



Palm Sunday - A
April 2, 2023

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

Matthew 21:9b

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Welcome and Announcements

- † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- † Our building is open 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Thursday

We Welcome New Members Today and Always
All are Welcome and Wanted

Holy Week - 6 April 6:00pm, Maundy Thursday Seder 7 April 10:30am, Good Friday Tenebrae	Easter - 9 April 7:00am, Sunrise Communion 8:00am, Breakfast 10:30am, Easter Worship
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Sunrise Breakfast - Fruit, Yogurt, Cheese, Hot Cross Buns. We have a few items to enjoy but if you have an idea we welcome it as a potluck.

Smiths Falls Community Food Bank appreciates donations

Sunday School is the 2nd and last Sunday of the Month

Social Time after church - sign up in the Hall

The UCW will be hosting a viewing party and Tea for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May, 2023. In preparation, the UCW will be holding a Fascinator Workshop on 15 April from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Registration Forms are available in the entrance.



A fascinator is a formal headpiece, a style of millinery. Since the 1990s, the term has referred to a type of formal headwear worn as an alternative to the hat; it is usually a large decorative design attached to a band or clip. In contrast to a hat, its function is purely ornamental

New to You Sale - 29 April, 8:00am - 1:30pm. We welcome items such as - clothing, shoes, purses, scarves, soft cover books, puzzles, small pictures, jewellery, trinkets, odds and ends, dishes Etc. ... please no large appliances.

Please do not drop off before 2 April. When you drop items off, place them on the tables along the wall between the bathrooms. Please do not place items on the stage.

Inquiries may be made with Glenda Zieman at 613-283-2728

Trinity will be celebrating its 191st Anniversary, April 30. There will be a **Finger Food Luncheon** in the Fellowship Hall. If your last name begins with the letters A to M please, bring the 1st course. If your last name begins with the letters N to Z, please bring dessert.

Broadview magazine group subscription – If you wish to order the Broadview magazine as part of the group subscription, please forward your name to Brenda King at bking1528@gmail.com.

The cost is \$25 for the coming year and can be placed in the offering plate in an envelope indicating your name and that is for Broadview magazine, or you can drop it off at the church office. Deadline is 14 May.

Discernment and Visioning Sessions will be held at Trinity with the guidance of the Rev Dr Peter Bartlett.

Session One - Who are We?

Sunday, 7 May, following Worship. Potluck Workshop



July 17 - 21
Trinity Smiths Falls

Introit "Hosanna!" (Lloyd Webber)

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Call to Worship

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Therefore God has exalted him and given him the name above every name.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, our Servant Lord.

Opening Prayer

God of majesty and mercy,

We worship today, as the Cross looms larger on the horizon.

We praise you for Jesus,

the Ruler who came in humility

to free us from captivity.

He came in mercy

to free us from the sins we recognize in ourselves,

and the sins we easily overlook.

He came to show us the full extent of your mercy, love and justice.

So we praise you for your kindness

and the strength you show to lift our burdens

and shoulder them for us in Christ Jesus.

We come in humility,

knowing you have given us your all,

and we can never offer enough for such overwhelming love.

Receive our worship in Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.

Lenten Liturgy

Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,

the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty

where we confront our weakness and insecurities.

Sometimes the wilderness is the city.

**In the city, life can be a struggle where the vulnerable are
victimised by unfamiliar structures.**

Jesus rode into Jerusalem to reclaim the city for God.

**By entering on a donkey,
Jesus showed that he would rule
with humility and compassion.**

As the Church, we too bring care to those
whom the city too often forgets.

**We remember that many are lost and alone:
refugees, the unhoused,
sex workers, those far from home.**

We cannot put the burden on the destitute
to find their way through the urban maze.

**We come in humility to serve those whose
resources are few and whose needs are many.**

Hymn 122 "All Glory, Laud, and Honour"

Refrain

***All glory, laud and honour
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.

Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims
with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present:

Refrain

To you, before your passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted,
our melody we raise:

Refrain

Their praises you accepted,
accept the prayers we bring,
great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious king.

