



# SUNDAY WORSHIP

Trinitarian Congregational Parish of Castine

April 10, 2022

We welcome you to this special Zoom worship service of the Main Street Church, developed as an alternative to in-person worship. As you join this special Zoom meeting, we invite you to greet and check in with others present. The playing of the prelude signals a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves for the Word of God. Please mute your device microphone when you hear this signal, and leave your device muted for the entire worship service. Feel free to participate in responses and hymns while your device is muted.

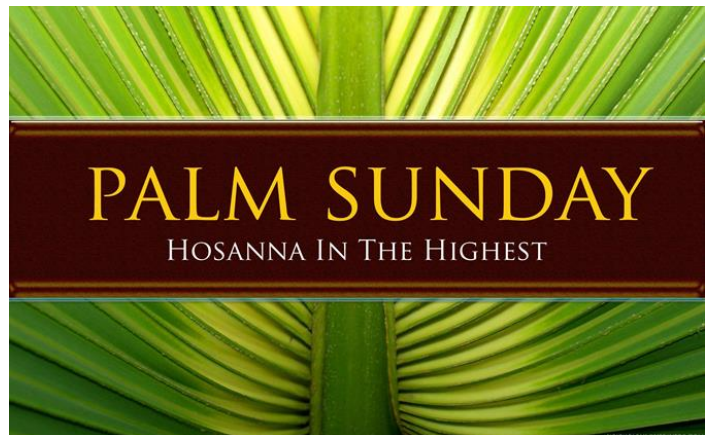
Following worship we invite you to join in fellowship with other Zoom worshippers.

Join our Zoom worship service by clicking on the link below (Sunday beginning at 9:15 am):

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**Order of Worship**  
**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL PARISH OF CASTINE**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Castine, Maine**  
**Palm Sunday**

April 10,2022

9:30 am

Pastor:

Gary Hatter

Guest Musician:

Dana Polojarvi

Deacon:

Ruth Anne Vagt

Lector:

Ginger Snapp Cunningham

Zoom/YouTube Host:

Roberta Boczkiewicz

Ministers: All Members

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**GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

*We welcome you to worship in this special place, and hope that you feel free to greet your friends and neighbors as you arrive. Please let the playing of the organ prelude signal a settling time of quiet and meditation as we prepare ourselves for the Word of God.*

**PRELUDE**

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTERLUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Hosanna!

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

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!** *Mark 11:9-10*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

NC 222

*My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.*

*O who am I, that for my sake  
My God should take frail flesh and die?  
My God should take frail flesh and die?*

*God left the richest throne salvation to bestow;  
But Christ as flesh and bone the world refused to know.*

*But, O my Friend, my Friend indeed,  
Who at my need did life expend;  
Who at my need did life expend.*

*Sometimes they threw down palms and sweetest praises sang,  
Hosannas and glad psalms through streets and markets rang.*

*Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
For blood and death they thirst and cry;  
For blood and death they thirst and cry.*

*What has my Sovereign done? What makes this rage and spite?*

*Christ gave new strength to run, restored the gift of sight.*

*Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise;  
Themselves displease, and 'gainst Christ rise.*

*I sing my plain belief, one song my heart outpours;  
Never was pain nor grief, never was love like yours.  
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend;  
I all my days could gladly spend.*

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of our Savior's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**BLESSING OF THE PALMS (Responsively)**

God be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Let us pray:

**O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come, Christ Jesus!**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**God of grace and mercy, we come before you today to open our hearts and confess our sinfulness. We admit that sin follows us in thought, in word, and in deed, throughout our lives. Feel our sorrow, we pray, fill us with holy love, and give us grace to turn back to you, even as we hold our sins up to your forgiveness.**

*A moment for silent prayer*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Unison)**

**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.**

**HEARING THE WORD**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his mercy endures forever.**

Let Israel now proclaim,

**"His mercy endures forever."**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD;

**he who is righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me

**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the LORD'S doing,

**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the LORD has acted;

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hosanna, LORD, hosanna!

**LORD, send us now success.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;

**we bless you from the house of the LORD.**

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us;

**form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

"You are my God, and I will thank you;

**you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**his mercy endures forever.**

**Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Congregational Response

*Let It Breathe on Me*

NC 288

*Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,  
Let the breath of the Spirit breathe on me.  
Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,  
Let the breath of God now breathe on me.*

**Luke 19:28 - 40**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just

say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As 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, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

\*HYMN

*Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!*

NC 215

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
O Christ, with brave humility,  
On lowly colt, your road pursue,  
As palms and cloaks are spread for you.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
Ride on in humble dignity;  
Behold the ones you came to save  
From senseless life and endless grave.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
As crowds of people come to see  
And shout hosannas, lifting high  
Their praise for one about to die.*

*Ride on! Ride on in majesty!  
For you have set your people free  
And we, remembering all your pain,  
Now meet again to hail your reign.*

SERMON

*Hosannas, Honors & Horrors*

Pastor Gary Hatter

#### THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

#### INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

\*Doxology (**Unison**)

P 515

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (**Unison**)

**Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

#### THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Celebrations & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (**Unison**)

**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.**

## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

NC 216

*All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.*

*O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,  
The one called "God's beloved," of flesh and yet divine,  
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.*

*As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,  
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.  
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!*

### \*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

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#### **Notes:**

(NC) *New Century Hymnal (black);*  
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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Special Congregational Meeting**

A special meeting of the congregation will take place immediately following worship on April 24 to consider the motion of the Search Committee to call Dr. Andrea Lloyd as our "settled" pastor. All members are encouraged to attend either in person or on Zoom.

#### **Easter Flowers**

It is our tradition to decorate the Communion table and the sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday. The Easter Lily is a cherished tradition symbolizing purity, hope and life. We hope you might consider offering an Easter lily or any other spring-time plants like azaleas, tulips, and daffodils for our sanctuary. There is a sign-up list in the vestry if you wish to dedicate a plant in honor or in memory of a friend or family member. If you have questions, please contact Ray Nualla 326-0534.

#### **Holy Week Calendar**

##### **Maundy Thursday – April 14**

- **Maundy Thursday Service of Communion and Tenebrae**, 7 p.m.

##### **Good Friday – April 15**

- **Meditation on the Passion of Christ**, 12 - 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary

##### **Easter Sunday – April 17**

- **Sunrise Service**, 5:40 a.m. at Wilson Museum (shore side), Perkins Street
- **Easter Service**, 9:30 am