



**Power Play**  
 Lisle Gwynn Garrity  
 Inspired by Matthew 21:1-11



**seeking:**  
*Where are  
 you headed?*

**Trinity Presbyterian Church  
 Arlington, Virginia**

**Service for the Lord's Day  
 Sunday, March 29, 2026**

Palm & Passion Sunday  
 Worshipping in Calvin Hall

9:00 AM





# Service for the Lord's Day

March 29, 2026  
Palm & Passion Sunday

*Welcome.*

*We are glad that you are here.*

*As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.*

*We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.*

*So take a moment.*

*Breathe.*

*This service is recorded. Those in the first three rows in the center section might be visible on camera.*

## Gathering Music

Cornerstone

Mote, Liljero, Myrin, Morgan, Bradury

## Opening Prayer

## Welcome & Announcements

*Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.*

## Children's Message

*Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the Palm Parade or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.*

## Dramatic Reading for Four Voices

## Song & Parade with Palm Branches

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Brown, Baloché

*All are invited to participate.*

## Greeting Time

## Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

NRSVUE

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed

them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Seeking: Where Are You Headed?**

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, Pastor

Song

*Wonderful Cross*

Chris Tomlin

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**All:** 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.

Invitation to Stewardship

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Offertory

*Jesus Messiah*

Tomlin, Carson, Cash, Reeves

**Prayerful Setting of Intentions**

*Please take this moment of silence to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All:** We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,  
who lights a candle in the darkest night,  
who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.  
We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,  
who is bold in seeking justice,  
and humble in taking power.  
We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it,  
cocooning us in hope,  
tethering us to one another.  
We believe in a God who is always carrying us  
from the pain of the world  
into the hope of a new day.  
That is where God is headed.  
That is where we follow.  
May it be so. Amen.

Song

*Beautiful One*

Tim Hughes

## Benediction

### **Cornerstone**

#### **Verse 1**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.  
(REPEAT)

#### **Chorus**

Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

#### **Verse 2**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.

#### **Chorus**

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Christ alone cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord,  
Lord of all.  
Lord of all.

### ***Hosanna (Praise is Rising)***

#### **Verse 1**

Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You.  
We turn to You.  
Hope is stirring.  
Hearts are yearning for You.  
We long for You,

#### **Pre-Chorus**

'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day.  
In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away,  
Washed away.

## Song Lyrics

### **Chorus**

Hosanna, hosanna,  
You are the God who saves us;  
Worthy of all our praises.  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
Come have Your way among us.  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus.

### **Verse 2**

Hear the sound of  
Hearts returning to You.  
We turn to You.  
In Your Kingdom  
Broken lives are made new  
You make us new.

### **Pre-Chorus**

### **Chorus**

### **Chorus**

### **Ending**

Hosanna, hosanna,  
Hosanna, hosanna!

### ***The Wonderful Cross***

#### **Verse 1**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

#### **Verse 2**

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

### **Chorus**

O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross,  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross;

All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name.

### Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all.

### Chorus

#### 1/2 Chorus

O the wonderful cross  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live.

### *Jesus, Messiah*

#### Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness.  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross;  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

### Chorus

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel,  
The Rescue for sinners,  
The Ransom from heaven,  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

#### Verse 2

His body the bread, His blood the wine,  
Broken and poured out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn—  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

### Chorus

### Bridge

All our hope is in You.  
All our hope is in You.  
All the glory to You God,  
The Light of the world.

### Chorus

### Ending

Jesus Messiah,  
Lord of all.  
The Lord of all,  
The Lord of all.

### *Beautiful One*

#### Verse 1

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing love.  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.  
No eye has seen no ear has heard  
No heart could fully know  
How glorious, how beautiful You are.

### Chorus

Beautiful One I love You.  
Beautiful One I adore.  
Beautiful One my soul must sing.

#### Verse 2

Powerful, so powerful Your glory fills the skies.  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.  
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing  
How marvelous, how wonderful You are.

### Chorus

### Chorus

#### Bridge 1

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew.  
You captured my heart with this love.  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.

#### Bridge 1

### Chorus

#### Bridge 2

My soul my soul must sing.  
My soul my soul must sing.  
My soul my soul must sing.  
Beautiful One. [Repeat]

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## **Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups**

*What are the stories of Holy Week and how do they affect my understanding of Jesus?*

**My intention for this week is:**

### **Morning Prayer for the Week**

I rise, O God, awakened by your Word, to live another day.

Lead me in your path.

Show me the steps to take toward greater faith.

Hold me in your care as i move through this Holy Week,

Where the shadows deepen even in the daylight.

Hosanna! Save me now, dear God! Amen.

### **Evening Prayer for the Week**

I come to the darkness of night, O God,

Tired and ready for a sweet respite in your care.

Keep me safe from all harm,

And bring me to the morning light with renewed strength.

In Jesus' holy name, I pray. Amen.