Refrain

Prayer of Confession

God of mystery and mercy,

Your mercy and forgiveness is a mystery to us.

**We may fail to show mercy to others when they fall short of
our expectations.**

**We may keep silent rather than speak up when others are in
trouble.**

**We may prefer what is easy to what is right,
even though your Spirit draws our attention.**

We seek your forgiveness, O God, and ask that you make us more forgiving.

**Inspire us with the costly choices Jesus made as he moved toward the Cross,
and give us the courage to follow him.**

Assurance of Pardon

We may fall short; Jesus does not.

We may hold our grievance captive; Jesus sets us and our grievance free.

Who then is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ – and
Christ died for us;
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Psalm 118 (VU 837)

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Let Israel now say:

“God's love endures forever.”

Let the house of Aaron say:

“God's love endures forever.”

Let those who fear God say:

“God's love endures forever.”

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Open to me the gates of the temple,
that I may enter and give thanks to God.

**This is the gate of God;
through it the righteous shall enter.**

I thank you for you have answered me;
you have become my salvation.

**The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is God's doing,
marvellous in our eyes.

**This is the day that God has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Save us, O God, we pray;
God, we pray, give us success.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

We bless you from the house of God.

God, our God, has given us light;
with palm branches in hand let us march to the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will extol you.

Refrain -

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”**

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?”

The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Meditation "Pastorale" from "Messiah" (Handel)

Reflection What a Wonderful Welcome!

Confirmation -

Prayer for the Confirmand

Dear God, through the powerful wind of your Holy Spirit, breathe upon Duncan this day and all the other days that you will loan to him while he is upon earth.

May the vows he expresses bind him to you and your church with gifts of faithful service, bold witness, and constant love.

Bless, guide and direct him, his family, and his church family so that together we, Trinity United Church, may bless one another and others with life-giving ministry.

Come, Holy Spirit. Be our guide. Amen.

Statement of Purpose

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God.

By water and the Spirit,

we are called, claimed, and commissioned:

we are called God's own,

welcomed as children of God;

we are claimed by Christ,

united with Christ,

united with one another and the Christian community of every time and place;

we are commissioned to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice,

and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the work of the church in the world.

Through confirmation,

And through the reaffirmation of our faith,
We renew the covenant declared at our baptism,
Acknowledge what God is doing for us,
and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Presentation of Candidate

A representative of Spiritual Leadership.

On behalf of the congregation of Trinity United Church, I
present: Duncan Hunter
For the reaffirmation of his faith through Confirmation.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Do you believe in God,
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

I do, by the grace of God.

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ,
do you seek to resist evil,
and to live in love and justice?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
in your words and actions?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith

to celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation,
and love and serve others?

I will, God being my helper.

Welcoming New Members

Statement of Purpose

New members are invited to come forward accompanied by a member of Christian Community.

Donna Whalen

Transfer - Trinity United, Beeton

Rick Whalen

Transfer - Trinity United, Beeton

Lee Davidson

Transfer - Merrickville United Church

Arlene McKibbon

Transfer - Merrickville United Church

Mary Wright

Transfer - Morven United, Bath

Laurie McDougal

Transfer - Merrickville United Church

Duncan Hunter

Newly Confirmed - Trinity United Church, Smiths Falls

Minister -

The church is a community of people with varied gifts, united by the Holy Spirit.

We gather to

celebrate God's presence,

to discern God's truth,

and to follow the way of Jesus.

By our baptism we are made members of Christ's church.

We exercise this membership in the denomination to which we belong, which for us is The United Church of Canada, and within the context of a local community of faith.

We are now to welcome into Trinity five who are already members of the church of Jesus Christ.

Presentation

A member of the Christian Community Team -

On behalf of Trinity United Church,

Donna Whalen

Rick Whalen

Lee Davidson

Arlene McKibbin

Mary Wright

Laurie McDougal

Duncan Hunter

all whom we welcome into the membership
of this community of faith.

