



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 23, 2020
Transfiguration of Our Lord
Celebrating our 141st Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

*We invite our guests as well as members to fill out the blue sheet,
found inside your bulletin, and place in the offering plate.*

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INTRODUCTION

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

VOLUNTARY

Church Bells Beyond the Stars

*Cecilia McDowall
(b. 1951)*

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise “St. Denio”

ELW 834

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able (10:30)

God who searches us and knows us,
you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

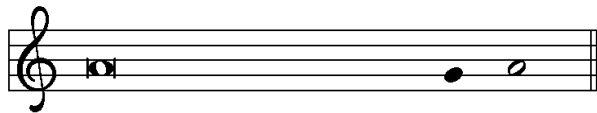
Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God’s child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

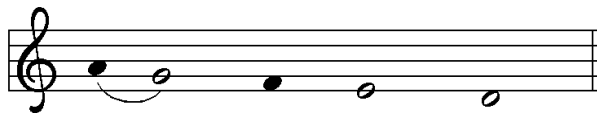
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

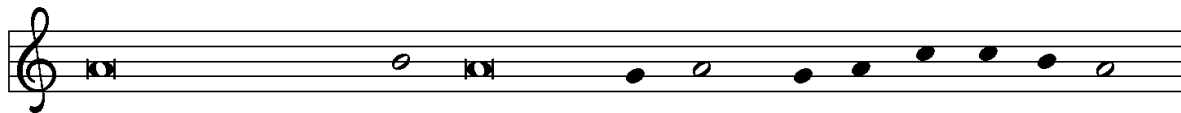
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



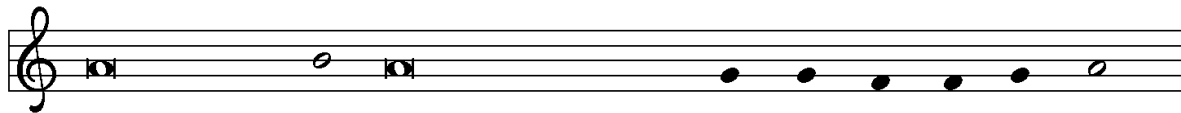
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

The first reading for the Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday is recorded in Exodus, the 24th Chapter.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

MOTET

Onward Christian Soldiers
from *The Great War Symphony*

Patrick Hawes
(b. 1958)

The Orchard Park Chorale
David Curtis, *conductor*

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ the royal Master leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see, his banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

The second reading for today is recorded in 2nd Peter, the 1st Chapter.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



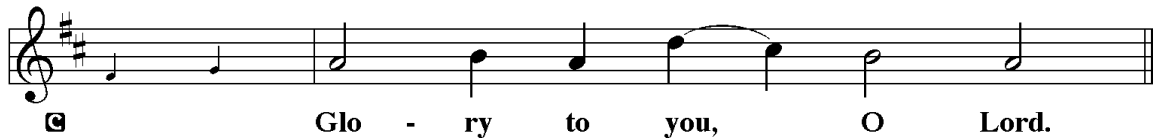
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

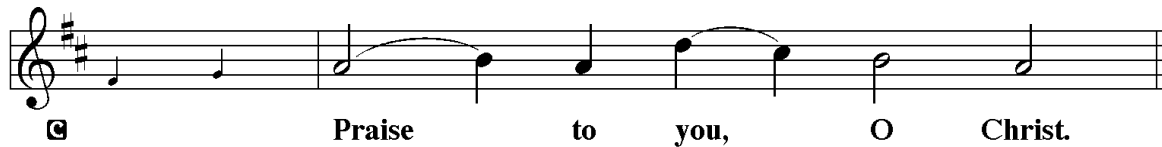


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The gospel of the Lord:



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beautiful Savior “Schönster Herr Jesu”

