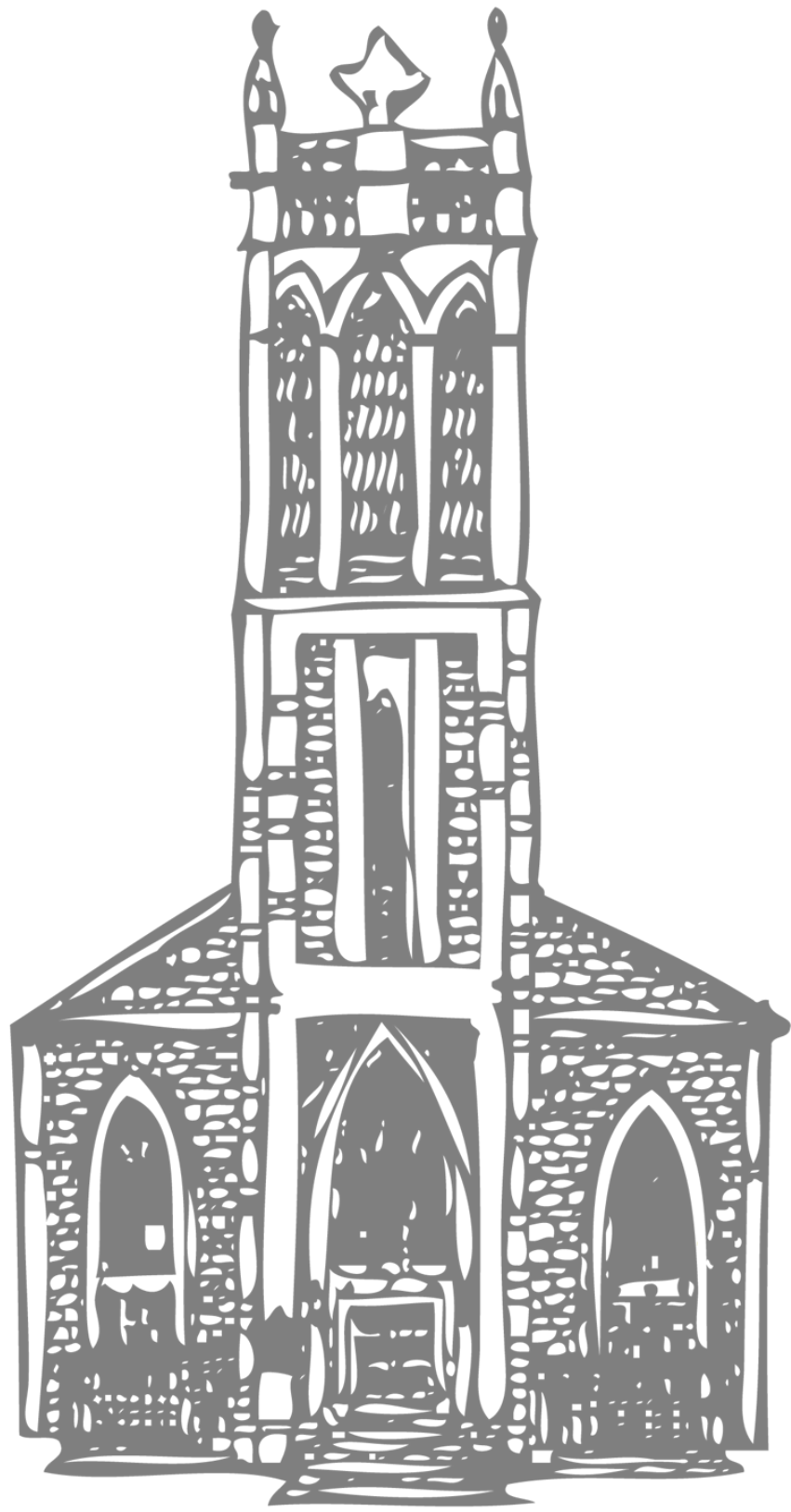
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