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# PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024 + 11:00 am Worship

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*As we enter a holy space and time this morning, please silence all electronic devices. The opening voluntary is the call to silent meditation and preparation for worship.*

*+ Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol, and join in singing or reading aloud text in bold.*

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Fantasy in G Minor, BWV 542*

Johann Sebastian Bach

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rebekah LeMon

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome, all who are hurting this day. God calls to you.

**All: Lord, we come seeking your comfort. Lift us from the hold of our fears and sorrows.**

One: Welcome, all who are joyful this day. God calls to you.

**All: Lord, we come to share our rejoicing. Hear our songs of praise.**

One: Welcome, all who feel lost or have lost hope. God calls to you.

**All: Lord, we come seeking your guidance and light. Illuminate a path in front of us.**

One: Welcome, all who feel loved and all who long for love. God calls to you.

**All: Lord, we come to remember the promise of your unfailing love. Come and dwell in our hearts.**

One: Welcome, all who are struggling to give or forgive, all who long to receive and to be forgiven. God calls to us.

**All: Lord, we come to prepare our hearts for your grace. Be with us as we worship you with humility and hope.**

## +PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*#196 All Glory, Laud and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

## +CALL TO CONFESSION

Lucy Strong

## +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of mercy, on this day when you came into Jerusalem, we join with the clamoring hopeful at the side of the road. We come with our fear and hurt, our skepticism and our sin. We come with our shame and greed, our self-centeredness and our choice to stay in the dark. Give us the courage to lay them all down before you. With our cloaks and our branches, let us give up the things that separate us from you and each other. Open our hearts to hope and light. Free us from the fear that clings. Transform us, renew us, and restore to us the joy of our salvation in you.**

*(silence for personal prayers of confession)*

## +ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear and believe this Good News: God gives and forgives, responding to our repentance with grace. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Amen.**

## +CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

REMEMBER ME

Cantor: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**All (sung twice): Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

*(tune may be found as Hymn #227)*

## COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

## INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

## RESPONSIVE READING (Psalm 118: selected verses)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**All: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**All: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you!**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**All: The Lord is God, and he has given us light.**

One: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**All: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you. You are our God, we will extol you.**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

## ANTHEM

Gary Davison

*Zion at Thy Shining Gates*

Zion at thy shining gates, lo the King of Glory waits. Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet, strew thy palms before his feet. Alleluia! Christ, for thee their triple light, faith and hope and love unite; this the beacon we display to proclaim thine advent day. Come and give us peace within, loose us from the bands of sin. Take away the galling weight, laid on us by Satan's hate. Give us grace thy yoke to wear, give us strength thy cross to bear. Make us thine in deed and word, thine in heart and life, O Lord. Alleluia!

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 11:1-11

(pew Bible, NT p. 47)

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Rebekah LeMon

*Giving and Forgiving: Giving Up Fear*

## +AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

Tom Farmer

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

## +AFFIRMATION RESPONSE

ST. FLAVIAN

**Lest we be fooled because our hearts have surged with passing praise, remind us, God, as this week starts, where Christ has fixed his gaze.**

*(tune may be found as Hymn #166)*

## RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(from Feasting on the Word, Kimberly Bracken Long, Ed.)*

One: Jesus suffered death and rose to glory for the life of the world. Let us lift up our hearts in thanks to God and pray for the world God loves, saying:

**All: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

One: Holy God, your son humbled himself, even to death, to show us the power of loving service. Guide those holding positions of power, that their decisions give rise to the mutual flourishing of the world you so love.

**All: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

One: Healing God, your son is betrayed and crucified in our violent world each day. Raise us to a new and rightly ordered world through the reconciling love of Christ, where all victims of violence, persecution, shame, or terror may stand together with you in peace.

**All: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

One: Forsaken God, as your son suffered his cruel death on the cross, darkness covered the whole land. Enlighten us to care for your creation, awaken us from our denial and abuse, and help us to alleviate its suffering.

**All: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

One: Grieving God, your son consoled others in life and in death. We pray for all who are distressed, broken, or sorrowful, that together with Christ in his suffering we may be healed and raised in you.

**All: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.**

**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.**

## CALL FOR OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY

*Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs*

G. F. Handel

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: he was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him.

+DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN

#197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Amen

John Stainer

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Marche Religeuse

Alexandre Guilmant

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## WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

### Childcare

Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity, and there are worship bags available at all entrances. If you would prefer to have childcare, it is available for children from birth through pre-K in the following rooms:

Infants and One-Year-Olds ..... D102

Two-Year-Olds – Pre-K (4 year olds) ..... D106

### Prayer Requests

If you are going through a difficult time, we would like to know how best to support you. To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, or if you need pastoral care after hours, reach out to any pastor or call 404-237-6491.

### Counseling

Trinity has affiliate relationships with the following for private counseling. Morgan DiOrio, M.Ed., LPC, NCC, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Children, Adolescents and Families. Call 678-935-6472. Christi Bartolomucci, Ph.D., LPC, CPCS, Clinical Director of Atlanta Innovative Counseling Center, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults. Call 770-293-1950 ext. 210. Elizabeth Earhart, M.A., CCC-SLP; M.S., LPC, NCC, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults. Call 404-631-7934.

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. Email [stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org](mailto:stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org) and a Stephen Leader will be in touch with you.

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

### LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Lucy Strong  
*Associate Pastor for Mission and Engagement*

Rev. Tom Farmer  
*Parish Associate for Pastoral Care & Senior Adult Ministries*

Emma Frances Hutchison  
& Mary Louise Hutchison  
*Acolytes*

### MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

Norman Mackenzie, *Organist and Director of Music and Arts*

William Borland, *Cantor*

### FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by June Rowan Bishop to the glory of God and in honor of the 100th birthday of her late husband, Linton.

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