

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 50:4–9a

- ⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
- ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
- ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the
beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
- ⁷ But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
- ⁸ He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
- ^{9a} Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Epistle: Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:1–27:66

... ^{27:38}Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come

down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

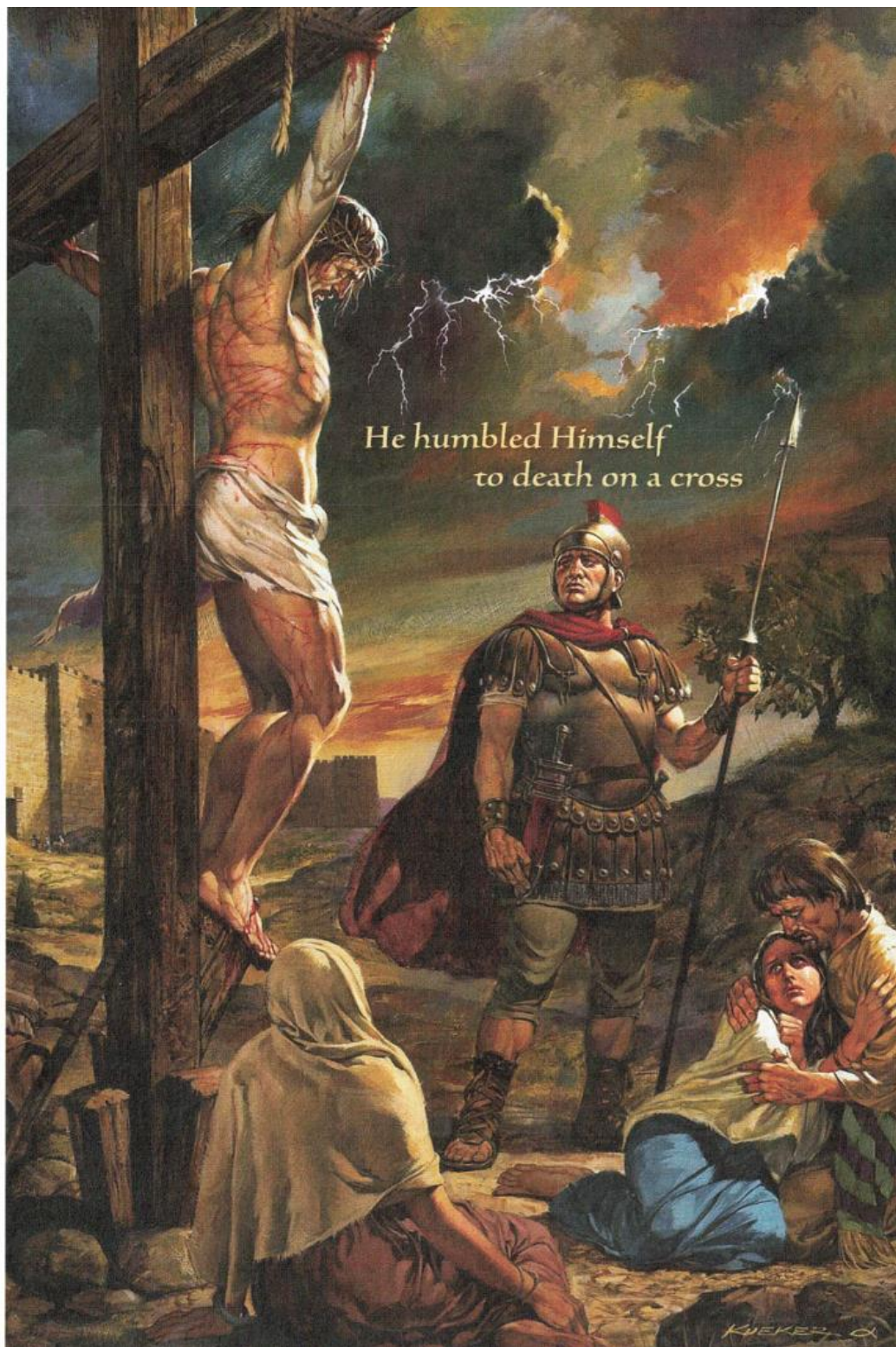
⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.



About the Cover: Christ came to us in humility, taking the form of an obedient servant. On Palm Sunday, He again came in humility, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then, the ultimate sign of His humility was shown on Good Friday. Paradoxically, it was His being lifted up on the cross that was the greatest sign of His glory and exaltation. It is through His death on the cross that Christ has won for us the forgiveness of sins. This alone is the power of God for salvation for all who believe (see 1 Corinthians 1:18; Romans 1:16). We proclaim today, "Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:11).



He humbled Himself
to death on a cross

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday March 29, 2026

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Procession of the Palms

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

The Triumphal Entry

1st Gospel Reading John 12:12-19

The Triumphal Entry

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”

Keeping Vigil for Easter - Holy Saturday Evening (Apr 4, 2026)

The congregation, the pastor and his assistant gather at the rear of the darkened church. The large Paschal candle is lit and from it the congregation lights their individual candles. We then move into the darkened church led by the paschal candle. The assistant sings, “The Light of Christ!” and we sing back: “Thanks be to God!” The service on this night is a slow and steady reversal of yesterday’s (Good Friday’s) darkness. This night, the congregation is gathered in the darkness of the tomb, but there's a light shining now that's beginning to glow and to grow.

The assistant sings a note of joy, “Rejoice now, heavenly choirs of angels! Rejoice now, all creation! ... Let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people!”

