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# LITTLE TRINITY

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**Sunday, Apr 13, 2025**

**Palm Sunday | Worship &  
Communion Service**

**6:30pm**

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## WELCOME

## WORSHIP IN SONG

### OPENING PRAYERS

Dear friends in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.

Today we greet Jesus as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in suffering on the cross may we share his resurrection.

Let us pray.

**Assist us mercifully with your help, Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you offer life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### READINGS

#### Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

- <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

### **Matthew 21:1-17**

<sup>1</sup> Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and they will send them at once."

<sup>4</sup> This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Say to the daughter of Zion,  
'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

<sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup> And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup> And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

<sup>12</sup> And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

<sup>14</sup> And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup> But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, <sup>16</sup> and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

"Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies  
you have prepared praise?"

<sup>17</sup> And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

## SERMON

Karen Koiter

## REFLECTION

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

Do you believe and trust in the saving work of Jesus Christ?

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY**

*In our offertory, we offer our praise and thanksgiving and the gifts of bread and wine to the glory of God. If you wish to financially support the ongoing gospel ministry of Little Trinity, you can scan the QR code attached to a pew for options or visit our website at [littletrinity.org/give](http://littletrinity.org/give). If you wish to give in person, please deposit your offering in the offering boxes in the church sanctuary.*

## **OFFERTORY WORSHIP**

## **PRAYERS**

## WEEKLY CYCLE OF PRAYER

### MINISTRIES OF THE WIDER CHURCH

WORLDWIDE: The Church in England

DIOCESE: St. Bride, Clarkson, St. Christopher &  
St. Clement, Eglinton

CLERICUS: All Saints Community Church-Community Centre

### NEIGHBOURHOOD

Those living and working on Unwin Avenue & Commissioners Street

### LITTLE TRINITY COMMUNITY AND LEADERS

Facilities Manager - Kelly McDonough

### PARISH

Tim & Laurie Haughton, Josh & Kaleb; Rob & Beth Hayhoe, Meredith, Jason & Meghan; TJ & Jessica Heideman, James & Theo; Wayne & Catherine Heideman

### MISSION PARTNERS

Drs Philip & Nancy Wood (WEC) Bunia, DR Congo

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**All: Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service as Christ gave himself for us. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit to us, that he may give us power to live as you have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: May Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom, and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you;  
**And also with you.**

## **COMMUNION PRAYER**

The Lord is here. Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends he took bread,  
and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught, we are bold to pray.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

*All those who have placed their trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord, are welcome to the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from the communion administrant.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Everlasting God, in faith you have adopted us as your children, made us members of the body of Christ and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom: We thank you that in this bread and wine you renew your promises within us, empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **MISSION MOMENT: Dr. Steve & Peggy Foster**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSING WORSHIP**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

So Pilate released Barabbas to them. He ordered Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip, and then turned him over to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. Some of the governor's soldiers took Jesus into their headquarters and called out the entire regiment.

They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him. They wove thorn branches into a crown and put it on his head, and they placed a reed stick in his right hand as a scepter. Then they knelt before him in mockery and taunted,

**“Hail! King of the Jews!”**



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## HOLY WEEK 2025

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MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER MEAL - 6:00PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE— 8:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 10:45AM

(Concurrent Children's Programming 0-Gr 5)

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 AM BAS COMMUNION SERVICE

10:45 AM BAS COMMUNION SERVICE

(Concurrent Children & Youth Programming  
for both morning services)

6:30 PM EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE

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