## Most Holy Trinity Parish 5. PALM SUNDAY mhtstl.org APRIL 2020

Morning after morning the Holy One opens my ear that I may hear... God is my help. - Isaiah 50:4,7

With the awareness of Father Rich's presence with us in a new way, we enter the holiest of weeks. The prophet, Isaiah, opens our day with a reminder that in the morning we are readied to trust the voice of the Holy One, no matter what lies ahead in our day.

When the crowds see Jesus, he is on a small donkey. Word guickly spreads that he is the Messiah. Stories circulate in the crowd about the wonderful things Jesus has done. The crowd is eager to see him with their own eyes. The mood is festive, and filled with excitement. The crowd, waving palm branches, grows in number.

Amid this show of triumph, we imagine Jesus experiencing a collision of emotions sensing that at this moment betrayers are in his midst.

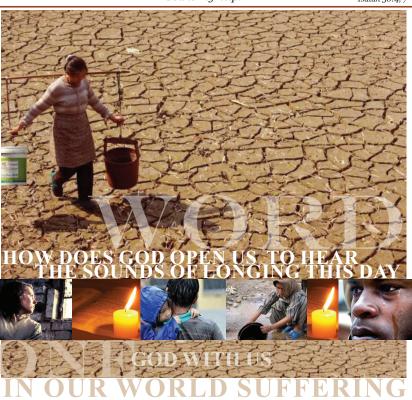
In our own lives, we too often experience a collision of emotions. Keenly present to the virus outbreak, we admire the beauty of spring, trees budding, flowers popping up and warm breezes urging us to open our doors and windows. Our hearts and minds are troubled, we long to protect health providers as they courageously minister to

those suffering. We hold them and their families throughout the world in healing love and prayer.

Isaiah continues that the one who is faithful "sets one's face like flint," a rock that is harder than glass or steel. Jesus is this faithful one. We witness his utter determination and utmost trust in a loving God, during the victory of the Palm Sunday procession, even as he enters into his passion and death.

During our times of festive celebrations as well as times of tragic disappointments, let us hold fast to our belief that God walks with us, steadying us in our ups and downs, our joys and sorrows, in all times. With the conviction of being firmly rooted in a loving and faithful God, we set our face like flint, to encounter with peace Morning after morning the Holy One opens my ear that I may hear... God is my help.

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and tranquility all that the day holds for us.

It is a challenge and a comfort, morning after morning, to graciously receive whatever our God asks of us through our family, our neighbor, and our community. Let us extend tenderness, encouragement, and healing love by phone, mail or across the fence.

As we enter this holiest of weeks with Christ, our participation leads us to deeper oneness with God and with each other.

**OUR BELOVED BROTHER. FATHER RICH.** always said that the observance of Holy Week is what Trinity does best. As we begin these holy days in our homes may God surprise us and lead us into a new experience of the Triduum.

MISSION: We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

> Parish Mass Schedule: 4 PM Saturday Mass/Eucharistic Prayer Service in Rectory Chapel 9:30 AM Sunday in Church | 9:15 AM Wednesday School Mass in Church (during school year)