Commitment of New Members - *Minister*

Duncan and New Members,
will you join with us
as together we celebrate God's presence,
live with respect in creation,
love and serve others,
seek justice and resist evil?

I will, with God's help.

Congregational Commitment

The people may stand

Dear friends in Christ,
let us pledge to Donna, Rick, Lee, Arlene, Mary, Laurie
and Duncan
our support and care.

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ,
we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.**

We pledge to you our love and our support.

**With God's help, we will together live out
the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

Corporate Profession of Faith

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ,
we welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities

of membership in this congregation.
We give thanks to God for your witness among us.

Blessing and Sending Forth

The grace of Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you. **Amen.**

Hymn 124 "He Came Riding On A Donkey"

He came riding on a donkey, he came riding into town,
slow and easy kind of lowly he came riding with the dawn.
His disciples walked beside him, staying close, a little shy;
not too sure where he would guide them, onto live or on to die.
But all the morning sang his praises; waking birds and dancing wind;
here he is, the Son of David, riding on to take his throne.

Then the children gathered, singing shouts of laughter, bursting
cheer;

in the streets their song was ringing, "Hosannas" filled the
morning air. Timed adults strained to see him, caught the Spirit,
joined the song;

spread their cloaks along before him, branches flashing in the
sun.

So all the city sang his praises, waking streets and dancing crowd.
Here he is, the Son of God, our Messiah.

In our fasting and our feasting, called to follow in his way
called to walk his road to Easter, called to live his cross today.
Hosanna to the Son of David, hosanna in the heavens above,
blessed is he who comes to save us, blessed is he who brings his
love!

Let us join to sing his praises; open hearts and souls to God;
he is with us, Son of David; God's Messiah, Christ the Lord

Communion

The God who opens the gates of Grace is with you.
Let us empty ourselves of pride and power,
so that God can fill our hearts with humility.
Let us learn songs of praise,
so that we rejoice in God's steadfast love morning by morning.

God of Grace and Mercy,
You sent Word and Spirit to gather up chaos,
they said, "God has need of it."
You transformed it into creation,
colts to carry kings and servants,
palms to sway in breezes and wave in hands,
stones to be used as foundations for homes,
as well as for kin-doms.

You shaped humanity in your image,
inviting us to enter through the gate of love,
but we longed to be filled with power and privilege,
and turned our cry from "Hosanna" to "Crucify!"

Prophets came morning to awaken us to your call
to be sustained by your love,
yet we continued to embrace temptations
which delighted us.

So, you sent Jesus,
not in power and wealth,
but as a Teacher of steadfast love and unfailing hope.

With those who open their hearts in welcome,
with those who struggle with doubts,

we join in songs of praise:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Author of salvation.

**All creation joins in recognizing this moment of grace.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is the One who is peace and glory for us.

Hosanna in the highest!

Setting aside privilege and power,
your Child, our Brother, chose to be made in our image,
so we might see you face to face.

He chose to teach us compassion
because that was what was in his heart.

He chose to listen to our stories,
to listen to our hearts.

He turned towards what awaited him
in that place where people would reject him,
friends would betray and deny him,
the powers would condemn him, and
death would claim victory over him
until you raised him to resurrection life.

As we seek to follow in the coming days,
as we remember all he said and did,

we proclaim that mystery we call faith:

Jesus died, willing to suffer for others;
Jesus was raised, exalted by God for his faithfulness;
Jesus will come, so we may once again shout,
‘blessed is the One who comes in peace and glory!’

Here at this Table, the weary are sustained,
the broken are offered healing,
the ignored are welcomed as family,
and the simple gifts of the bread and cup
are transformed into treasures
as you pour out your Spirit in these moments.

As the bread whose brokenness reminds us
of the One who was willing to suffer for all,
may we be reminded that the Lord needs us
to worship with the outcast as well as the privileged,
to work with the hopeless as well as the arrogant,
in every place we can, in every word we speak.