ELW 838

CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Holy God, your loving power is at work among us. Rouse and embolden your church, that we too might be transfigured, set alight in the world for the sake of the gospel. Strengthen all communities of faith, including the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awesome God, you speak and the earth trembles. You display your majesty in the mountains and your mystery in the clouds. Grant that we discover your magnificence in all of your created world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ruler of nations, your reign extends across all human borders. Guide world leaders in justice and righteousness, that they may work for equity for all people and protect the world that you have made. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you are a refuge for all who are neglected and abused. Bring freedom to those who are oppressed and give comfort to those experiencing pain of any kind. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of Moses and Elijah, you made your dwelling place at the top of a mountain with Jesus and his disciples. Dwell also in this congregation, that all who enter this community might be transformed by your dazzling brilliance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving God, watch over all of us as we pray for the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Maddison and Gracelyn. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Everlasting God, you offer eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the witness of those who lived and died in the faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30) SOLO AT THE OFFERING

The Lord is my Light

Frances Allitsen

(1848 – 1912)

Thane Schulz, *tenor*

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone.

(10:30) MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Dan Forrest

(b. 1978)

The Orchard Park Chorale
The Rockwell Brass Quintet
David Curtis, *conductor*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee!
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
Sun moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin, and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from your good earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

Amen.

OFFERTORY


Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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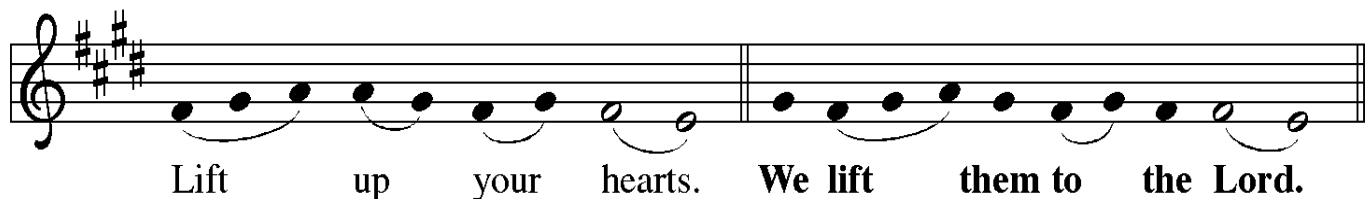
“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

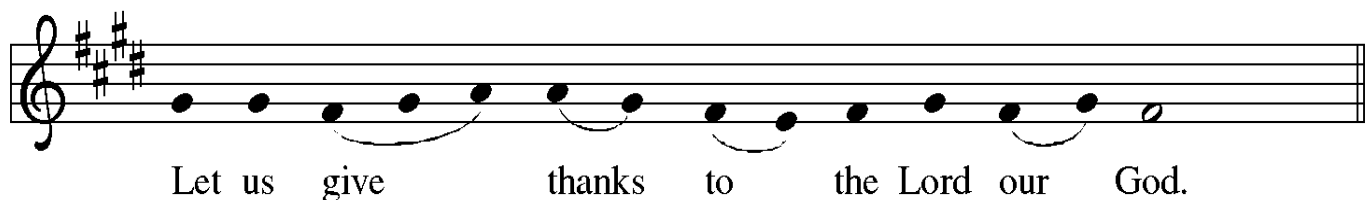
DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

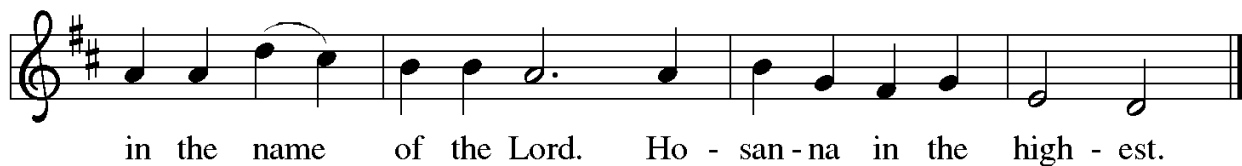
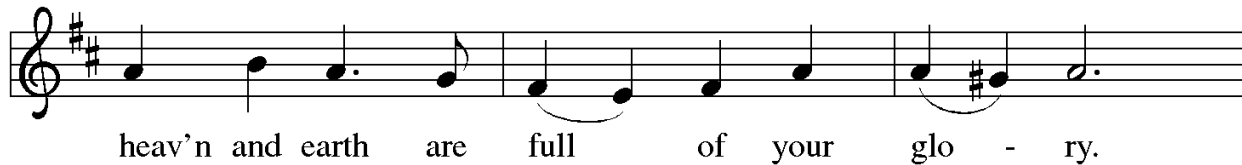
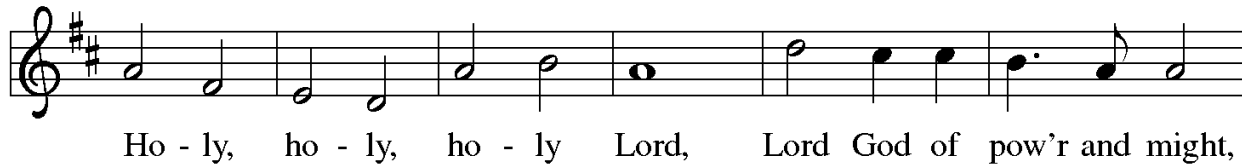


