

Trinity Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2023 A.D.
Palm Sunday

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship

L: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna! Rejoice, for the Lord is in our midst!

L: He comes bringing joy and hope.

P: He comes to set us free from fear.

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest heaven. Amen!

The Morning Anthem

Call to Confession

L: Though we come, week after week, admitting we have turned from God's ways and not having loved our neighbors as ourselves, we know that God is merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in love. Therefore, knowing we are beloved children of God, we can admit our failings before God and one another in order to be forgiven, receive new life, and begin again. Let us pray together . . .

In Unison: **Compassionate God, we come before you this day as limited people, bound and reined in by choices we have made and by the evil and injustice in the world. Forgive us for not opening our minds and**

hearts to truly understand the health, wholeness, beauty, and peace you intend for this world. Forgive us for glibly saying, “You will be done on earth as it is in heaven” and then not pouring our energy into demonstrating divine love in action. For our neglect, our ignorance, and our willful dodging of the tasks of life you have shown as the Way, we ask for your forgiveness . . .

Pastor: Since then, we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession . . . Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In Him, we are all forgiven. Amen.

*Our Response

What a Friend We have in Jesus

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn - ***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #89***

The Morning Scripture Lesson: Hebrews 12:1-2

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴ They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”^[a]

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Sermon: ***The Joy Set Before Us!***

*Hymn - ***All Glory, Laud, and Honor #88***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response ***God be with You Till We Meet Again***

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Liturgist: Barbara Rinker

Sololist: Jessica Starcher

Head Deacons: Michele Steele & Chuck Borland

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of Karin Thompson’s birthday April 6th. Given by: Rev. Dr. Murray Thompson



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