As the cup of grace is offered to us, may we remember
the One emptied himself for those around him,
and calls us to serve,
to seek justice for the oppressed,
to cradle the heart-broken
to hear the stories of old folk and children.

And when we are gathered by the One
who will come in peace and glory
to bring us to the Table of grace,
we will sing of that name above all other names,
forever praising you for your steadfast love,

God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Today we are reminded that Christ offered his life on the Cross for our sakes. Now it's our turn to offer God our gifts in gratitude, trusting God to use them to create new life in Jesus' name.

Offering Options

- E-transfers to secretary@trinityunitedsf.ca
- delivery to church office
- through Trinity website DONATE button
- PAR

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, when we remember Jesus gave his life for us, our offering seems so small. Yet Jesus shows us five loaves and two fish can feed a multitude; a man dying on a cross becomes Living Bread for a hungry world. Bless these small gifts with your goodness so that the miracle of Jesus' love continues to amaze the world. Amen.

Hymn 211 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Prayers of the People

God of courage and compassion,
as we follow Jesus toward the Cross this holy week,
We give you thanks that he faced his enemies with courage, not
violence.

We are grateful he loved us enough to die for us,
bearing every pain and sorrow others inflicted.
In Christ we trust that your love has power in every situation,
even the most troubling or tragic.

So hear us as we bring to you the people and places facing trouble
and tragedy this day:

We pray for all struggling with poverty, sickness, or grief,
and any feeling overwhelmed by things beyond their control.

Stay with them day by day and restore their hope and health:

Lord, in your mercy;
Hear our prayer.

We pray for people and places facing violence, war and corruption,

and all who fear for what this day may bring.

Grant them courage and protection, and restore their hope and peace:

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who challenge tyranny, brutality and injustice,
and all who raise their voices for the vulnerable and victimised.

Give them strength and restore their hope and freedom:

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who face persecution because of racism, belief or
identity,

and for each one who has been shamed or humiliated by
someone more powerful.

Assure them of their value as your children and restore their hope and
dignity:

Lord, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Hear us as we pray to you in silence for those situations close to our
hearts this day.

Bring your grace to restore hope and healing wherever they are
needed.

Lord in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

God of courage and compassion, thank you for your love that never
lets us go
and hear us as we pray the words Jesus taught us -

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

EOORC Prayer Cycle

Boyd's Pastoral Charge

Boyd's United Church

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and
Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia,
Slovenia

We Depart to Serve in Peace and with Love

Time for the Young

Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross" vss 1, 2

On a hill far away, stood an old rugged Cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old Cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

*So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross
And exchange it some day for a crown*

Oh, that old rugged Cross so despised by the world
Has a wondrous attraction for me
For the dear Lamb of God, left his Glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary

*So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged Cross
And exchange it some day for a crown*

Benediction

Go with courage to face the days ahead.

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who lives with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,

