

April 13, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.

Palm and Passion Sunday



*“When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil asking,
“Who is this?” Mt. 21:10*

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Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

Hosanna to the King, by Gene Clark

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

Preparation for Worship

God in highest heaven, how humbly you enter our world to reign: in Christ Jesus, on dusty road, riding a donkey. Help us to pave the way for your eternal realm with our prayer and praise, with our service and love, until the very stones cry out at the coming of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. In silence now, prepare our hearts for worship.

Lighting the Christ Candles (at Trinity and in our homes)

Debbie, Diane

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence, not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

Introit

Sanctus, by Franz Schubert

Trinity Choir

Message for the Children

(After the opening hymn, the children are invited to go to class with their teacher.)

Litany of the Palms (Responsive)

Debbie Bates

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your King comes to you.

Triumphant and victorious is He;

Humble and riding on a donkey.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

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***Hymn:** PH #88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor vs. 1-4

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” **“And also with you.”**

Prayers of the People - God of Life and Hope, Hear our Prayer

Presbytery's Unity Candle: Santa Teresa Hills PC, Rev. Deb Troester

Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

Ah, Holy Jesus; arr. Hal Hopson

Choir

Ah, holy Jesus, how have you offended,

That mortal judgement has on you descended?

By foes derided, by your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Miserere nobis, miserere nobis, miserere nobis.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?

It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied you; I crucified you.

Miserere nobis, miserere nobis, miserere nobis. Lord, I crucified You.

Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Diane

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!” When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Call to Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing

Debbie

Let us face this day of palms and Jesus’ passion with honesty, confessing our sin before God.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing (Unison)

Debbie

Lamb of God, we confess that we have sinned, and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you. We are horrified by the suffering we cause—to you, to ourselves, and to the world you have created. Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. *(Time for silent prayer.)*

Assurance of Forgiveness (Responsively)

Debbie

People of God, hear the Good News: Your God has come to you not as a victorious warrior king, but as a humble servant to free you from the weight of sin and death. Jesus’ obedience to God led him to death—even death on a cross—and his love and suffering have released you. In the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord, your sins are forgiven, and the door is open to new life today.

In Jesus Christ, we accept God’s grace and walk through the door to new life!

***Gloria (Insert)**

Gloria, by Nicki Kerns

***Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in one.***

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***As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen.***

Prayer for Illumination

Debbie

Spirit of God, as we retell the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem at the end of his earthly life: **speak Lord, your servants are listening.**

Reading

Luke 23:33-46

Debbie

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

Nicki Kerns

Soliloquy on “What Wondrous Love Is This”, by Grimoaldo Macchia

Litany of the Passion

Diane

Pilate spoke to them: Who do you want me to release for you, the criminal Barabbas or Jesus, called Christ?

Barabbas!

Then what should I do with Jesus?

Crucify Him!

Why? What evil has he done?

Let him be crucified!

And their voices prevailed.

***Hymn, PH #101** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

***Closing Litany** (Responsively) Debbie

Holy Lamb of God,

We tell your story; we follow in your footsteps.

Lead us into Holy Week.

We walk towards the city; we wait in the garden.

Lead us onto holy ground.

We journey towards death; we hope for resurrection.

Lead us into holy joy.

***Blessing and Charge**

***Amen** Trinity Choir

***Postlude** *Were You There?* Gilbert M. Martin Nicki Kerns

Image on front cover: Alexander Antonyuk, Entry into Jerusalem, 2007.

*We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;

GTG - Glory to God Hymnal

Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”

Pastor, Rev. Diane Ford; Music Director, Nicki Kerns

Lector, Debbie Bates; Usher, Pete Halper; Greeter, Michael Christie; Coffee

Hour, Nancy Cobery; Flowers, Ron and Linda Weaver

Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Chad Bell and Chuck Cobery

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you. Please fill out a visitor welcome card and place it in the offering plate during the Call to Offering. After worship, join us for coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



One Great Hour of Sharing

Donations are divided between three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please use the provided special envelopes. We will collect until Easter Sunday.

A New Way of Giving

For those who have been contributing monthly through online giving, please note that we have switched to a new system that accepts donations at a lower rate of cost. To continue supporting us, please visit our website at www.trinitypressc.org. We appreciate your generosity.

Donate Used Electronics

The Welcoming Network seeks computers and phones for our neighbors. Donated laptops (PCs up to 10 years old, MacBooks up to 15), iPhones (4G/5G), Androids, iPads, and tablets will be erased, refurbished, and given to those in need. Non-reusable items will be recycled at Grey Bears. If you are able to donate any of these items, contact **Karen Wichelmann** at (831) 588-9240.

Teen Tech Assistant Position

Trinity is seeking teenagers (ages 13-18) to assist with the operation of our computer for filming services, managing audio equipment, and handling handheld microphones, along with a few other minor tasks.

For more information, the listing can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office by the applications.



Palm Sunday, **April 13, 10:30 am**

Maundy Thursday, **April 17, 6:00 pm**

Easter Sunday, **April 20, 10:30 am**

Featuring the Easter Section of Handel's Messiah.

This joyous service is followed by an

Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages!

Graduation Time, April 13

If you have a child or grandchild graduating this spring, please let Elizabeth Bunch (g_e_bunch@yahoo.com) know their name and address by **TODAY**. The deacons would like to recognize our graduates from middle school, high school, and college. (For college, please give us their home address.)

Happy Hour (NEW TIME), Tues., April 15, 5pm

Back Nine Bar & Grill (555 Hwy. 17 at Pasatiempo Exit) is our location for Trinity's Happy Hour at 5pm. Enjoy Fellowship & Outreach! Bring a friend!

Easter Egg Hunt Supplies, April 16

The yearly Easter egg hunt is next week! Children AND adults are welcome to join in. The deacons are soliciting candy donations to be stuffed into the plastic eggs. If you would like to supply a bag or two, please turn them into the office by Wednesday, April 16. Thank you!

Presbytery's Unity Candle moves to San Jose!

Today, we remember and pray for the community, ministries, and staff of Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church, Rev. Deb Troester.

Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.

- Ellen Bauerle: Grateful to be recovering steadily from recent surgery; looking forward to worshipping at Easter.
- Ukrainians: Thankful that flowers on the chancel table remind us of the plights of the brave Ukrainian people.
- Children and grandchildren: Gratitude for their reciprocal love.
- Pete Halper’s niece: Safe delivery of a baby girl.
- Regina: Thankful for completing her master’s degree and now searching for a job.
- “Hands Off” demonstrations across the nation: Gratitude for the energy of the grassroots community movements; hopeful that it will energize Congressional leadership to act.
- Sharing music: Thankful for the joy of singing weekly for the Meals on Wheels lunch program.
- J, the mother of Nicki’s piano students: Courage as she prepares for a third breast cancer surgery.
- Barrios Unidos: Gratitude for the decades of effective work with marginalized people in Santa Cruz.

Gloria

Nicki Kerns

Moderato
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Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

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Spi - rit, Three in one... As it was in the be - gin - ning, now and ev - er

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If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please fill out this form. Attach your payment of \$10 per lily to the form and drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Flower orders are due no later than April 14, 2025. Lilies may be picked up after the Easter Worship Service.

In honor of: _____

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In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Total Number of Lilies ordered: _____