



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent

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.

Share your story!

Check-in, Tweet, post, or send an Instagram about your experience at Holy Trinity.

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INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

VOLUNTARY

We nur den lieben Gott lasst walten,
from Eighteen Great Chorales

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685 - 1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30) INTROIT

Jesu, meine Freude BWV 227

Chorale, movement IV

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

For the law of the spirit, which gives life in Christ Jesus,
Has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

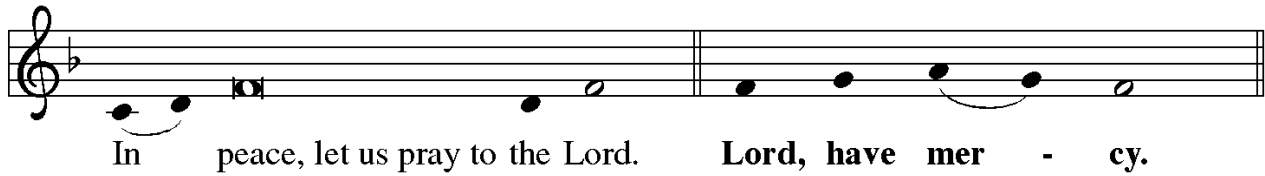
Give Me Jesus “Give Me Jesus”

ELW 770

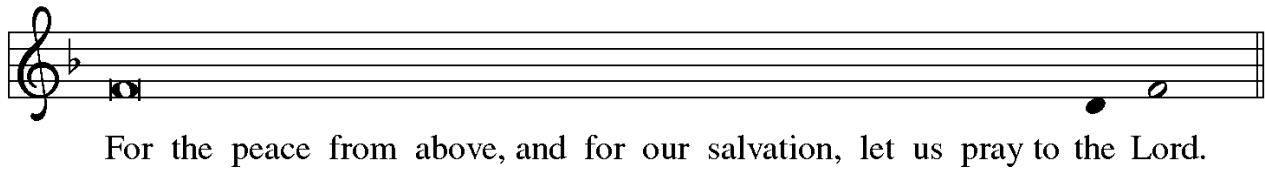
GREETING

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.**

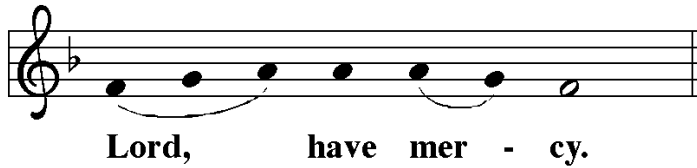
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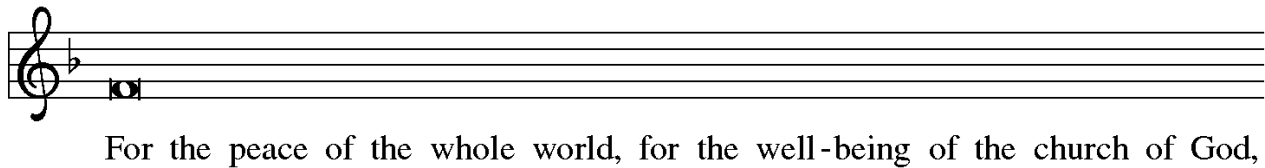
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



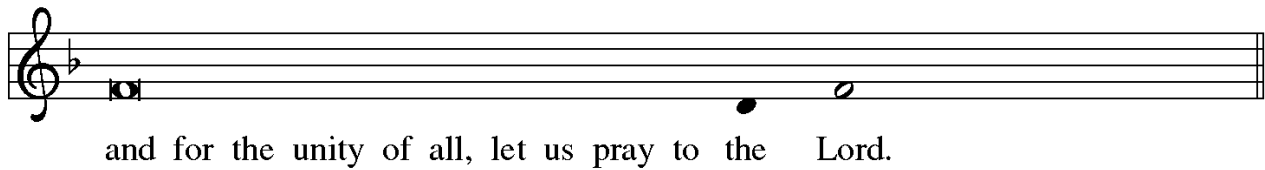
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



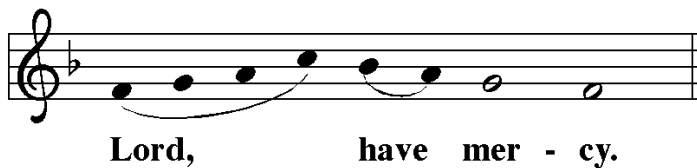
Lord, have mer - cy.



