

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

8:00 AM

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



WELCOME TO TRINITY PARISH

We are glad you are here! All are welcome. Please join us after the service for our coffee hour to enjoy some fellowship.

COMMUNION AT TRINITY

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church, which is served at the altar rail. If for any reason, you opt not to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a blessing for you.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website (trinityoldswedes.church). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching for @TrinityParishDE; and please tag us in your pictures using #TrinityParishDE.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

NURSERY

For those with small children, we have nursery staff available for the 10 am and noon services in the Sunday School room. We also have the nursery room in the lobby open for all services for parents to go with their children, if needed

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend David Lovelace—Priest
David Simmons—Director of Music
Esther Summers—Reader/Intercessor
Christina Beard—Server
Esther Summers—Coffee Hour Host

Team 3: Kathryn Jakabcin, Bob Contino, Ray Stiles—Altar Guild
All music is used with permission.

Palms arranged by Ashlin Bray.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude (Piano)

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

William Walker
Setting by Anna Laura Paye

The Liturgy of the Palms

Please stand and face the processional cross in the rear of the sanctuary.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

A Reading from The Gospel of Luke.

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Celebrant continues

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant

that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Hosanna in the highest.*

Let us go forth in peace. *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Processional Hymn 154 (*Congregation*)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*
Let us pray.

Celebrant

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

At the conclusion of the reading, the following is said:
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31:9-16

*Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.*

*For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.*

*I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.*

*I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.*

*For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.*

*But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.*

*My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.*

*Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."*

The Epistle

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Passion According to Luke

Luke 23:1-49

The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."

When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified;

and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "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, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Sermon

The Reverend David Lovelace

The Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, in the Anglican cycle of prayer for the Church of England, and in our own diocese for St. Mark's Church, Millsboro, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Kevin our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, especially our priest Marta, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; especially Jim Yandle, Andy Boutcher, Phil Simmons, Tritstina McNeill, Richard Leuliette, Jesús Busto, Jack Hallock, Vanessa White, Mercedes Marrero, Alyse Calder, George Porter, Richard Hindy, Debbie Snipes, Marilyn Serrano, and Diane Desper, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God.

Lord, have mercy.

Silence

The Concluding Collect

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Peace

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

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Communion.

Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offering and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.	<i>And also with you.</i>
Lift up your hearts.	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</i>

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

*Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Solemn Prayer

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 156

Ride On, Ride On In Majesty!



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Announcements

Maundy Thursday service will be at 7 pm at Old Swedes Church in English. Old Swedes Church is located at 606 N. Church Street, Wilmington.

Good Friday: On Good Friday we will have one service at 12 pm at Trinity Church.

Parking at Trinity on Easter Sunday: Due to the large number of attendees on Easter Sunday, we request that you park at our 11th Street lot, drop off passengers and park elsewhere, to allow for those who have mobility challenges to park in the church lot. Thank you!

EASTER MORNING MUSIC - The 10:00 am Festival Service of Eucharist on Easter Sunday will feature the full Trinity Choir, accompanied by brass quartet, timpani, violin, handbells, piano and organ! A pre-service instrumental music recital will begin at 9:45 am that morning. During the service, soloists and choir will present an eclectic mix of choral music, including Jonathan Willcock's joyful and carol-like "Easter Rejoicing" and Anne Krentz Organ's lush and meditative "River Of Life." Invite your friends and family to join you for this celebratory service as we raise our voices in song in praise of the Risen Lord!

Save the Date! Trinity Women's Retreat: This year we'll focus on Passages of Life: Enduring and Thriving Through Change. We would love you to join us at Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach! The retreat runs from the evening of May 9th through mid-morning of May 11th. The cost is \$300* with meals included, except lunch on Saturday. Our committee members are Kim Denhardt, Janet Gordon, Kathryn Jakabcin and Cathleen Peipher, so talk to us with any questions, or reach out to Kim Denhardt at 302-367-4408 or kdenhardt@gmail.com. Payments can be made through Trinity's website or by check. *Financial assistance is available.

Search Team Note: The Trinity Search Team is in the process of developing a parish survey that will help gather information from the parish about their hopes and dreams for the future of Trinity. The survey will be accessible both electronically (QR code) and in paper form, at the Trinity Forward bulletin board and at Old Swedes. The survey will be available starting on April 13th, Palm Sunday and are requested to be returned by May 4th. In May there will be directed discussions with the Search Team on two consecutive Sundays after the 10:00 & 12:00 services; dates to be announced.

Join us as Trinity Episcopal Parish's team walks for Friendship House in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. 100% of the money raised by our team goes to Friendship House programs, programs that annually work with over 6,000 homeless and at risk of becoming homeless in New Castle County. If Team Trinity Episcopal Parish raises \$2,000 and recruits 20 walkers, a generous donor will give an additional \$1,000

to Friendship House! You can support Friendship House and our team by signing up to walk, raise money, or donate to the Trinity's team walkers. To register or donate to our team use this link: http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Wilmington/HighmarkWalk?teamid=19049&pg=team&fr_id=4924. Questions- contact Sarah Berninger at berninger59@comcast.net.

CONCERT at TRINITY: Come hear the 50-voice Encore Chorale of Wilmington, under the direction of David Simmons, on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm! Tickets are FREE, but you MUST reserve them in advance using the QR code on the flyers in the rear of the church sanctuary. Last fall, ALL seats were reserved prior to the concert date, so get your tickets early and come hear an eclectic mix of music that will light up your spring with warmth and joy!

Together with members of other Wilmington faith communities Clem Dinsmore is pursuing a national networking initiative focused on encouraging family, friends and good acquaintances to continue to affirm a humane, tolerant, law abiding civil society, continue to participate in the secular and religious entities to which they are committed and oppose behaviors of our Federal Government that are accelerating the dissolution of our society and degrading if not destroying capacities of our Government. If you would like to learn more about Clem's initiative, call him at 202-281-6870 or email him at clem.dinsmore@gmail.com.

Welcome Home
For Holy Week
at Trinity Episcopal Parish



April 17 Maundy Thursday 7 pm in English at Old Swedes Church

April 18 Good Friday 12 pm in English at Trinity

April 20 Easter Sunday
8 am in English at Trinity
9:30 am in English at Old Swedes Church
9:45 am Pre-Service Recital at Trinity
10 am in English at Trinity with Choir
12 pm en español at Trinity



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