



**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 the Sanctuary

11:15 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 livestreamed and recorded. People in the first eight pews might be visible on camera.*

## Welcome

### Prelude

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
Matt Wheeler, organ

John Carter

## 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 Sunday Parade or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.*

## Opening Litany for Four Voices

### Hymn

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*  
Congregation

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## Call to Confession

*Please be seated.*

## Prayer of Confession

*Featuring Matthew 21:1-11 (New International Version)*

*Liturgist: As they approached Jerusalem  
and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,  
"Go to the village ahead of you,  
and at once you will find a donkey tied there,  
with her colt by her.  
Untie them and bring them to me.  
If anyone says anything to you,  
say that the Lord needs them,  
and he will send them right away."*

**All:** God, forgive us for the times  
when we do not trust your word  
and do not follow where you lead.  
We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you.  
Forgive us when we play it safe.

*Liturgist:* This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:  
“Say to Daughter Zion,  
‘See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

**All:** God, forgive us for forgetting  
that you are always coming toward us.  
You are drawing near,  
like a king on a donkey.  
Help us find you in our midst.

*Liturgist:* The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them.  
They brought the donkey and the colt  
and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on.  
A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road,  
while others cut branches from the trees  
and spread them on the road.

**All:** Creator God,  
forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity,  
or when we choose our self-image over our loyalty to you.  
Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith.  
Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.

*Liturgist:* The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,  
“Hosanna to the Son of David!”  
“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

**All:** Son of David,  
give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop.  
Give us the wisdom to sing, “Hosanna!”

*Liturgist:* When Jesus entered Jerusalem,  
the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”  
The crowds answered,  
“This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

**All:** With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus,  
the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Words of Assurance & Faith

*Liturgist:* Family of faith,  
there will be days when we withhold our praise.  
There will be days when we dare not follow.  
There will be days when we ignore God's call,  
when we choose comfort over courage,  
and ourselves over others.  
But even on those days,  
even on our worst days,  
we belong to God.  
Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All:** Nothing can separate us from God's love.  
We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve.  
Hosanna! Amen.

### Response to Grace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Glory Be to the Father*

Congregation

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### Passing of the Peace & Greeting

#### Anthem

*Ride On, King Jesus*  
Trinity Singers

Moses Hogan

#### Sermon

***Seeking: Where Are You Headed?***  
Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, Pastor

#### Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross\**  
Congregation

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\*In stanza two in the hymnal, please change "blood" to "love".

### Joys & Concerns

*Please be seated.*

### 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 & Reflection

*Three Variants on Passion Chorale*  
Matt Wheeler, organ

John Carter

### 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.

Hymn

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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*Please stand as you are able.*

Congregation

Benediction

Postlude

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

John Carter

Matt Wheeler, organ

*You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or move to the gathering space for fellowship.*

*As you depart, please be mindful of those who remain in the sanctuary to listen.*

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## Song Lyrics

### ***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

1 Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

2 From Olivet they followed  
'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

3 “Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

### ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

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.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his *love*.

3 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?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

### ***Go to Dark Gethsemane***

1 Go to dark Gethsemane,  
all who feel the tempter's power;  
your Redeemer's conflict see;  
watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away;  
learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall;  
view the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the wormwood and the gall!  
O the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;  
learn from him to bear the cross.

3 Calvary's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete;  
“It is finished!” hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

4 Early hasten to the tomb  
where they laid his breathless clay:  
all is solitude and gloom.  
Who has taken him away?  
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes.  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

## **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 it 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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