

**Offertory Anthem:** "God So Loved the World" text, John III:16, 17  
music by John Stainer (1840-1901)

*God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

**Doxology** UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:** – *Bell Worship Resources ~ 2025*

Blessed Lord, your love rides humbly into our midst, and we offer ourselves in return. Receive these gifts as signs of our commitment to your way. Multiply their impact so that your saving joy may echo throughout the world. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! **Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** "We Sang Our Glad Hosannas" (vv. 1-4) TFWS# 2111

### Benediction

**Postlude:** "Toccata Pontificale" Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901), the composer of today's offertory anthem, was an English organist, composer, and university professor at Oxford. "God so loved the World" is part of a larger work, "The Crucifixion", his most famous choral piece, which is still performed in Anglican Churches around the world. Though Stainer's works were well received in his own time, he is seldom heard today.

### We thank those who participated in today's service:

**Accompanist:** Steve Hays

**Acolytes:** Arianna and Raizel Bhajjan and Levi Varnon

**Altar:** Palms beautify our altar this morning.

**Altar Ministry:** Shonali Bhajjan and Julie Calhoun

**Carillonneur:** Thomas St. Marie

**Fellowship Hour:** Worship Committee and volunteers

**Liturgist:** Sandra Collins

**Participants:** Adult Handbell Choir

**Trumpet:** Wynton Jarvinen

**Ushers:** Head Usher; Lisa Bakowski, Asst. Head Usher; Sheila Womble, Matt Connelly, Hope & Fred Lewis

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

**Please Pray for:** Bridget B, James B, Janet B, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Sophia G, Donna G, Courtney H, Dave J, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Arlene M, Carlos M, Pat N, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Shawn R, Jen R, Jim S, Ruth S, Carl S, Lynn T, Tina W, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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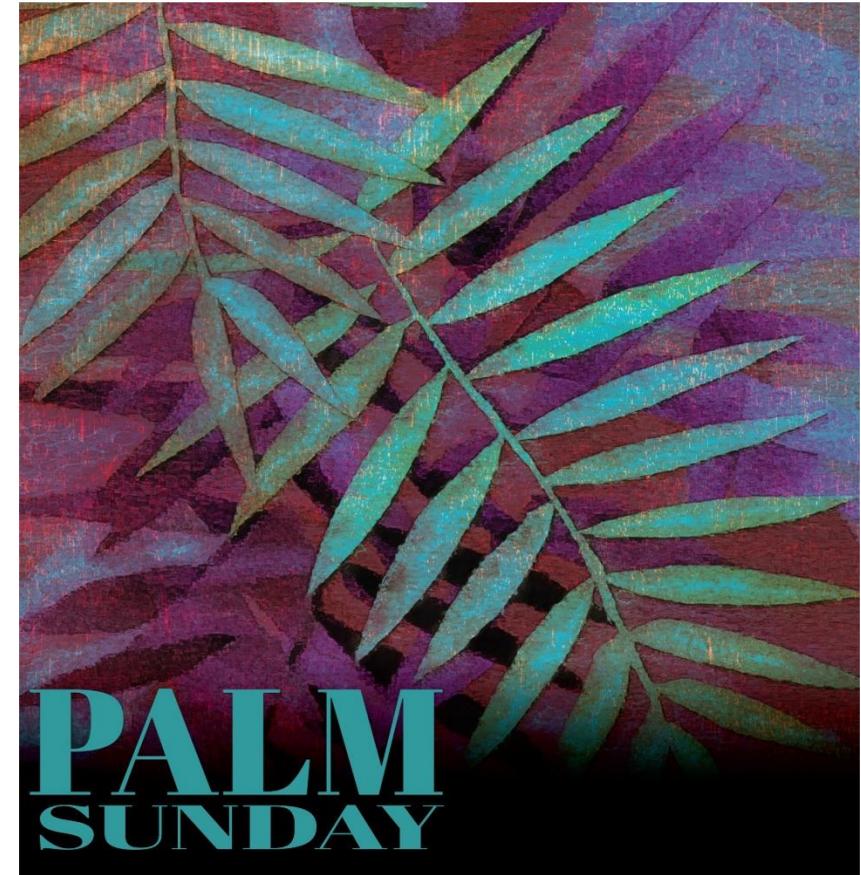
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*Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, 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

## Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:30 a.m.

### WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy & two songbooks: The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) & 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.** *Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

*“One of the dangers of living in a constant state of distraction is that we never go to the bottom of our pain, our sadness, our emptiness, which means we never find that rock-bottom place of the peace that passes all understanding and rest ourselves there.” – Melvin N. Newman*

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” St. Christopher tune by Frederick C. Mayer  
arr. by Barbara B. Kinyon

**Introit:** “Ride On King Jesus!” African-American Spiritual arr. by Nancy Wertsch  
*Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me. For He is King of Kings, for He is Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him. Ride on, King Jesus!*

**\*Call to Worship:** - *Written by Nancy Townley: Ministry Matters*

Leader: Wave high your palm branches! The Lord of life approaches!

**People: Sing with great joy for the Savior has come to us!**

Leader: Even the beast of burden on which he rides seems to be royal.

**People: All creation shouts praises to the King of Kings!**

Leader: Hosanna! Hosanna!

**People: Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna! Amen.**

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

**\*Unison Opening Prayer:** - *Written by Rev. Dr. Chas Abbott on Worship the Ways*

**Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey, and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, “Hosanna in the highest!” Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.**

**\*Response:** “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley” Spiritual arr. by Nancy Wertsch TFWS# 2112

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.
2. We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

**Anthem:** “Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!” Text by Mark Hayes and G. Moultrie  
(1829-1885), Music by Mark Hayes

*Refrain: Hosanna! Sing a loud Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

1. *Come, faithful people, come away, Your homage to your Sovereign pay; It is the feast of palms today. Hosanna.*

*Refrain*

2. *They thronged before, behind, around, they cast palm branches on the ground. And still rose up the joyful sound: Hosanna in the highest! "Blessed is Israel's King," they cried; "Blessed is He that cometh nigh In the name of God the Lord most high." Hosanna in the Highest!*

*Refrain*

### 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.**

**Choral Response:** “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”  
*I want Jesus, O Lord, to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

**\*Hymn** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” UMH# 278  
*(5-13 yr. olds are invited to Grace Chapel for Chapel Kids. Parents please escort your children & pick them up.)*

**New Testament Scripture Reading:** Matthew 21: 1-11 (NRSV) pp. 21-22

### 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*

Humble Savior, you ride into our lives not with force, but with invitation-calling us to follow, to risk, and to trust. As we bring these gifts, we confess we don't always understand where the road leads. But like those who laid down cloaks and waved palms, we offer what we have with hope in our hearts and praise on our lips. Use these offerings to proclaim your kingdom-where love confronts fear, and peace dares to speak in the shadow of power. Save us, Lord. Use us. **Amen.**