

WALKING WITH JESUS
THROUGH HOLY WEEK



PALM
SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
STEPHENS CITY VA

What would it be like to walk with Jesus through Holy Week—the week between Passion or Palm Sunday and his resurrection? Today, using Matthew’s story of Jesus’ last week, we will begin our Holy Week walk with stories of Jesus’ words and actions. Although the gospels differ in the sequence of events during the last week before his crucifixion, this service provides a way to ponder a few examples of what Jesus said and did from Sunday through Wednesday before the account of his Passion begins. Join us for services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter to continue your Holy Week walk with Jesus and experience the rest of the greatest story ever told.

Sunday Morning Triumphal entry into Jerusalem

Worshippers are invited to gather with Pastor JMe and the Choir in the parking lot by the intersection of Valley Pike & Fairfax St.

Acclamation

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

Hosanna to the Son of David.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, 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 everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Processional Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

Blessing of Palms

The members of the congregation raise their branches.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great 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 acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path.

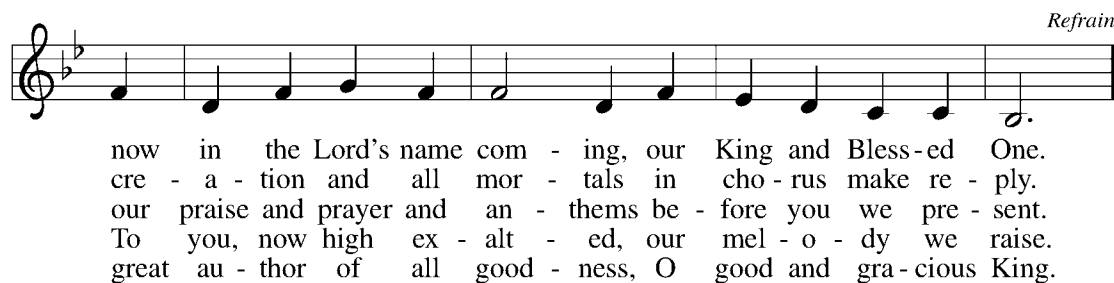
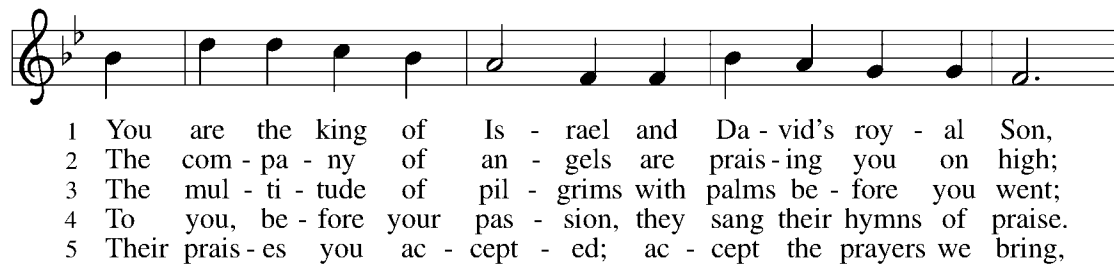
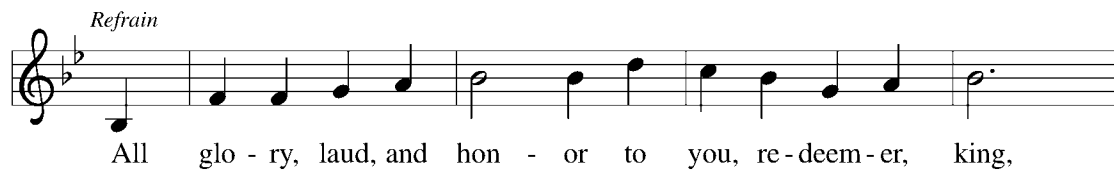
We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of the Lord.

The procession into the church begins, the congregation following the crucifer and minister.





Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Prayer of the Day

Hosanna, King, blessed are you our king, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to prayer you! Hosanna in the highest! **Amen**

You may be seated

Anthem

Hosanna! Hosanna! Cathy Townley

Trinity Choir

Sunday Afternoon: Cleansing the Temple and return to Bethany

Reading Matthew 21:12-17

Marcie Stern

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³ He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." ¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶ and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of

infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?" ¹⁷ He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we have wandered far from you:

we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst.

Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. Amen.

Monday: Cursing the fig tree on the way to Jerusalem and Debating with Religious leaders in Temple

Reading Matthew 21:18-27

Diann Dailey

In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry.

¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once. ²⁰ When the disciples saw it, they were amazed, saying, "How did the fig tree wither at once?" ²¹ Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done. ²² Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Tuesday: Return to Bethany and anointing of Jesus

Reading: Matthew 26:1-13

Sue Teal

When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,

² "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

³ Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, ⁴ and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. ⁵ But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

⁶ Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table.

⁸ But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? ⁹ For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor."

¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.

¹² By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial.

¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this good news¹ is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Wednesday: “Silent Wednesday”; Jesus and disciples remain in Bethany for last time of fellowship; Judas returns alone to Jerusalem to make arrangements for the betrayal.