### **Readings for the Week** Matthew 21:1-11

*Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words*

### **Questions for Reflection**

As this week unfolds, spend some time each day pondering the mind of Christ.

1. What is the shape of his compassion?
2. What image comes to mind when you think about the love of Christ?
3. How does is feel, physically, to be so utterly cared for?

### **Intentional in Community**

Consider using these reflection questions with a small group or prayer partner.

## Our Thoughts and Prayers

*Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity*

### Joys:

+ Celebrating the birth of **Ellie Baker Scholl**, daughter of **Ali and Ethan Scholl** and granddaughter of **Marilyn and Russ Scholl**, born on March 23, 2026.

+ Thankful for the successful surgery for **Steven Lee**, the husband of Kevin Knopf and **Yvonne McIntire's** niece, Elizabeth. His post-surgery vitals have returned to normal, and he was able to return home from Arizona on Friday.

+ Celebrating the birth of **Quinn Gloria McGrail**, daughter of **John McGrail and Sara Silbert**, born on March 5th. Quinn is the granddaughter of **John and Jennifer McGrail**.

+ **Lucy Driskill** and her friend **Sarah Watchman** are on a six-month hike of the Appalachian Trail. We will keep the congregation posted on their journey.

### Concerns:

+ Prayers for **Ken Rice**, long-time friend of **Carolyn and Bill Offutt**, whose wife, **Suzanne Rice**, passed on March 23.

+ Prayers for **Marjorie Douglas**, **Sandi Parker's** mom (who is in Rockland County, NY), as she recently transitioned from assisted living to a nursing home, and now to hospice care for a general decline in health.

+ Prayers for **Nanci**, friend of **Donna Parry**, who is having open heart surgery on Monday, March 30.

+ Prayers for **Ike Eickstaedt**, **Pastor Judith's** father-in-law, in the hospital after a hematoma. He will be moved to a skilled nursing facility until the wound can heal.

+ Prayers for **Sandy Montgomery**, recovering at home after surgery for a broken ankle.

+ Prayers for Sean Long and for all our military personnel currently on deployment in the Middle East and beyond.

+ Prayers for **Beth Geiseman**, recovering after surgery for breast cancer and anticipating a second surgery.

+ Prayers for **Paul Sullivan**, who has stopped cancer treatments and is in palliative care at home.

+ Prayers for **Laura Mendelson**, mother of **Ellen Cathopoulos**, recovering from breast cancer surgery.

+ Prayers for **Ansley Calhoun** following surgery for a broken leg.

+ Prayers for the family and friends of **Alec Gibson**, who passed away on February 26.

+ Prayers for relatives of **Randy Benn - Martie** (cancer), **Doug** (cancer), and **Jennifer** (bone infection).

+ Prayers for **Rita Hadley**, wife of **Ken Hadley**, recovering from a concussion.

+ Prayers for **Jean Chubb**, mother of **Nathan Chubb**, battling pancreatic cancer and undergoing chemo.

+ Prayers for **Cathy**, a friend of **Pastor Judith**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.

+ Prayers for **Theresa Dike**, a colleague of Clay Guthridge, who is recovering from a cerebral event. Theresa is walking and regaining some speech.

+ Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.

- + Prayers for **Marilyn Brookens**, who is in Iowa in a memory care facility. Please send all correspondence to: Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7th Ave. Ct. SW, Altoona, IA 50009.
- + Prayers for love, stamina, and moments of joy for all who are caregivers and for those they care for.
- + Prayers for those in difficult family relationships: for mutual love, compassion, and understanding.
- + **Bill Plitt**, in treatment for multiple myeloma.
- + **Rowan Smith**, three-year-old great-nephew of **Laurie Setzer**, with cancer. Please pray for strength as cancer spots were recently found on his brain, and the doctors have given him 3-6 months to live.
- + **Jason Ferguson**, brother of **Janae Ferguson**, has a recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, has ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality Assisted Living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and the mom of two young children, has a recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines are with long-term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, friend of **Yvonne McIntire**, is recovering at home.
- + **Brooks Bare**, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + Prayers for those whose family members have died in ICE custody or during immigration enforcement actions.
- + Prayers for our country, that people who disagree can choose respectful and non-violent means of protest.
- + Immigrants and refugees all over the world are displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + Prayers for the innocent victims of war. We mourn with those whose children were killed in Iran.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine and for the day when the people living in Israel and Palestine can live together without hostility, oppression, or fear.
- + **Fakhira Haloun**, a Palestinian Israeli and friend of **Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe**, and for all living through the trauma of the ongoing violence in Gaza and the wider region.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion of Ukrainian regions.
- + Genocide in Sudan and the conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- + Prayers for wisdom for our leaders as they handle the situations in Venezuela and Cuba, and for the people who live there.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those who serve in the international field. We are currently supporting **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border, and we continue to seek new ecumenical global partners to support as the PCUSA has shifted its model for international engagement.



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