

Offertory Anthem: “Hosanna to the Living Lord” Haan

Doxology UMH #94

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Guide us to give generously with joyful hearts, knowing that in our giving, we proclaim your reign of grace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

***Hymn:** “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” UMH# 295 (vs.1,2,3 & 5)

Benediction

Postlude: “Finale Jubilante” Healey Willan (1880-1968)

We thank those who participated in today’s service:

Guest Organist: Kell Julliard is Dean of the Western Massachusetts chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He plays flute as well as organ, is a chorister at Grace Episcopal Church in Amherst, and part-time organist for Trinity Episcopal in Ware, MA.

We are thankful for David Belew, Teri LaFleur, Holly Joy Pearson, and Karen Sheffield who are sharing their musical gifts during this period of transition to keep the chancel choir, children's choirs, and handbell choir programs active.

Accompanist: Steve Hays

Acolytes: Audrey and Sam Crawford, Levi Varnon

Altar: Palms beautify our altar this morning, arranged by Lee Vaughn

Altar Ministry: Susan Cartier-Barrett

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: Stewardship & Finance Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Holly Blair

Participants: Bell Choir

Ushers: Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Rita Auchy, Holly Blair, Matt Connelly, Ray Miller

Video Team: Brian Crawford, Nic Odell, Jack Rust, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for:

Jim A, Bridget B, James B, Meri B, Natalie B, Pat C, Peg C, Mary C, Dominick E, Courtney H, Aurie I, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Carlos M, Holly Joy P, Sue P, Catherine Ann R, Henry (Bing) S, Bill S & family, Thomas S, Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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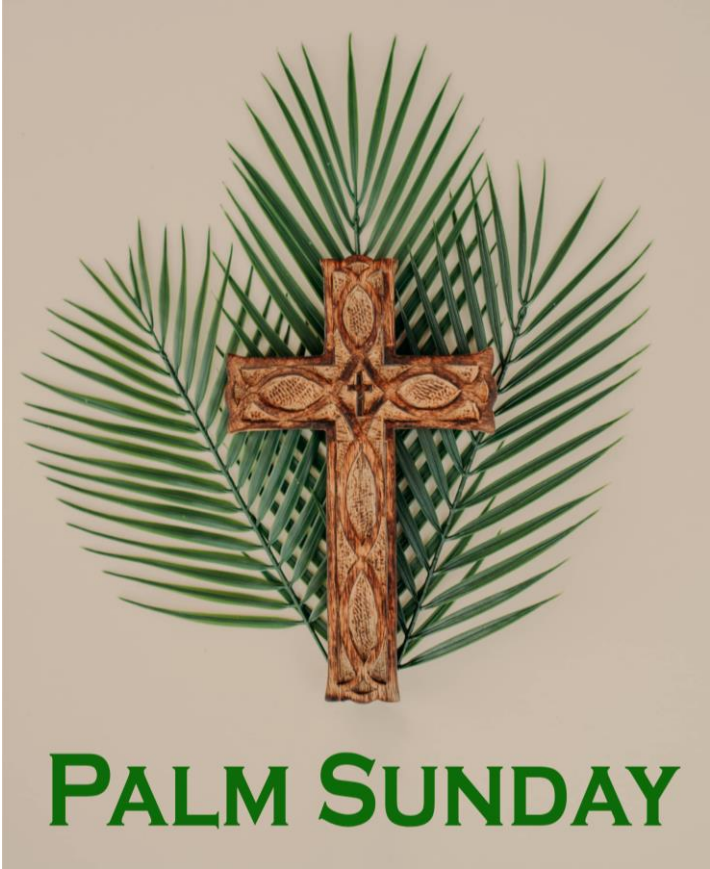
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District Superintendent, Rev. Megan Stowe

Minister, Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

Director of Family Ministries & Connections, Rob Powell, M.Div

Spiritual Director, Cathy MacGovern



Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God’s love
Nurture relationships with God and one another
Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy and two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 years.
**Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison.*

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION
“If you recognise your involvement and prepare to walk with Jesus into the city, to the cross and the tomb, there is a joy and a mystery at the end of the path, because it is inexhaustible divine love that walks with us.”
— Rev. Dr. Rowan Williams (Archbishop of Canterbury)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “Hosanna! Loud Hosanna” Dobrinski

Moment of Reflection

Introit: “Ride On, Ride On in Majesty” Milman

***Call to Worship:**
Leader: Honor.
People: Honor and praise.
Leader: Honor, praise, and glory.
People: Honor, praise, and glory are yours Almighty God, now and forever.
Leader: In celebration, we join the crowds of old, waving branches, giving honor to the Messiah.
People: Yet, our celebration is bittersweet, for our story doesn’t end here.
Leader: We know the pain of what lies ahead.
People: Today anticipates the rest of the story—
Leader: a story of betrayal and death, a story of hope and resurrection.
All: Amen.

***Hymn:** “All Glory Laud and Honor” UMH# 280

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**
Lord Jesus, we are a fickle people, quick to turn away. We are quick to flock to you when all is well, but we are prone to scatter when there is opposition or criticism. Too often we have kept silent before you, afraid to proclaim your praise. It is easy to join the crowd as you ride triumphantly into Jerusalem—singing our joys and expectations, dancing our hopes and dreams. It is far more difficult to stand by you as the crowd cries for your crucifixion. Forgive our weakness when we turn away. Strengthen us for the journey ahead as we relive your suffering and death, that we might stay beside you to the end. Give us the courage to shout our hosannas, not only today, but each and every day. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:** – *Ministry Matters*
The Lord is our strength and might. Jesus is our salvation. In Jesus our sins are forgiven. In Jesus our cries are answered, our salvation is at hand. Blessed be the name of the Lord. **Amen.**

***Response:** “We Are One In The Spirit” TFWS# 2223 (v.4)
All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

Anthem: “Sing Hosanna” Larson

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer:
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. Amen.

Prayer Response

***Hymn:** “We Will Glorify the King of Kings ” TFWS# 2087
(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)

Scripture Reading: Luke 19: 28-40 (NRSV) N.T. p. 78

Response to the Word:
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
Many: Thanks be to God!

The Word in Reflection: “Palm Sunday” Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT’S PROMPTINGS
Invitation to Offering: – *Discipleship Resources*
Triumphant God, as we celebrate the arrival of Jesus with shouts of "Hosanna," we offer these gifts in honor of His entry into Jerusalem, where He came not in power, but in humility and peace. May our offerings today reflect the same willingness to serve, as we seek to share the love and hope of Christ with the world. We hope that the church’s ministry flowing from this money echoes the joy and salvation that Jesus brought to all creation. **Amen.**