



Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasi
Holy Communion | March 24, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday | The Passion of Our Lord

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

GATHERING

Music for the Beginning of Worship

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates"

A. Guilmant
Deacon Bruce Tonkin, organist

Greeting

P: Lift up your heads, O gates!

C: and be lifted up, O doors!

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome

- Please stand if you are able.

Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and 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. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of the Palms

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

-Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

ELW #344

- Please be seated.

Prayer of the Day

P: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

-We welcome parents/guardians to come forward to assist with the young children. Thank you!

WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: *A reading from Isaiah:*

⁴The 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 awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I 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.

⁷The 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; ⁸he 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?

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Scripture Hymn

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (verses 1 & 2)

ELW #335

Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:511

L: *A reading from Philippians:*

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 4

- Please stand if you are able.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Passion of Our Lord, According to Mark

Mark 14: 1-15:47

Booklets containing the Passion narrative were handed out for those gathering in-person.

Narrator – Vicar Tori

Jesus – Silas Guelzow

Peter – Mike Cooper

Pilate – Alan Bruzas

Judas – Sue Swope

High Priest – Becky Eells

Servant – Pixie Bachtell

Bystander – Lynn Emert

Centurion – Rena Rohrbaugh

- Silence for reflection follows, then we stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” (verses 3 & 4)

ELW #335

-Please stand as you are able.

Apostles’ Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers end with:

A: Hear us, O God

C: Your Mercy is great.

Sharing of Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We ask that you share the peace with your fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ in a manner in which you feel most comfortable at this time. A simple acknowledgement is welcomed and appropriate.

- Please be seated.

Anthem

"Just Beyond the Palms"

Martin and Angerson
Trinity Chancel Choir

"Just Beyond the Palms" by Joseph M. Martin & David Angerman
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King.
We lift our songs as one. Our loud hosannas ring.
Come, walk the way of palms with me.
Follow the One who comes to set His people free.
Behold your King! Behold your King!
The city gates are open wide.
Great songs of praise are lifted to the Lord on high.
Behold your King! Behold your King! Hosanna to King of glory.
Is this Messiah? Where is His crown?
Is this the One? The question resounds!
Is this the Savior? Where is His robe?
Is this the King that was foretold?
Come, see this miracle unfold!
Ride on, ride on in majesty.
Walk on, walk on, and climb the hill to Calvary.
Behold your King! Behold your King!
Lift up your heads, Jerusalem.
See now the Lion goes to die, a Lamb!
Behold the Lamb! Behold the Lamb of God!
Behold your King! Behold the Lamb, the Lamb of God!

- We ask you to place your monetary offering in the plates in the narthex.

- You may also use the QR code to make your offering.

- Please stand if you are able.



Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray together.

C: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

Amen.

MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

ELW Setting 3

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

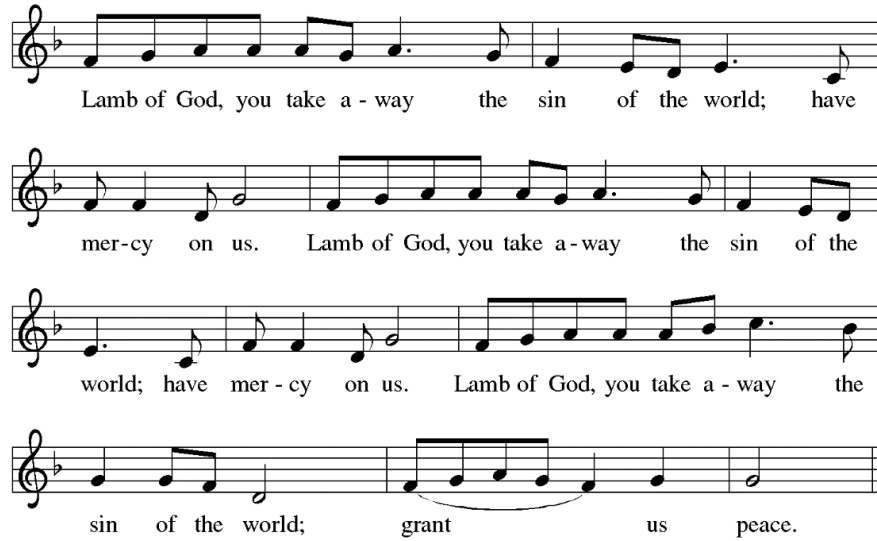
- Please be seated.

