

While the people prepared to celebrate the Passover and past experiences of liberation, Jesus weeps for the bondage and turmoil he sees coming. Soon, the people's cheers will turn to sneers.

March 28, 2021
9:30 Worship
Palm Sunday



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
"Participating in God's mission of life"
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*We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation
(All are welcome here)*

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The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life replaces death. How are you participating in God's mission of life?

WELCOME

AM: Good morning and welcome in the name of the Lord to Trinity Lutheran. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who welcomes and affirms all persons into the life of our faith community.

We extend a special welcome for those watching who are new to our faith community and invite you to explore our ministries by visiting our website at trinitykenosha.org, or contact Pastor Tom by email at ptom@trinitykenosha.org.

EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN FLAME

AM: Each Sunday in Advent, we light a candle on the advent wreath in preparation for the incarnation of the Word of God.

During the season of Lent, each Sunday we extinguish a candle in preparation for the darkness of Jesus' betrayal and death on Good Friday. We recall those who turned away from the light of Jesus and we remember that we, too, turn away. Jesus entered Jerusalem bringing the possibility of peace and life, but their cost to those in power was too great.

C: We too fail to relinquish our power to make room for peace and life to flourish. We believe what we want about others even when the truth is presented to us. We use violence to affirm our status rather than allow the truth of Jesus to set us free. The darkness encroaches when we choose violence over peace, death over life.

AM: We extinguish the 6th candle, confessing our own failure to allow God to be God and to love others as ourselves.

BLESSING OF PALMS

GATHERING SONG

♪♪ All Glory, Laud and Honor Hymn 344

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*All glory, laud, and honor 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.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The company of angels are praising you on high;
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

P: Creator God, we glimpse your beauty in a setting sun, mountain top,
eagle's wing. We sense your power in thunder crash, lightning flash
and ocean's roar.

Creator God, we praise you.

Precious Jesus, we see your love stretched out upon a cruel cross.
We stand in awe at your sacrifice, pure love poured out for humankind.
Precious Jesus, we praise you.

Holy Spirit, we see your power in lives transformed, hearts on fire.
We listen for your still, small voice, comforting, guiding, calling.
Holy Spirit, we praise you.

FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

P: We gather in the name of Holy Triune God-Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.

Trusting in the abundant mercy and everlasting love of God, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: ...Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. Faithful God,

C: ...Your son entered Jerusalem knowing the trials which awaited him. May we follow faithfully through this week of sorrows, knowing that your promised redemption awaits us, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WORD

AM: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless Russ Hahn, who will read to us the scripture. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith.

A reading from the book of Psalms. (Psalm 118:19-23)

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.


²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

L: We sing the Gospel Acclamation to welcome the Gospel and prepare our hearts to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

 *We are turning, Lord to hear you: you are merciful and kind -
Slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.*

A reading from the gospel of Luke. (Luke 19:29-44)

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "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. ³¹If anyone asks you,

'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after

throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now 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, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” ³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

⁴¹As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, ⁴²saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. ⁴⁴They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tom

A moment of silence follows the sermon for the movement of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

P. Baloché

*Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away
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*

*Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away*

*Hosanna, hosanna
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Come have Your way among us
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

AM: Please take a moment to text prayer concerns to 262-287-8098

AM: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: Mighty God...**"Hear our prayer"**

AM: You come into town to the cheering of crowds, but their cries will soon turn against you. Forgive us our fickle faith that falters when it's not convenient or popular, and give us strength to follow despite fear. Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: As our Jewish sisters and brothers begin their celebration of Passover, we remember how you did the same with your disciples in Jerusalem. Bridge the divides of religion and tradition and unite your children of faith in our shared efforts to spread your love and justice. Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: The stones are crying out for deliverance of this suffering planet. Use our talents, innovation and creativity to devise ways to live sustainably on this earth which we have used and abused. Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: To all who suffer isolation or difficulty with interacting socially, grant the comforting presence of your Spirit and courage to reach out to those whom they trust. Send your healing to all those who truly need it, especially... Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

AM: For all the unnamed and unknown martyrs who suffered for your gospel but refused to deny you, we give thanks, praying that our lives might show even a fraction of their dedication. Mighty God,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: *(Here other petitions are offered)* Mighty God,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

AM: You hear all your children's prayers and gather the lost into your loving arms. Teach us to put our trust in you, and in our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

AM: If you are gathered with friends or family, share a word of peace with one another.

OFFERING

AM: During this season of "together while apart" your financial gifts given to the glory of God are especially precious and needed.

There are three ways to give:

1. Mail a check to Trinity, 7104 - 39th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142
2. Text a dollar amount with dollar sign (i.e. \$20) to: 262-429-9785
3. Select the "Giving" button on our homepage,
www.trinitykenosha.org

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AM: Let us pray:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.
Amen.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AM: As we pray together the Lord's Prayer, please use the version that best nurtures your faith.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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, forever and ever. Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS - Pastor Tom

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father +Son and-...

♪♪ **Ah, Holy Jesus** Hymn 349, verse 1

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.*

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,
³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There
was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

SENDING HYMN

♪ *Reckless Love*

Culver/Asbury/Jackson

*Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me*

*Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
And I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me*

*Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
And I couldn't earn it
I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God*

*There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me*

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DISMISSAL

AM: Go. Repent. Take up the cross of Christ.