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

(8:30)

SOLO AT COMMUNION

Be Thou My Vision

Bob Chilcott

Text: Early Irish, tr. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified Eleanor Hall (altered) (1860-1935)

(b. 1955)

Thane Schulz, *tenor*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; Be thou my best thought in in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art; Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

(10:30)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

text by Charles Wesley (1738)

(b. 1978)

The Orchard Park Chorale
The Rockwell Brass Quintet
David Curtis, *conductor*

And can it be? and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: As the Magi set out from Bethlehem, going home by another road, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty “Lobe Den Herren”

ELW 858

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro assai vivace, from Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809 - 1847)



*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.
All are welcome.*



A special thanks to our guest cantor, Jay Smith
and the Rockwell Brass Quintet

Nathan Barnes, *trumpet*
James Fransisco, *trumpet*
Lee Brusino, *horn*
Dr. Rick Fleming, *trombone*
Fred Lenz, *tuba*

Music Notes

Holy Trinity is honored to welcome the Orchard Park Chorale, David Curtis, director, in a unique community-liturgical collaboration while our Chancel Choir is enjoying their mid-winter recess.

Founded in 1975, the Orchard Park Chorale is an eclectic community chorus that summons experienced and motivated singers alike, whose shared goal is to make music at the highest level. The ensemble is an inclusive community that envisions a world united by the music they create together. OPC aims to remain a beacon of civic pride and opportunity for all who believe in the transformative power of music. Their fast-paced rehearsals and inspiring performances serve as the vehicle by which members become better musicians, singers, and people—endlessly learning and growing as a community. The OPC is firmly committed to upholding the highest degree of artistic integrity through their performances, artistic and administrative personnel, valued members, and collaborative relationships with other arts organizations.

The OPC has performed with members of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Orchard Park Symphony, Southtowns Youth Orchestra, Orchard Park High School Orchestra, Ars Nova Musicians, and The Cathedral Brass. The Chorale has combined choral forces with the Buffalo Choral Arts Society, the Freudig Singers, Opera Sacra, Western New York Children's Chorus, Orchard Park High School Chorus, the Lutheran Chorale, and the Vocal Symphony of the Buffalo Arts Academy. Committed to community engagement, the Chorale annually performs at Fox Run, ECMC, Roswell Park Cancer Center, and Orchard Park Quaker Days.

David Curtis is currently the Director of Choral Activities at Niagara Wheatfield High School, Organist/Choir Master at the Oakfield United Methodist Church, accompanist for the Buffalo Niagara Youth Chorus, and is the former director of the Niagara County Community College Choir. Mr. Curtis is a graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo, receiving the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in Music Education.

Mr. Curtis frequently conducts and accompanies All-County and Honors Choirs throughout New York State and has presented numerous workshops in Music Education and Choral Conducting to Music Educators. His choirs have earned numerous "Gold with Distinction" awards at New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) choral evaluations and National Choral Competitions. Under his direction, the Niagara Wheatfield Choirs have performed for the NYSSMA winter conference, the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) conference, the Erie County Music Educators' Association (ECMEA) conference, the Ithaca College Composers Festival, have served as a model choir for college practicum students, and were a featured choir at Carnegie Hall for the National Youth Concert Series in 2009 and 2011.

