



COUNTRYSIDE TRINITY CHURCH

April 13, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Prelude

Noah Davis

Choir Introit

Call to Worship-Responsive:

Liturgist

Liturgist: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Liturgist: Let all who fear the Lord say,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Liturgist: The Lord has answered our prayer
and become our salvation.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
Hosanna, hosanna!**

Liturgist: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer:

Righteous God, as we celebrate
Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem,
we know where the journey leads.
We give thanks that you would willingly give
so much of yourself
so that we might know hope,
and love, and salvation.
Glory be to you, O God, for your loving sacrifice.
In the days ahead,
as we witness the deep night of your death,
help us to remember your presence in its midst
and hope for the resurrection dawn to come. **Amen.**

* Opening Hymn *"This is the Day" #84 NCH*

Congregation



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*** Call to Confession**

Liturgist

We come with our praises,
yet we fall short of the glory of God.
Sin stains even our best intentions,
but God refuses to let sin have the last word.
With faith and hope, let us seek God's forgiveness.

*** Prayer of Confession**

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**Triumphant God,
we join the crowds of the ages
in shouting your praises.
While our lips give you glory,
our lives seldom reflect your purposes.
We sing easily of your greatness,
but living faithfully is often beyond us.
We hear of your salvation,
yet sin is still close and real,
daily leading us away from you.
Have mercy on us.
Ride into our hearts with healing grace.
Forgive what we have done
and direct who we shall be.
Lord, save us. Hosanna!**

*** Time of Silence for Personal Prayers of Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

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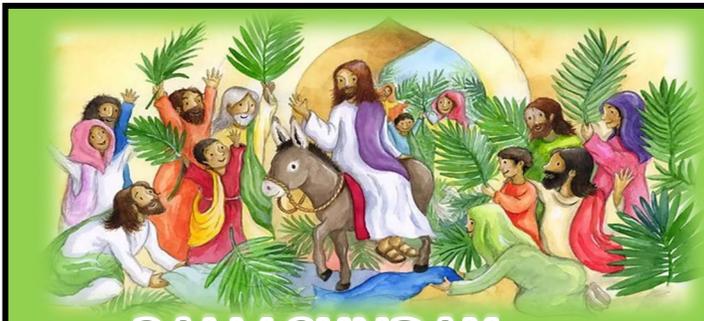
He who rode into Jerusalem,
struggled on the cross,
and was sealed in a tomb
is risen from the dead!
Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever.
This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Responding to Grace:**

"Gloria Patri" #581 GTG

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Time With Young Disciples



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Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

O Lord of light and salvation,
let these words of Scripture
live not only in our mouths,
but in our hearts,
that we will embody your truth
and confess with our lives
that Jesus is Lord. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-2 and 19-29

Liturgist

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

‘His steadfast love endures forever.’

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

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

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

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

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.



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Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Anthem

Choir

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a



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colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." ' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,

'Blessed is the king
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven,
 and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

- Sermon** "Triumph and Controversy" Rev. Nathaniel Asperger
- Music Meditation:** Noah Davis
- * **Sermon Hymn** "O Christ, the Great Foundation" #361 GTG Congregation
- Joys & Concerns**
- Call to Offering**
- * **Doxology** Congregation
- * **Closing Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" #263 GTG Congregation
- * **Charge, Benediction** Rev. Nathaniel Asperger
- * **Congregational Postlude** "Glorify Thy Name" Noah Davis

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth; glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.



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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

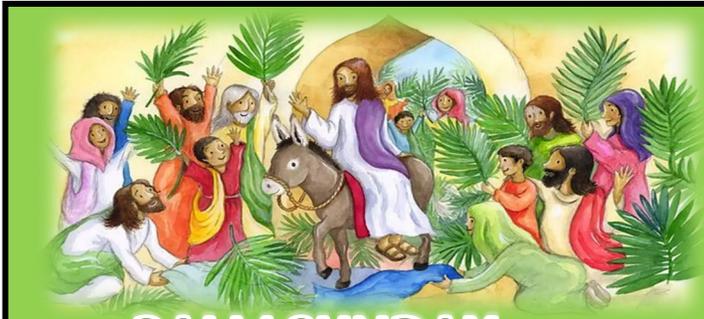
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)



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CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

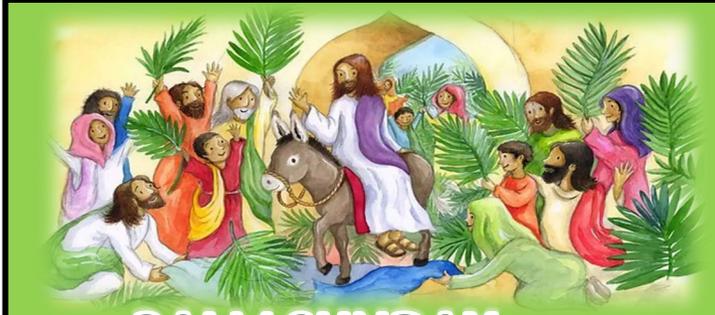
to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

TEXT: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1933, alt.; trans. Mildred A. Wiant, 1966
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; stanzas 2-3, alt. John Rippon, 1787; stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787 CORONATION
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1793; desc. Michael E. Young, 1979 8.6.8.6.8.6
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