Reading: Matthew 26:14-16

Jim Hall

¹⁴ Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶ And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Sermon *Walking with Jesus during Holy Week: From Palms to Passion*

Pastor JMe Lowden

Hymn

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

ELW 345



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Prayers of Intercession

Sue Teal

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. With the humility of a servant, equip congregations, synods, and other ministry settings to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Give us renewed appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep (especially). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, ill, are dying or fearful especially Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Nikki, Alice, Barbara, Pat, Earl and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of church musicians, pastors, choirs, readers, deacons, technicians, acolytes, and all who assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



Offering

Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person, scan the QR code adjacent or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

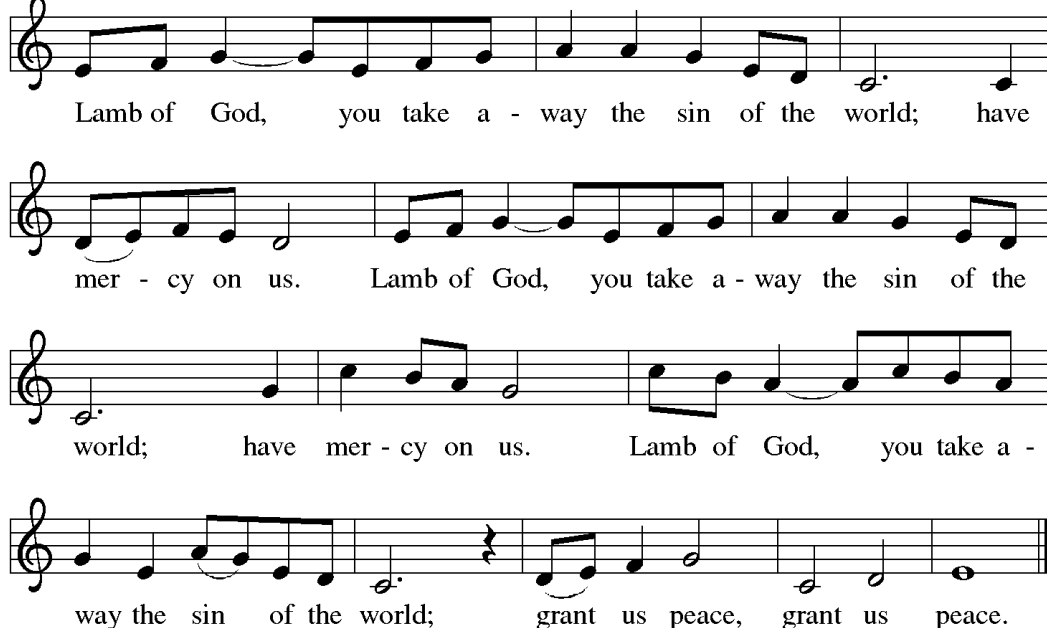
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion *Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those online and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is given and shed for you."*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion Song



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.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray together..

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Announcements

Benediction

And so it begins, we walk through this week
From palms now to passion, it's Jesus we seek
Each moment we walk through these days now with Jesus,
Is time to see people, the way Jesus...sees us.

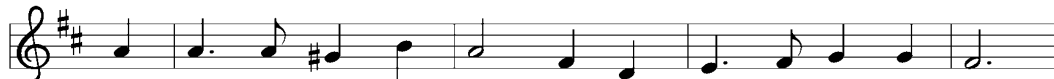
To watch for the ones, who need hope, who need kindness.
Seeking the light, not the darkness that blinds us.
As you walk through these days, may the love you now know
Be spread to each person you meet on the go.

And may God who now blesses and keeps you in love
Whose face shines upon you with grace from above
Who looks on you with such joy and such favor,
This God, three in One ✝ gives you peace - life to savor. **Amen!**

Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Sending

Go in peace. As you walk with Jesus, remember the poor. **Thanks be to God, we will.**

Postlude

The Palms

Jean Baptiste Fauré (1830-1914)

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Feel free to stop into the church during this week and experience the stations of the cross. The stations will be artistic works by Mary Button, seeing the walk of Christ through the eyes of refugees. There will be a special booklet to explain each station.

Maundy Thursday worship with holy communion and stripping of the altar will be at 7PM (Zoom Meeting ID: 844 4987 2634 Passcode: 100521 or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449872634?pwd=bHNFYWVLTGM2eEhXRlh3YkIxTG51QT09>)

Good Friday Tenebrae worship will also be at 7PM (Zoom Meeting ID: 865 2008 5325 Passcode: 506690 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86520085325?pwd=NIVKOUJZZW0waldMY2N0NlAvc0YrUT09>)

All are welcome next Sunday for a potluck Easter breakfast beginning at 8AM. There is a sign-up list in the parish hall for those willing to provide a dish or two. Worship will follow at the regular 9:30AM service time.

Many Hands Make Light Work - Finance Team

Trinity continues to look for volunteers to be part of a Finance Team to supplement the work being done by Mark Greene and Michael Lambert. Activities could include periodic financial reviews, financial process reviews, guidance for certain undesignated contributions and periodic internal audits. If you are interested, please contact Roger Wickboldt (614-477-2431 rogerwickboldt@gmail.com).

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM Meeting ID: 898 8887 8840 Passcode: 458736
Dial 1-301-715-8592 US (Washington D.C)

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9AM PALM DISTRIBUTION TO PASSING
MOTORISTS

930AM WORSHIP BEGINS OUTSIDE AT
CORNER OF MAIN AND FAIRFAX

WALK/PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
IN THE PARISH HALL THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK



7PM SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION
AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

7PM SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