In 2015, Mr. Curtis was the recipient of the "Choral Music Educator of the Year" award from Buffalo State College.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, February 23, 2020 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Orchard Park
Chorale (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m. Haiti Planning Team Meeting (FR)

MONDAY, February 24, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
1:00 p.m. Explore More Buffalo Tour
6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Meeting (FR)

TUESDAY, February 25, 2020

- 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting (RH)

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

- 7:30 a.m. Ashes on the Run
12:00 p.m. Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes (CH)
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Lenten Lunch (RH)
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes in Church

THURSDAY, February 27, 2020

- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, March 1, 2020 – First Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum (FR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)

CH = Mansperger Chapel
FR = Fellowship Room
MR = Music Room
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
FI = Fireside Room/Library
PS = Pastor's Study
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
MC = Main Church
RH = Redeemer Hall
YR = Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY FORUM: Today we welcome Sara Baird who will be discussing the work of “Let there be Light”, an International organization that provides solar lights to health clinics and homes with children. These facilities have no electricity and currently use dangerous and toxic lighting. Next week a representative of Empire State Northland Workforce Training Center will explain the mission and training available. They have been the subject of several articles in the news lately. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ashes on Run will take place on Main Street from 7:30am – 9:30am. We will hold a service at noon in the Chapel with a soup and sandwich Lenten lunch to follow. Our evening service will be at **7:00pm** in the Main Church with our Chancel Choir. PLEASE NOTE – we will not be holding our weekly 6:30pm Wednesday evening service this week.

SOUP AND SANDWICH LENTEN LUNCHESES begin this week in Redeemer Hall following the noon service on Ash Wednesday. The cost is only \$5 and includes beverages. We will continue with our Thursday mid-day worship service with lunch to follow. Please join us this week and every Thursday during Lent.

BLOOD DRIVE: There will be a blood drive at the church on Sunday, March 22 from 9 am to 1 pm. Please note you must wait 56 days between donating blood. If you are planning to donate blood in the near future, please wait until our blood drive on March 22. If you donate Power Red Cells, it is 16 weeks or 112 days. Platelet donors may give every 7 days up to 24 times a year. Connect Life is doing our blood drive this year. More information will be coming in the future. Thank You, Judy Reifsteck FCN.

HELP NEEDED: Food Bank and Pastor's bags donations. If you are able to help, right now we are in need of cereals, tabbed (if possible) cans of fruits, vegetables, meats or fish, peanut butter. Continuing donations of pasta, sauce in plastic jars, mac and cheese as well as those cans of complete meals are still welcome. THANK YOU ALL!

COMMUNITY MEAL FOR HAITI – Our partners in Haiti continue to be impacted by political unrest, demonstrations and increasing food costs. We would like to send funds to Carribean Children's Foundation so that a community meal can be provided on a Sunday after church services. We are hoping to collect coins toward this mission project. **Outside of the chapel and the main church you will see jars labeled "Coins for Haiti Community Meal".**

We will be holding an informational meeting for anyone who would like to learn more about our partnerships in Haiti and the potential of traveling as part of a mission team **today directly after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Room.** If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to give Kathy Crissey a call (807-9494) or email at kc1008@aol.com.

LGBTQ FOCUS GROUP on Experience in the Christian Church: Taylor Mortorff, a graduate student in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University at Buffalo, will be conducting a focus group at Holy Trinity. The topic of the focus group is the LGBTQ experience in the Christian church environment. All people who identify as LGBTQ are invited to participate. Taylor will ask you to discuss several questions about your experiences in the church, including how the church supports your identity and how it could better accommodate the LGBTQ population. If you're interested, contact him at tomortor@buffalo.edu to reserve your spot. If you'd like to participate, but are unable to do so for any reason, feel free to contact him as well. All conversations will be kept confidential. He's looking forward to meeting you and learning from your experiences.

GENEVA CHOIR CONCERT: Join us on Friday, March 6 at 7:30pm for the Geneva Choir Spring Concert. The student choir of Geneva College exists to glorify God and minister to people through the gift of music. Founded in 1938, the choir continues a rich heritage of choral singing dating from the early years of the college over a half century ago. The mission of the Genevans is to engage audiences while glorifying God and ministering with important spiritual truth. There will be a free will offering.

