

Trinity Presbyterian Church

March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY: BREAD FOR THE ROAD



GATHERING

We gather as the body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
Orleans
Jaron Marcus, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Jenny Lee

Call to Worship

People of Topeka, bring your garments and branches—Jesus is coming into town! Shout Hosanna!

Hosanna! Our deliverer has come! Let all the hungry be fed!

Jesus, the servant king, has come to show us a new kind of power.

Hosanna! Our liberator will set the prisoners free!

Let us worship the one who will save us from corruption. Shout Hosanna to the King of Kings!

**Hosanna! Hosanna! The bread of life has come to sustain us.
Believing this promise, let us worship together!**

Prayer of the Day

*Processional Hymn No. 197

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Call to Confession

Jenny Lee

Holy and saving God, we confess we have sought comfort in systems of power that promise salvation through dominance, control, and division. We place our hope in the forces of wealth, status, and self-

preservation, rather than in the humility of Christ. We align ourselves with the powers of this world, turning away from the radical love, justice, and peace embodied in Jesus. We fail to notice how the cries for justice of the oppressed mirror the “Hosannas” of hope. We ignore the cries of the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering, choosing instead the easy path of complicity. We turn a blind eye to the earth’s cries and the injustices so many endure. Forgive us, O God, for placing our trust in the powers of this world rather than in the power of your love. Renew our hearts and minds and lead us back to the path of true salvation, where love, justice, and peace reign. Amen.

Sung Response Hymn No. 437

“You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy”

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

...In Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are made whole. Amen.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE WORD

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Sermon on the Steps

Becky Jones

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Philippians 2: 5-11
NRSVUE

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Filled with Excitement”
Arr. Alvin Schumaat
Trinity Heritage Choir

Second Reading

Luke 19: 28-40
NRSVUE

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon “Bread for the Road”

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

*Hymn (screens)

“Take on the Mind of Christ the Lord”

- 1) Take on the mind of Christ the Lord
who gave up life in heaven above;
he chose to suffer with the poor
to make us rich in God's great love.
- 2) Take on the way he chose to live;
he put ambition to the side.
He gave us all he had to give,
then on a cross he humbly died.
- 3) Take on the gift that we've been given:
God raised him up in love to reign;
and now he's Lord of earth and heaven.
Accept this gift and praise his name.
- 4) One day the world will sing and pray
and Christ will always be adored.
Until that great and glorious day,
take on the mind of Christ the Lord.

Tune: Traditional melody ("Though I May Speak")

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Affirmation of Faith

(from Illustrated Ministry)

We believe in Jesus Christ, who rode into Jerusalem not on a warhorse but on a humble donkey, proclaiming peace instead of domination. We believe in the way of the servant leader, where greatness is found in humility, and power is made perfect in love. We believe in choosing integrity over bluster, faithfulness over greed, and justice over the empty promises of empire. We believe God's kingdom is not built by violence, but by the transformative power of grace, mercy, and sacrifice. We believe salvation is not found in the halls of the mighty, but in the heart of Christ, who calls us to walk the road of love and courage. We believe in shouting "Hosanna" to the one who brings true peace, trusting not in the powers of this world, but in the reign of God that has no end. Amen.

Prayers of the People

After every petition, the congregation responds:

Hosanna, save us.

Lord's Prayer

**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 Offering

Offertory

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”
Arr. Fenton Groden
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Doxology Hymn No. 607

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Hymn No. 216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn No. 227

“Jesus, Remember Me”

*Postlude

“Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”
from *Musica Sacra*, C.1778
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Participants in worship:

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan, Preacher

Jenny Lee, Liturgist

Becky Jones, Sermon on the Steps

Brad Stipcak, organ & Dir. Of Music

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