

When we look for an easier Gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding Savior:
Save us from our sin, O Lord, and guide us on Your path.

The Presider offers a concluding Collect.

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The Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

All who wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the altar. We will receive at the rail, standing or kneeling. Wine-Host is available from the common chalice, either by sipping from the first cup or intinction ("dipping") in the second. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you wish spoken blessing only, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you need be served at your seat, please inform an usher.

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A Solemn Prayer

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Cover image: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Ethiopian icon. Date unknown. <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/471681760990767239/>

Serving today:

Altar Guild	Betsy Breakell, Linda Howard, Barb Swartz
Verger	Rich Englebach
Chalice Bearers	Jean Arnold, Rich Englebach
Readers	Paul Oestreich, Jean Arnold, Karen Puopolo
Intercessor	Jean Arnold
	The Rev. Dr. Edward E. Thompson ("Fr. Ted"), preaching and presiding

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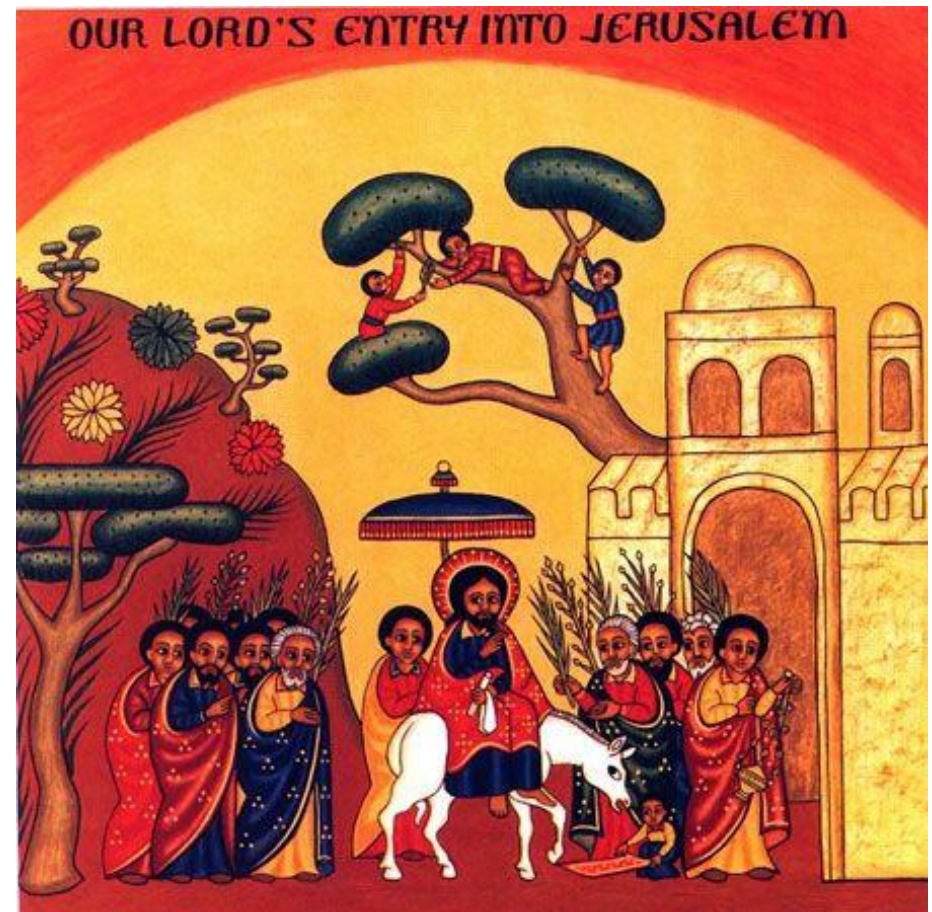
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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

8:00 a.m.



with the Liturgy of the Palms

Trinity Church, Swarthmore

The Liturgy of the Palms

The Liturgy of the Palms can be found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) beginning on page 270.

All stand, holding the palms given out by the usher. The Presider begins, the People responding with the words in bold.

Blessed is the King who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

A Prayer

A Reading from Matthew's Gospel Matthew 21:1-11

The Presider continues

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

The Presider then blesses the palms and bids the Procession.

Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the highest.

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the recitation of the psalm, the altar party processes to the front.

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Insert

The Liturgy of the Word

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Collect of the Day

The First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a Insert

Psalm 31:9-16 Insert

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11 Insert

The Passion Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 Insert

*The customary responses before and after the gospel reading are omitted on this day. The People read the **words in bold** on the reading insert. Please remain seated until the account of Jesus' arrival at Golgotha, then rise where indicated.*

Homily

The Prayers of the People

Our Confession today is incorporated into the prayers. The People following the Prayer Leader, responding with the words in bold.

O God, you search us out and know us; all that we are is open to you. We confess that we have sinned.

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your grace.

When we avoid examining ourselves but jump to examine our neighbors:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your hope.

When we show great discipline in pursuit of worldly wealth, but invest neither energy nor enthusiasm in the treasures of the Spirit:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your light.

When we clamor for your crown, but refuse to shoulder your cross:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your love.

When we confess you amongst your friends, but deny you when your enemies close in:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your Spirit.

When we build our comforts and pleasures on the sacrifices of others, instead of sacrificing our privileges to build a world that all can share:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your truth.

When we would rather crucify the prophets than unweave the web of injustice:

Be merciful, Lord, and fill us with your justice.

When we demand instant results and scorn those who find value in waiting, in yearning, even in suffering, even in dying;

Be merciful, Lord and fill us with your life.