SAVE THE DATE: On March 29 we welcome Jake Runestad as our composer-in-residence at the 10:30 service. Runestad is a Grammy nominated and frequently-performed composer of "highly imaginative" (Baltimore Sun) and "stirring and uplifting" (Miami Herald) musical works. He will be with the Chancel Choir in rehearsal and with our congregation at the 10:30 service. Runestad believes that music has the power to initiate positive change and creates musical works that are socially conscious and explore authentic human emotions and experiences. We will perform his chamber cantata *Into the Light* with orchestra. Don't miss this exciting worship service!

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED! Our siblings at Parkside Lutheran Church have challenged Holy Trinity and the congregations of the Niagara Frontier Conference to a Toilet-Paper Drive for local Food Pantries, including our Emergency Food Shelf here at Holy Trinity. Folks who live with food scarcity (including 50% of children in Buffalo) not only go without enough food, but also without the household basics. Toilet paper becomes a luxury!! Together, our congregations want to Wipe Out this problem (yeah, I went there!) We invite you, during the season of Lent, to bring in Toilet Paper for our local Food Banks. We will be collecting as much as we can – this is a competition – and displaying the results prominently at church. Look back here for our progress – and thank you in advance for your help!



Lenten and Easter Worship

Ash Wednesday, February 26

7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Ashes on the Run

12:00 p.m. Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes in Chapel

12:30 p.m. Lenten Lunch:

Grilled chicken sandwiches/Ham and Cheese Paninis/

Tomato-Cucumber Salad/Vegetable and Broccoli Cheddar Soups

****7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes in Church

Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity

12:10 p.m. Worship in Mansperger Chapel

12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Lenten Lunch

Palm Sunday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

Monday, April 6 – Friday, April 10

7:00 a.m. Holy Week Morning Devotions and Breakfast

Monday, April 6

6:30 p.m. Passover Seder Dinner

Maundy Thursday, April 9

****7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/stripping of the altar with Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 10

****3:00 p.m.** Family Service

****7:00 p.m.** Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Group

9:45 a.m. Pre-service music

10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

****Please note time change from previous years**



Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings

February 2020

I am now a survivor! After a long day of testing on January 23 and a one year battle with breast cancer, Roswell Park has cut me loose (at least for six months).

Thank you to all who helped me through this uncertain journey.

And, a shout out to my HT choir family, who had me ring a “Symbolic Bell” as I was released too late on that Thursday evening, with no one in the Roswell lobby (except one security guard) to witness the ringing of the “Roswell Recovery Bell.”

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow-
By Cris Campana*

Now you can honor special events and special people in your life!

Send us a Day Buy Day Form with a check made payable to

Holy Trinity for \$25 for each event you wish to honor.

Proceeds will go toward the Education Committee and help sponsor the Confirmation Camp for youth here at Holy Trinity.

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Sam Guzzino. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Linda Schmidt. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Lay reader is Marty Bauer. Altar guilds are Ron and Donna Leiser and Uli MacDonald. Greeters are Robert and Nadine Sweitzer. Ushers are Paul Biesinger (captain), Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle, Tony Glieco, Dan Griebel, Karen Kolb, Dave Pellnat and John Schleifer, Jr. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Barb Wozniak, Brandon Howard and Madalyn Brown. Worship Assistants are Jennifer Carden, Aidan Vitka, Ethan MacDonald, Alex Cialone, Brandon Howard, Madalyn Brown, Ethan McKinney, Erica Sampman and Griffin Miller. Collection counters are Paul Bauchle, Paul Biesinger and Herb Hough.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Maddison and Gracelyn Becker.

Council Member Elizabeth Vihnanek will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Richard Bundt who was born 93 years ago on this day by Susan Bundt and Brian Webb; and In Loving Memory of Arthur O. Pellnat. Happy Birthday from Ron Pellnat.

The flag flying on the flagpole has been dedicated In Memory of Ken James by Gail and John Camilleri.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

If everyone took only what was sufficient for their needs, leaving the rest to those in want, there would be no rich and no poor.

St. Basil

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