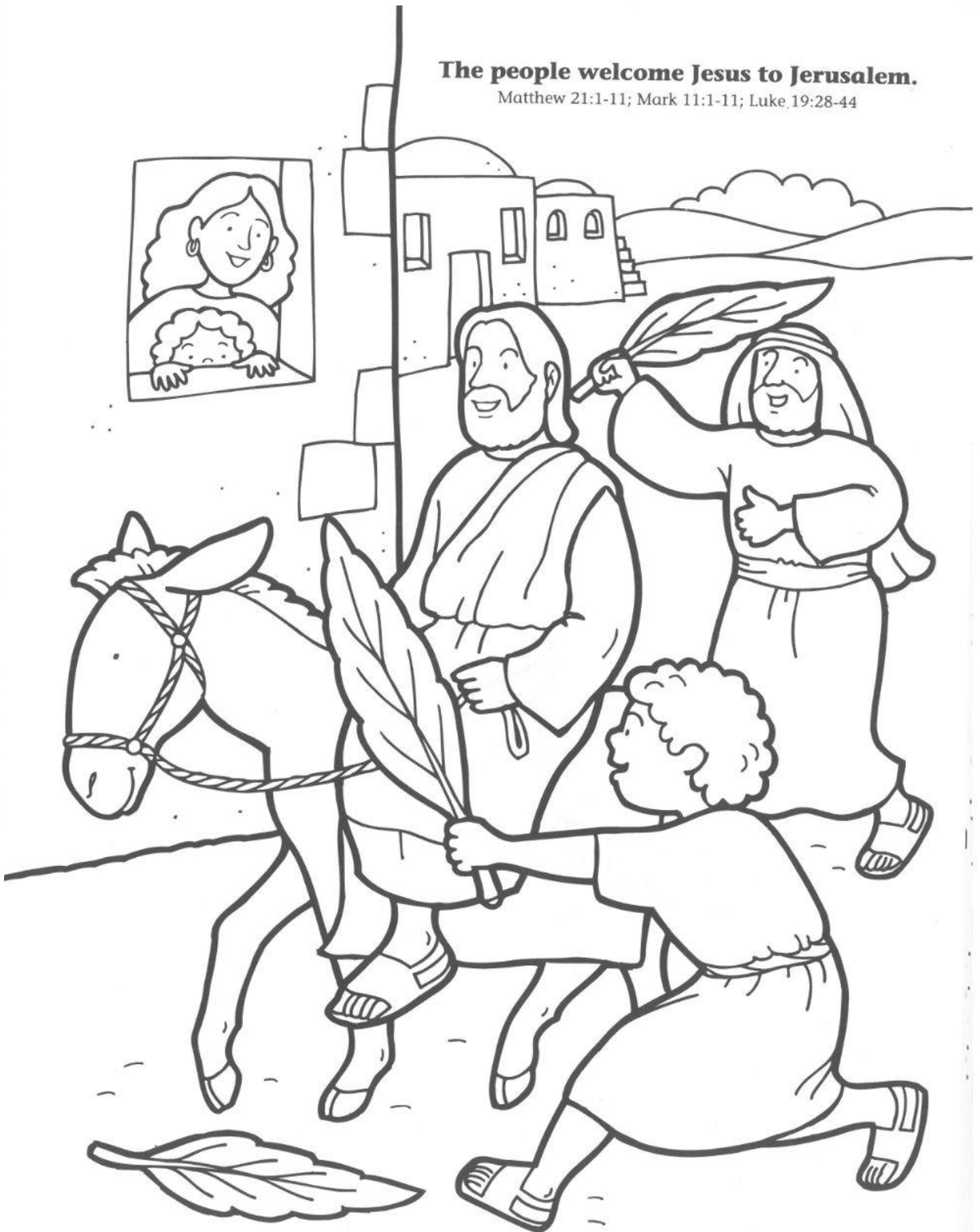
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.

Choral Amen

Postlude "Were You There?" (Young)

The people welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.

Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-44



Recurring Events and Activities at Trinity	
Every Monday, 1:00pm	Book Group
First Monday, 9:30am	UCW
Fourth Monday, 9:30am	Property Team / Church Hall
Every Tuesday, All Day	Pastoral Visitation
First Tuesday, 1:00pm - 3:00pm	Retirement Residences
First Tuesday, 7:00pm	Outreach and Social Justice
Third Tuesday, 9:30am	Stewardship & Finance Team / Upper Room
Third Tuesday, 6:00pm	Potluck and Praise
Every Wednesday, 10:00am	Bible Study / Seasonal Study
Second Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Second Wednesday, 7:00pm	Spiritual Leadership Meeting
Fourth Wednesday, 12:30pm	Healing Pathway
Last Wednesday, 7:00pm	Council
Second Friday, 6:00pm	Rainbow 101
Every Sunday, 8:30am (Except Second Sunday)	Choir Practice
Every Sunday, 11:30am	Soaking Prayer
Second Sunday, 8:30am	Early Communion
Second Sunday, 9:00am	Choir Practice
Second Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 10:30am	Sunday School
Last Sunday, 1:00pm	Lanark Drum Circle

Jesus helps a blind man see.

John 9:1-41

