

SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

PRELUDE Simon Zealotes (*from Jesus Christ Superstar*)
(Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber) *David Pilkey & Steve Falk*

**WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE
LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters/
Rainbow Candle of Inclusion* Ethan Champagne

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN & PALM PARADE**

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The disciples brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting:

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!
Shout with joy! Our peace-giver is here!
We join with the crowd that eagerly welcomed the arrival of Jesus.

We have good reason to be waving leafy branches.
Christ is in our midst!

Jesus comes to us with hope, with care, and with power to renew.

Jesus approached this week of uncertainty with a firm resolve rooted in faith.

**May our worship strengthen us and renew our faith.
Let us worship God!**

INTROIT An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
(Fred Pratt Green)

CALL TO CONFESSION (Liturgy from Sanctified Art)
Charles Truax

The very first Palm Sunday was a day of action. It was a day of movement, of crowded city streets, and cries of "Hosanna!" It was a day of peaceful protest and dreams for a better world. The first Palm Sunday was a day of peaceful, hopeful action.

So friends, on this Palm Sunday, let us join the saints before us in an act of faith.

Let us begin with an act of prayer, an act of honesty, an act of transformation.

Let us begin by drawing close to God and sharing the truth of our lives.

Let us begin with confession.

(The sixth Lenten candle is extinguished.)

Join me in prayer:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing.

You marched through the streets and walked on water.

You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables.

Your good news was not confined to conversation.

It was not confined to the Temple.

Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world.

Holy God, we long for a faith like that.

Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon.

Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act.

With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Church family, whether or not you wave your palm branch, whether or not you live out your faith, whether or not you allow this good news to inspire your actions, God will never stop loving you.

Jesus will never stop marching for you.

The Spirit will never stop listening to you.

We are claimed, loved, and held in grace.

What good, good news. Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery
(VU 121)

Light of life beyond conceiving, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new strength to our believing, give us faith to live your word, give us faith to live your word.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11

(Jesus enters Jerusalem.) Debra Hilliard

ANTHEM Sanctus (*from Requiem*)
(Gabriel Fauré arr. John Rutter)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 26:17-30
(Jesus eats with his disciples.)

SERMON The Table Where We Find Life
The Reverend Tim Dayfoot

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

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***THE PEACE**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY I Sing the Mighty Power of God
(Lloyd Larson) *Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble*

***DEDICATION** Take, O Take Me as I Am (Bell/Maule)
(MV 85) **Take, O take me as I am;**
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.
(sing twice)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER & Prayer Shawl Blessing**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(on insert)*

***HYMN** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna p. 8

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BLESSING** Take Up His Song (MV 213)

Take up his song of love and go into the world. Take up his song of love in every moment. In every moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives; lay them down, in love, lay them down, and take up his song.

POSTLUDE Gethsemane *(from Jesus Christ Superstar)*
(Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber)
David Pilkey, Margaret Heney & Steve Falk



Join Us for the Final Steps of the Lenten Journey!



Joint Good Friday Worship at Trinity United Church
Friday, April 3rd ~ 10:30 am ~ 461 Park Ave., Newmarket

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 5th ~ 6:30 Am ~ Aurora Cemetery
(14253 Yonge Street ~ Southeast Corner)

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5th ~ 11:00 Am ~ Trinity Anglican Sanctuary

An Affirmation of Faith

Written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed (SANCTIFIED ART)

**We believe in a table-setting God
who always has a seat saved for you.
We believe in an inviting God
who leaves the porch light on and a hand extended.
We believe in a radically welcoming God
who eats with the overlooked and the outcast,
the hungry and the downtrodden.
We believe in the good news of the gospel, which
reminds us that all are welcomed, all are celebrated,
all are loved, and all are claimed.
Pull up a seat at God's table.
There is good news to be shared here. Amen.**



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Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins

**March 29, 2026
11:00 AM**

All Glory, Laud and Honour VU 122

**Refrain: All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel, and David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one. **R**

The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. **R**

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **R**

Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. **R**

When Pain of the World VU 598

When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair, when searching just
confounds us with false hopes everywhere, when lives are starved for meaning and
destiny is bare, we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need, confessing to each other our
wastefulness and greed. May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.

The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill to nourish all its people, God's
purpose to fulfill. May we with humble courage be open to God's will.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's spirit flow through us.

We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace, your saving word that guided
a struggling human race. O God, with all creation, your future we embrace.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow through us.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna VU 123

Hosanna, loud hosanna the happy 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.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd, the victory palm branch waving,
and singing clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
content that little children should on his bidding wait.

'Hosanna in the highest!' That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer;
earth, let your anthems ring. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his humble presence eternally rejoice!