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*Trinity United seeks to provide
a scent-free environment. Thanks!*

April 5th 2020

Palm/Passion Sunday

Please stand as you are able where indicated (*)

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

♪♪ *Introit: "Ride On! Ride On!", vs. 1—**VU #127**

***Scripture Sentence/Greeting/Call To Worship** Mark 11: 9, 10

*And those who went before
and those who followed were shouting,
"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!"*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit:
Be with you all!*

And also with you!

*Today is Palm Sunday:
We greet Messiah with gratitude
and joyful acclaim!*

Today is Passion Sunday:

**Doorway to the holiest of weeks
in our remembrance of Christ.**

*Without pretending that we fathom the full mystery
of Christ's Passion and death:*

**We stand in awe of the love revealed to us,
as we follow the way of the Cross.**

And so we come in worship!

Thanks be to God!

♪♪ *Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honour"—**VU #122**

*Litany of Approach

*God of all creation, you are love.
In joyful times, in excited times!*

*In times of sadness, in times of fear:
You are the love that holds us.*

*Wherever we are in the crowd:
Moving right beside Jesus,
waving and shouting from the sidelines:*

*Or perched at the edge, wondering:
Help us to know we are yours,
we are loved.*

*In Christ.
Amen.*

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♪♪ *Response: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna", vs. 1—**VU #123**

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Time

♪♪ *Hymn: "He Came Riding on a Donkey"—VU #124

Scripture Reading Isaiah 53: 1-12

*Hear what the Spirit,
is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God!*

Sermon "Credo, Third Series, Part Three:
Crucified, died...and buried"

*But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.*

--Isaiah 53:5

Invitation to the Offering

♪♪ Offertory

♪♪ *Dedication: "Dust and Ashes", vs. 2—VU #105

*Litany of Dedication

*For the joyful exuberance,
and pained foreboding
of this joyful/solemn day:*
We give thanks to you, O God.

For the exuberance of those early followers of Jesus:
We give thanks to you, O God.

For the love of God expressed in community:
We give thanks to you, O God.

For justice proclaimed at the margins of society:
We give thanks to you, O God.

*For the light of wisdom and compassion
that shines in the shadows of our souls:*
We give thanks to you, O God.

*For all who provide care and compassion
within our community:*
We give thanks to you, O God.

For the gathering of this community of faith:
We give thanks to you, O God.

*For those who seek justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God:*
We give thanks to you, O God.

*For this coming Holy Week,
in which the mysteries
and the meaning of life are proclaimed:*
We give thanks to you, O God.

On this joyful, solemn, holy day:
Receive our gifts! Receive our lives! Amen!

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*Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(Congregation may be seated)

Invitation to Confession

(A Time of Silence is Observed)

Litany of Confession

God, our helper, our wisdom, our guide:
Journey with us into the streets of Jerusalem.

May we not be tempted by power and greed.
Keep us focused on love and compassion,
rather than the evils of
indifference and domination.

Point us to the cross of acceptance and forgiveness.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
our friend and companion. Amen.

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(A Time of Silence is Observed)

*Words of Assurance

♪♪***Response: “Don’t be Afraid”—MV #90**
(Sung Twice, First time: **Choir**, Second time: **All**)

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Friends, the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you.

Please share that peace with one another.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

♪♪ *Hymn: “Were You There?”—**VU #144**

*Invitation to the Table

*The Great Thanksgiving *Courtesy of Eucharistic Prayers,
by Wells & Kocher
Eerdmans Publishing 2016*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to our God.

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

It is our joy and destiny to praise you, Lord God:
For in wondrous love you cast stars into space,
and in meek obedience
your Son surrendered to cruel nails.

*With loving-kindness you called your people in Abraham,
and in covenant with Moses
you bound up your life in theirs.*

Through exile you stayed close to them,
and in Jesus you came among them
bearing the fullness of grace and truth.

Your Son Jesus faced rejection, cruelty, and death:
Yet in resurrection you exalted him,

**and in sending your Spirit
you shed glory on all people.**

*And so we rejoice with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
singing the song of your unending praise.*

* 🎵 **Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" –MV #203**

(Congregation may be Seated)

Hosanna is our cry, Blessed One.
Your Son comes on a donkey in your name.

*As Jesus entered Jerusalem
to bear our sorrows and suffer for our sins,
enter our hearts and confront
our waywardness today.*
**Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
that we may be your Son's
crucified and risen body.**

*Send your Spirit upon this bread
that it may be living bread.*
**Send your Spirit upon this cup
that it may be the cup of salvation.**

*That together they may be for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;*
**Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,
gave you thanks, broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:**

*"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."*

(A Time of Silence is Observed)

*After supper he took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,*
"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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."**

(A Time of Silence is Observed)

Great is the mystery of faith.
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

*Humble God, your Son did not exploit his status
but emptied himself.*
**Pour out your Spirit on all who are exploited,
in world or church:**

*On all who are humbled, by state or employer
or family member,*
On all who are emptied of hope, faith, or love.

*As you highly exalted your Son who had become a slave,
highly exalt your children who suffer
for righteousness, or grieve those
they have cherished, or bend the knee
to one who does not honor them.*
**Fill the earth with your justice and peace,
until every heart shall sing
and every tongue confess
that you are the joy of their desiring:**

*Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God,
in all ages and forevermore.*
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Chanted, VU #960

**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.

Breaking the Bread/Lifting the Cup

The bread which we break
Our communion in the body of Christ.

The cup of blessing which we bless
Our communion in the blood of Christ.

The gifts of God, for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

Sharing the Bread & Cup

*We will receive the elements this morning, through the sharing
of the bread, followed by the sharing of individual cups of juice.*

**Please also note that there are three stations; the central
station offers gluten-free bread.**

Music During Communion

♪♪ Instrumental Music

(When all have received the bread & juice,
a brief silence will be observed)

***Litany After Communion**

*Holy God, source of all love,
giver of all good gifts:*
**On the night of his betrayal,
Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment,
to love one another as he loved them.**

*As those who have been nourished
by his generous, sacrificial love:*
**We ask you to write this commandment
in our hearts, and to give us the will
to serve others as he was the servant of all.**

*Who gave his life and died for us,
yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit:*
One God, now and forever. Amen.

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD

♪♪ ***Hymn: “O Sacred Head”—VU #145**

***Sending Forth**

*O God: in Jesus Christ you triumphantly
entered Jerusalem,
thus beginning a week of pain and sorrow.*
**In these days of defeat and victory,
you have brought together
humiliation and exaltation,
death and resurrection.**

*Be with us now, as we follow in joy and in sorrow
the way of the cross:*
In the footsteps of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

Go forth now to love and to serve our God.
Thanks be to God.

♪♪ ***Closing: “Ride On! Ride On!”, vs. 4—VU #127**

Postlude

Minister: Rev Foster Freed	Music Director: Alison Dalton
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