PALM SUNDAY

April 13, 2025 + 11:00 am Worship

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 — Lucy Strong

CALL TO WORSHIP
One: In this season of Lent, we make our way to the cross.
All: We trace the steps that led Christ there, seeing the power of human suspicion, fear, and betrayal.
One: We make our way to the cross.
All: We bring to God our brokenness and need.
One: We make our way to the cross.
All: We open our hearts to the divine love that made us, knows us, and forgives us.
One: Beloved of God, let us worship together.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN
#197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna — ELLACOMBE

INTROIT — Judge & Houts
Hosanna! Blessed Is He!

Hosanna, blessed is he! Blessed is Jesus who comes!
Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Wave your palm branches high! Hosanna, blessed is he!
Jesus comes riding a donkey! Hosanna, blessed is he!

Make a path for the King! Hosanna, blessed is he!
Welcome our Saviour, Messiah! Hosanna blessed is he!
(Cherub, Primary & Junior Choirs)

+CALL TO CONFESSION — Rebekah LeMon

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Ever-loving God, in this season of Lent, we must be honest with you and with ourselves about the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. We hold fast to your steadfast mercy—a mercy so wide that it gives us the courage to humble ourselves and repent. Forgive us for seeing our own needs while closing our eyes to the needs of others. Forgive us for making choices that bring others pain. Forgive us for loving things more than people, for wanting to be right more than we want to be together. Forgive us for giving away our identity as beloved followers of Christ to those who do not love us. Receive us again, O Lord. Show us again that you are a Lord of compassion and justice, a Lord who knows us and loves us and is still making broken things new.
(silence for personal prayers of confession)

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON
One: Friends, the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
All: Thanks be to God.

+CONGREGATIONAL 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)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
INTRODUCTION TO THE SACRAMENT
THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT
THE QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION
THE APOSTLES' CREED
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
THE BAPTISM
Ruth Justice Elliot, daughter of Anna and John Elliot
Baker Tate Seiler, son of Ansley and Stuart Seiler
Louise Love Seiler, daughter of Alison and John Gray Seiler

+WELCOME
With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church; for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — O WALY WALY
O loving God, unto thy care we give again this child of thine, baptized and blessed with faithful prayer and sealed with love's victorious sign.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
I Corinthians 12:4-14, 22-26 — (pew Bible, NT p. 174)

ANTHEM — Mark Patterson
Lord, You Are Near Me

Lord, you are near me; I will not fear.
You walk beside me, it's your voice I hear.
Darkness may cover me, but soon your light appears,
And I know, dear Lord, you are near me.

Lord you are near me; leading each day.
Teach me to follow, show me the way.
Lord, help me trust in you, keep me close I pray.
Help me know, dear Lord, you are near me.

When I sleep, when I wake, night and day you are near me.
When I cry, when I pray, Lord, I know you will hear me.
(Junior Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Luke 19:28-40 — (pew Bible, NT p. 83)
One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON — Rev. Lucy Strong
Becoming Beloved: Given

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER — Emily Beaver
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 TO GIVE

OFFERTORY — Gabriel Fauré
Sanctus

Translation: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

+DOXOLOGY #606 — OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+CLOSING HYMN
#300 We Are One in the Spirit — THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

+CHARGE & BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE
Amen — Danish

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY
Marche Rèligeuse — Alexandre Guilmant

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Lucy Strong
Associate Pastor for Mission & Engagement

Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon
Senior Pastor

Rev. Emily Beaver
Associate Pastor for Family Ministries

CHERUB CHOIR I

Emily Ale
Christian Belisle
Palmer Carr
Bell Chambers
Eloise Lyddan
Bailey Seiler
Anna Frances Thompson

CHERUB CHOIR II

Rosie Ale
Boyd Bernhardt
Clemente Griffiths
Søren Harris
Hanle Kraft
Elsie Lechleiter
Mills Lyddan
Gray Seiler
Ward Strachan
James Szyperski
Frances Todd
Austin Walls

PRIMARY CHOIR

Corinne Belisle
Asa DeMichina
Abby Vance Hutchison
Emma Frances Hutchison
Charles Kalen
William Kalen
Amelia Lechleiter
Elise Maxwell
Julian Ross
Owen Ross
Maggie Slaughter
Andrew Thompson

MUSICIANS

Phyllis Sommer
Director of Cherub Choirs

Scott Morris
Director of Primary & Junior Choirs

Nelda Greene
Choir Volunteer

The Chancel Choir of Trinity Church

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

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by June Bishop to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linton Bishop and in honor of the baptism of their great-grandchildren, Louise Love Seiler and Baker Tate Seiler. This morning's arrangement was created by the Trinity Presbyterian Flower Guild.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Sarah Bain
Maddie Beamer
Ben Boyer
Ryan Boyer
Julia Cleaveland
Gemma DeMichina
Brooks Diamond
Caroline Diamond
Alton Farr
Mary Louise Hutchison
Hodge Kraft
Cole Mathews
Samuel Ross
Mary Strachan
Robert Thompson
Harriet Wall

WELCOME

Welcome to Trinity. We are glad you are here.

Children and Worship
Children are always welcome in worship at Trinity! There are activity bags and children's books available at each entrance for children to use during worship, and there are children's Bibles in each pew. 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 at the addresses on the back of the bulletin or call 404-237-6491.

Counseling
Trinity has affiliate relationships with the following for private counseling: Morgan DiOrio, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Children, Adolescents and Families (678-935-6472), Christi Bartolomucci, Clinical Director of Atlanta Innovative Counseling Center, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults (770-293-1950 ext. 210), Elizabeth Earhart, Trinity Counselor Affiliate for Adults (404-631-7934). Contact a pastor for more information and referral assistance.

Stephen Ministry
Stephen Ministers are laity, trained and committed to providing fully confidential, one-to-one, Christian caregiving and support to those experiencing difficult times. To make an inquiry for, or about Stephen Ministry, please contact one of the pastors or email us at: stephenminister@trinityatlanta.org; Cindy Stancil at cindy.stancil@comcast.net or Scott Calhoun at sdc@hpsslaw.com.

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