Ushers will direct you forward by way of the center aisle. Receive bread (gluten-free available) at the center, then proceed to the communion tray to pick up a cup (wine poured into empty cups, pre-filled have grape juice). Proceed to the communion assistant to receive the wine/juice, then please dispose of your cup in the trash receptacle as you proceed down the side aisle.

Children who are 6 years and older, who are baptized and have received formal instruction, are welcome to participate in the Sacrament. All other children will receive a blessing.

Lamb of God

ELW Setting 3



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.

Hymns Sung During Communion

"Jesus Loves Me"

ELW #595

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW #471

"Bread of Life From Heaven"

ELW #474

- Please stand if you are able.

Table Blessing

P: The Body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

A: Generous God,

at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

-Please be seated

Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Fugue in E Minor"

J.S. Bach
Deacon Bruce Tonkin, organist

<p><u>Key to Bulletin</u></p> <p>A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation L: Lector P: Pastor</p>
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Flower dates available: (no altar flowers during Lent) March 31; April 14, 21, 28

Phone dates available: March 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28 **Printing:** March 24, 31

Thank you to our Worship Leaders today 3/24/24:

Acolyte: Wesley Trexler

Greeter: Mary Lee & Tom Kramlik

Ushers: Karin & Bill Trexler

Lector: Rena Rohrbaugh

Communion Assist: Marjorie Hartzell, Anthony Rediger

Altar/worship setup: Becky Eells

A/V Tech setup: The Guelzows, Randy Swope

Flower Delivery: N/A

Counters: Linda Lynn

Assisting Minister: Alan Bruzas

The Week at Trinity

Sunday, March 24	9:30am Palm Sunday Worship
Sunday, March 24	10:30am Annual Spring Congregational Meeting
Monday, March 25	1:00pm Gather Women's Bible Study
Thursday, March 28	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday, March 29	7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Saturday, March 20	10am Easter Egg Hunt at Menlo
Sunday, March 31	8:00am Easter Sunday Worship
Sunday, March 31	9-10:15am Easter Sunday Breakfast
Sunday, March 31	10:30am Easter Sunday Worship
Monday, April 1	Trinity Offices Closed

Looking Ahead

Fri-Sun, April 14-16 th	G2 Women's Retreat at Bear Creek Camp
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PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

We lift ongoing prayers for those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. To add someone to our prayer concerns list, please contact the church office at office@trinityperkasio.org

Names will remain on the list for six weeks.

Craig Benner	Janet Gross	Stacey Myers	Betty Lynn Snyder
Jim Brace	Judy Hangey	Chris Ocasio's father	Joan Snyder
Cindy Branch	Karen Hawkins	Amy Papili	Dawn Troegler
Kathy Craig	The Family of Bertie Jones	Andrew Schaefer	Sue Swope
David Detweiler	Joey Keller	Cindy Schimpf	Pastor Erika Wesch
John & Mary Ann Esser	Ron Kinsey	Bev & Bart Schoellkopf	Robert Weidemoyer
Bunny Faix	Ted Lazowicki, Jr.	Adam Schwegel	Pat White
Steven Faix	Zachary Marshall	Nicole Seeger	The Family of Leo Wolfe
The Family of Dottie Filippini	Jeff Miller	The Servin Family	Suzie Wolfinger
Betty & Len Galgoci			Brynley Yerkes

For those serving in the military and the families that support them. For first responders and others involved in healthcare.

Homebound Members

Kit Apple	Bev Kline	Grace Mann
Paula Fritch	Beth Landis	Bonita Shank
Julia Holzerman	Mary Jane Myers	Tom Stinger

Trinity Council Members

President Fred Slemmer	Vice President Becky Eells	Secretary Sarah Witherow	Treasurer Larry Bachtell
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