
CAMPUS CLOSED: To help slow the spread of the coronavirus, the main Trinity Campus will be closed to the public. Please join us online or Suddenlink channel 4 on Sundays at 10:45 for worship.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: A devotional will be posted each day during this time of campus closure. You can find them by going to the following link: www.trinityruston.org/devotions. They can also be found on our Facebook page.

LUNCH ON US VOLUNTEERS: Every Monday we serve bag lunches to the hungry from the Presbyterian Church. This ministry is primarily staffed by our older adults. While our older members reduce their social interaction, we need younger, healthy volunteers who are willing to come out and serve or to donate loaves of bread and bananas. Please contact Marie Burns ASAP at mburns@trinityruston.org to sign up.

GROCERY DELIVERY: Trinity would like to offer grocery delivery to our senior adult members during this time of public health concern. If you are interested in receiving grocery delivery, please email Marie Burns to sign up; mburns@trinityruston.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Save the date for Vacation Bible School: June 1-5, 2020! If you would like to volunteer, contact Mandy Smith, 278-4477 or Megan Walpole, (404) 680-0415.

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MOMENTS OF MEDITATION

"I worship you Lord! You did not enter your holy city Jerusalem on the back of a war horse, but humbly and on a donkey. You knew that you were surrounded by murderers, yet you came in peace, and by your sacrifice you would utterly conquer death before the week had passed."

-David Maddalena

PRELUDE

"The Palms"

Deborah Guillory, Organist

NOTES ON THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Leslie Stephens

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God wakens us to this new day and bids us enter the gates of righteousness.

People: This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith.

People: This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: God causes light to shine on us and blesses our festal procession.

All: Blessed is the one who comes God's name. Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we're as fickle as the crowds in Jerusalem. When everything seems to be going well, we join the hosanna chorus, but when we're tired or feel rebellious, praise can turn to insult. We hide our faith when it's under attack or inconvenient and link ourselves with the scoffers. When we have an opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ, we're silent. Our church lifts an uncertain word before the world, for we, its members have not been faithful. We need your forgiving love today, O God, more than ever. Hear our prayer! In Jesus's name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God answers us and offers salvation. God has come into our world to take our sins upon Himself. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!"

Hymnal, No. 278

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (The Apostle's Creed)

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

ANTHEM

"The Holy City"

Morgan Guillory, Solo

WE WORSHIP THROUGH OUR PRAYERS

AND OUR OFFERINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Stephens

THE 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 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Stephens

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Hymnal, No. 297

verse 1

OFFERTORY

"Behold, the King of Zion Comes"

Chancel Quartet

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Leslie Stephens

*HYMN OF THE GOSPEL

"What Wondrous Love is This"

Hymnal, No. 292

verse 1,2,4

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11 (MSG)

SERMON

"The Road to Jerusalem"

Dr. Darrell Coats

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

WE GO FORTH IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Jesus Keep Me Neart the Cross"

Hymnal, No. 301

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Leslie Stephens

*POSTLUDE

**All who are able, please stand.*

Deborah Guillory, Organist