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WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:45 and 11:00 am • CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:55 am • Ingrid Rasmussen and Hans Lee, Pastors

PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

For many of us, we hear these traditional Palm Sunday words as a sort of happy acclamation for Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem. But the word *Hosanna*—which in its original Hebrew form can also mean *save us now*—adds another layer of intensity to this event. The people waving their palm branches that day long ago were not simply happy to see Jesus. They were also proclaiming their hope that Jesus really was the One whom the prophets had said would come to establish a new reign of peace and justice finally releasing them from the imperial grip of Rome.

During the month of March our Trinity Village students in Grades 1-5 have been thinking about who the “justice-bringers” are (and have been) in the world. Interestingly, several of the persons who have come to our attention were children when they began to stand up for justice. We’ve learned about **Ruby Bridges**, the first African-American child to desegregate an all-white elementary school in Louisiana in 1960 as a kindergartner. We’ve been reminded about the story of **Helen Keller** who was the first person with deaf-blindness to graduate from college, and then go on to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities. More recently, we’ve learned about 11-year-old **Malala Yousafzai**, who was threatened and even shot in her native Pakistan for trying to attend school. Even after her long recovery, she persisted in speaking out for the rights of girls to receive an education, and she became the youngest person ever to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The Trinity Village students have been creating papier-mâché masks to honor these justice-bringers and they will be carried in our Palm Sunday procession on Sunday, March 25, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

The day before our Palm Sunday procession, several of our Holy Trinity high school students will be participating in another kind of procession—the *March for Our Lives*—taking place in St. Paul and all across the country. We’ve seen in recent weeks how students from Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, have spoken powerfully about the need for common sense gun laws. In their intense grief, these articulate young people are boldly speaking truth to power. Time will tell if change will come, but if the actions of a kindergartner named Ruby and an 11-year-old Pakistani girl named Malala can bring change, then I have great hope that the persistent actions of the Stoneman Douglas students—and hundreds of thousands of students across our nation—will prevail and justice will come.

Our Palm Sunday procession this year may carry some additional meaning for all of us, but especially for those who are seeking a more just world. Our children will carry with them the example of the justice-bringers. Some will carry signs of protest and lament for the suffering of our planet and its people. And we will all shout our loud Hosannas with both gladness and hope, to the One who promises to save us.

—Ann Schrooten

FAREWELL TO PASTOR HANS

Join us in the Community Room following both services to bid farewell and godspeed to our interim pastor, Hans Lee, whose last Sunday at Holy Trinity will be Easter Sunday. Hans has served as Interim Lead Pastor and, most recently, as Interim Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity. We wish him well on his next adventure.

PALM SUNDAY

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God’s final vindication. Mark’s passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark’s Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God’s living Anointed One.



READINGS
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 11:1-11

ADULT FORUM

10:00 am – in the Library

MARCH 25

Sanctuary Team

Last year, Holy Trinity committed to serving as a sanctuary-supporting congregation. Hear updates from the Sanctuary Team and our partners, and learn about opportunities to support immigrant neighbors.

APRIL 1

Easter Sunday -- No Adult Forum

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

Worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday

Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m.

Worship led by Cantate! youth ensemble at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room.

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

Worship led by the Adult Choir at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room.

Saturday, March 31—Vigil of Easter and Baptism

Worship with baptism of Robin Olsen Biebighauser, led by Trinity Singers ensemble, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bartsch Room.

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

Festival worship services led by choirs and brass at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. There is no Sunday School, Confirmation, Adult Forum, or First Sunday Musings on Easter Sunday.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR INGRID

Thank you, Holy Trinity, for a meaningful installation Sunday, March 11! The full sanctuary, the music, the laying on of hands, the gift of the pectoral cross—all of these things made the day so beautiful. Thank you for your gracious support as I enter a new role at Holy Trinity. I am grateful to be your pastor and promise to serve alongside of you to the best of my ability.

—Peace, Pastor Ingrid

PARISH INFORMATION

RACIAL JUSTICE DISCUSSION GROUPS

Holy Trinity is offering spring racial justice small group discussions. There will be five sessions. One group will meet on Tuesday evenings and one on Wednesday mornings beginning the first week of April. The purpose of the groups is to explore racism, white privilege, and the collaborative role we play in maintaining it. We'll also talk about how our faith interfaces with these issues and we'll develop actions to promote racial justice. Sections of Paul Kivel's book, *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice* along with other current articles and online resources will inform our sharing. Child care can be provided. Sign up in the Community Room by March 30.

FIRST FRIDAYS WITH FRIENDS OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN APRIL 6

Adults of all ages are invited to the church for pizza, junk food, sardines, and community. If you were in Luther League as a teenager, the evening will feel familiar to you. If you're new to the church, come and experience your first lock-in. Fun will begin at 6:15 p.m. Those wishing to leave early to go home, watch the news, and sleep are welcome, too! Sign up in the Community Room.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR KINSHIP MEALS

The Nurturing Relationships Committee is looking for six hosts for the Kinship meals set for Friday, May 4, or Saturday, May 5. The host would provide a meal, either dinner or brunch, in their home for a small group of congregants. The idea is that these small gatherings provide us with an opportunity to talk, laugh, and get to know each other better. The size of the group will depend on you and how many people fit around your table. Please email Nancy Moe (Bnanc@aol.com).

NATIVE AMERICAN FILM SERIES MARCH 28 AT AUGSBURG

A Native American Film Series event at Augsburg University will be held on Wednesday, March 28. The screening starts at 7:00 p.m. in Sateren Auditorium, Music Hall, 715 22nd Ave. S., Minneapolis. Join Shirley Sneve (Vision Maker Media) along with John Gwinn, Binesi Means, and Tiana LaPointe (MIGIZI Communications) for an evening of short films focused on Native Americans' experiences and perspectives on law enforcement, racism, and healing. There will be discussion following the films. The event is free to the public.

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PARISH EVENTS March 25-31, 2018

Sunday	Palm Sunday	
	8:45 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 am	Confirmation
	9:55 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Adult Forum
Monday	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	2:00 pm	Swahili Service
	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	11:00 am	Worship Readings Discussion
	11:00 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Tuesday	9 am-12:30 pm	AARP Tax Aide
	6:00-7:00 pm	Children's Choir
	6:00-7:30 pm	Cantate!
	6:30 pm	Trinity Singers
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil Worship Service
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WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS MARCH 25, 2018

8:45 AM	11:00 AM
David Berg	Assisting Minister Liz Conway
Emma Murray, Wilson Murray	Acolytes Kayden Nordby, Lowenna Rian-Fairley
Carol Berg, David Broberg, Wayne Vetter	Communion DeWayne Townsend, Sara and Kirk Jensen
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild Libby and Keith Olstad
Bob Peschiutta, Sally and David Kohlstedt	Ushers Helen and Bob Norheim, George Madich, Kathy Ohler
Arifin Family	Coffee Servers Liz Conway, Matt Kane
Chuck Jordan, Chris Engen	Counters Deb Helmelt, Wayne Vetter
	Closer Bob Hulteen

Financial Report	March 18	Year to date
Budget Requirements	15,051.92	165,571.15
Budget Receipts	11,825.30	154,259.26
Opening Doors	1,057.37	19,580.25
MAS Racial Justice Appeal	100.00	125.00

Special gifts in honor of the installation of Ingrid Rasmussen as Lead Pastor by Ginny/Chuck Jordan and Nancy/Joel Wiberg; special gift to MAS Racial Justice in honor of the installation of Ingrid Rasmussen as Lead Pastor by Carol/David Berg.