We listen to Bible readings which tell us of God's love for the human race: about how God called light out of darkness (Gen. 1), judged a faithless world but also provided an ark of grace (Gen. 7–9). We'll hear foretold a Redeemer who will stand at last on the earth and call his own from the grave (Job 19). And much, much more. And we'll know that all of this was not about some other people and some other time, but about us and our God and His gifts.

The Vigil then moves to Baptism and we renounce anew the devil and his works and ways and confess our faith in the triune God.

After the Litany, we hear the Easter acclamation “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” We respond, “He is risen indeed. Alleluia!” The lights are turned on, the altar candles lit, and we sing the joyous hymn of praise “This is the feast of victory for our God.”

As we come forward to receive Jesus' own body and blood, we know that we are receiving the One who spoke and created all things.

- the One who is our Ark of rescue from the flood of judgment.
- the One who is the Lamb provided by God in our place.
- the One who, like the pillars of fire and cloud, leads us to our promised land.
- the One who is the bread that comes only as a free gift.
- the One who gives us new life in the baptismal waters.
- the One who is the Resurrection and who will raise us.
- the One who even now is gathering His people into a feast that never ends, where He will sing over them His eternal love song.

Having received His body and blood, the Vigil is over. We leave knowing that tomorrow our God has even more joys for us!

Lutherans are uniting in Trinity Lutheran Church, Toronto and Prince of Peace, Burlington for the Easter Vigil on Apr 4 @ 7:00 p.m.

Those who are enthusiastically looking for attending a vigil of Easter are welcome to join other Lutherans at any of these two locations. You may contact Pastor Joseph if you are eager to attend at any of the locations.

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If you or members of your family would like to be included in this list or if you feel that it's time to be removed from this list, please e-mail, phone or speak to Pastor. We encourage members and/or their families to call when sick or in need of pastoral care. The elders and Pastor is also dependent on the eyes and ears of the congregation to notice member absences.

HOLY COMMUNION: *God's Word teaches that in this Holy Supper our Lord Jesus Christ offers to us His true body and blood with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Those having been Baptized and Confirmed, possessing an active faith in Christ and His words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins", receive His body and blood worthily. The Bible clearly teaches that one must examine oneself before partaking of this Sacrament. This means that we recognize and are sorry for our sins, trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives. Holy Communion is also an expression of our unity of faith as we have learned it in confirmation.*

Those who hold to this teaching are welcome to partake with us. Those who have questions about this teaching are encouraged to speak with pastor or an elder. Those who have not completed Confirmation are encouraged to come to the altar rail, cross their arms, and receive a blessing.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY. We are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is on the lectern in the narthex. The Lord be with you in worship this

morning! For nursing mothers and parents of young children, we have a child-friendly area located in the back of the church should the need arise. This area is equipped with a speaker, couch and a few toys so that parents may continue to see, hear and worship with us. **For safety and security reasons, we ask that parents remain with their children and not leave them unaccompanied in this area during the service.**

We have two large print hymnal sets available. They are located in the second pew from the back (left-hand side). Please keep this pew reserved for the visually impaired and those with wheelchairs or walkers.

SUMMARY OF THE READINGS

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming." He comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet also as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face "from disgrace and spitting" (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that "after his resurrection" we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52-53).

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

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| Sunday March 29 | 10 a.m. No Bible Class 11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion |
| Thursday April 2 | 2- 4 & 5- 7:00 p.m. Food Bank 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Communion |
| Friday April 3 | 11 a.m. Good Friday Service |
| Saturday April 4 | 7 p.m. Easter Vigil @ Trinity LC, Toronto |
| Sunday April 5 | 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion (followed by Brunch/Lunch) |

EASTER LILIES: The altar guild once again requests donations of Easter Lilies which may be brought to the church during holy week prior to any of the services.

The Meaning of Holy Week

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday. It is a time for personal reflection and contemplation on the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. In the cross we see the true depths of our sin but also the true love God had for us sinners in sending his Son to die such a death for our salvation. It is only through contemplation of our Lord's betrayal and then agony in the Garden on Maundy Thursday and then His sufferings on the cross chiefly considered on Good Friday that we can really know the joy of His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where the crowds, waving palm branches, proclaimed him as the Messiah. On Maundy Thursday we commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper, as Jesus ate a final meal with his disciples before his death. On Good Friday we remember Jesus' trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial, all done for our sake. Holy Saturday, the day Jesus rested in the tomb, should be a day of quiet meditation. The Saturday evening Easter Vigil service begins the celebration of the resurrection. This celebration becomes complete on Easter Sunday as we celebrate that because He lives, we shall live also, because He died for our sins and rose again, we also, although dead in our sins, will likewise rise to eternal life.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, Mar 29, 2026

Maundy Thursday: April 2, 2026. Holy Communion Service 7:30pm

For Many, Means, for You (Mt 26:28)

Good Friday: April 3, 2026. Worship 11:00 am

- His Dying Breath (John 19:28-30)

Easter Vigil April 4, 2026: 7:00 p.m. (Trinity Lutheran Church)

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026: 11:00 am. Easter Worship

For Us, He Lives on High, to Reign (Romans 8:38-39)

GUILD DAY, Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary

St. Catharines, Ontario is coming up on **Saturday, April 11, 2026**

The Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 8, 2026.

Pastor Joseph will be going on his van. Those interested in attending may contact the Pastor Joseph.

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Procession of Palms by children

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THE GRADUAL:

[Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his own blood, *

thus securing an eternal re- | demption.

Therefore, he is the mediator of a new | covenant, *

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal

in- | heritance.

He sent redemption to his | people; *

he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

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