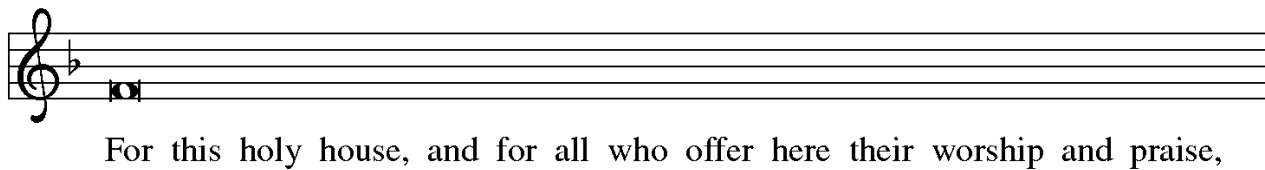
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



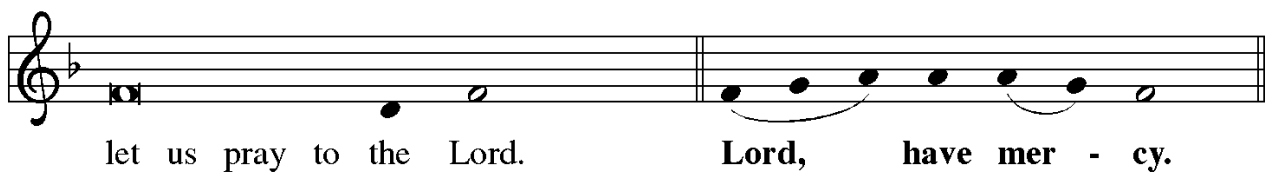
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth 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 17:1-17

The first reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is recorded in Exodus, the 17th Chapter.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink."

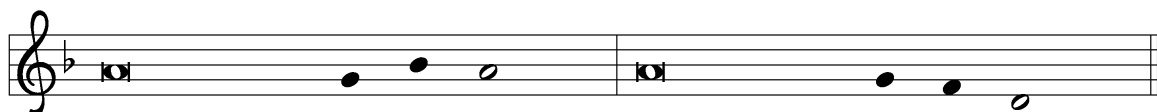
Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before God’s presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture
and the sheep | of God’s hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God’s voice!

⁸**Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my
ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore | in my anger,
‘They shall never come | to my rest.’”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 5th Chapter.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

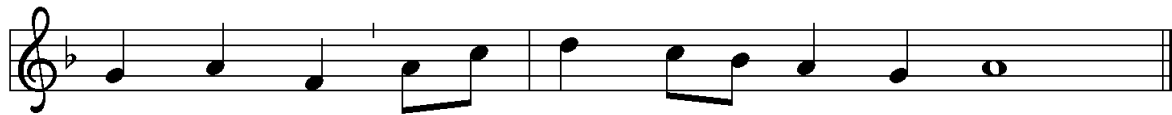
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’?

But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing “Nettleton”

ELW 807

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. 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.

God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. 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 living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, watch over the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Avery and Skylar. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through 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.

Signs of peace may include nod, fist bump, bow.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual

arranged by Harry T. Burleigh (1866 – 1949)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Wade in the water, children, God's a-goin' to trouble the water. See that band all dress'd in white. The Leader looks like the Israelite. See that band all dress'd in red. It looks like the band dat Moses led.

(10:30)

MOTET AT THE OFFERING

Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Moses Hogan

(1957-2003)

God's a gonna trouble the water.

refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water children.

Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white. The leader looks like an Isra'lite. (*refrain*)

See that band all dressed in red, Well it looked like the band that Moses led. (*refrain*)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends.


Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

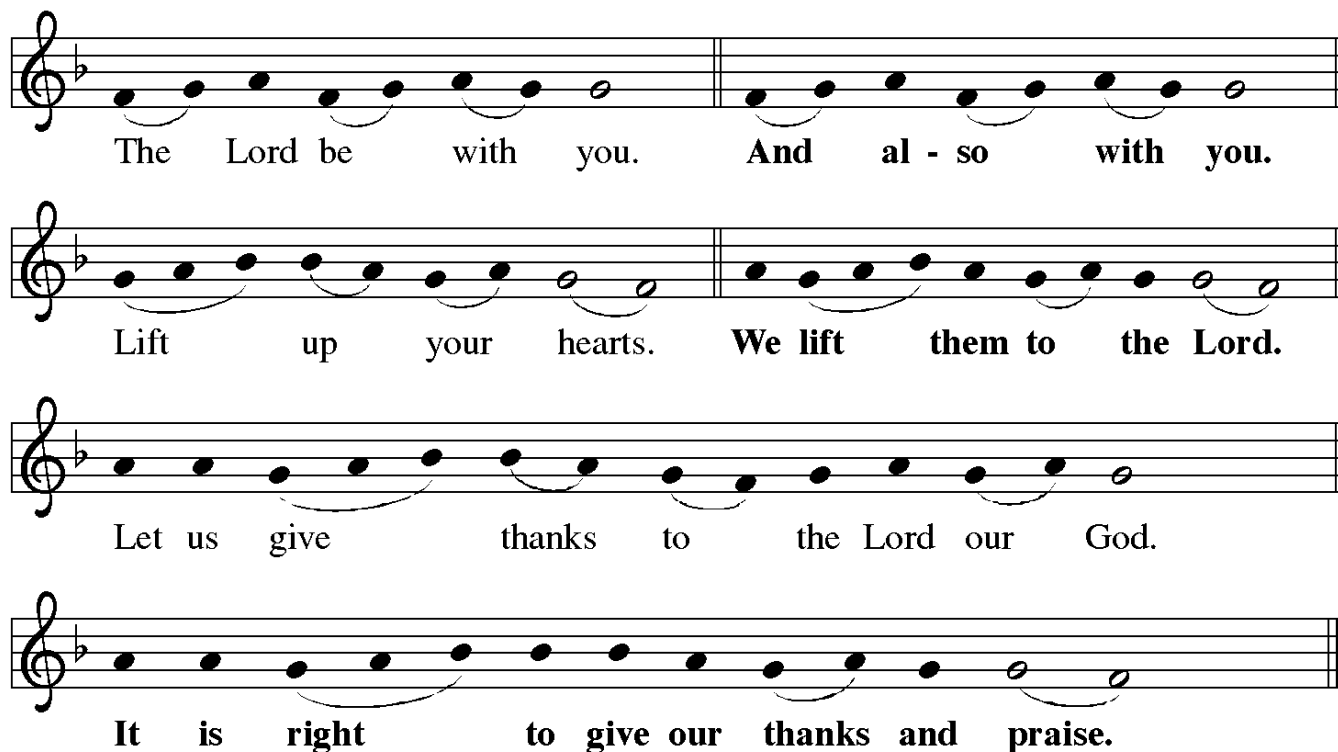
Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. **Come, Spirit of freedom!**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

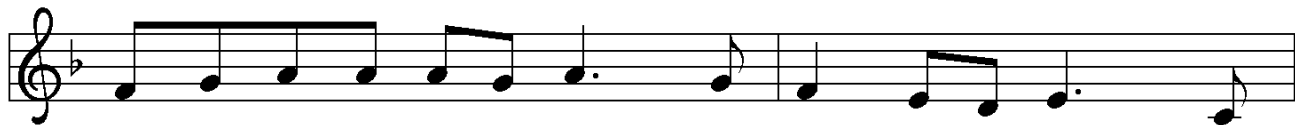
LORD'S PRAYER

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

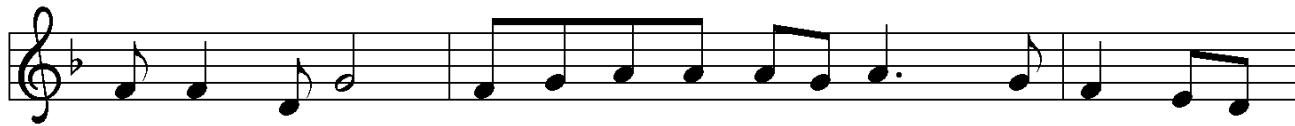
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Communion Practice

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.

Receiving the wafer in your hand, if you choose, 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. Persons who choose to commune with one element, be assured Jesus Christ is fully present for you in, with, and under the one element. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to those who 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

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

Arr. Richard Walters
(b. 1965)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here there by Thy great help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let that goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

(10:30)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo
(b.1978)

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

William L. Dawson
(1899 – 1990)

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all."

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.

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✠ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways “Evan”

ELW 772

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the cross.

Thanks be to God.



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

All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, March 15, 2020 – Second 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)
- 2:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Wedgewood

MONDAY, March 16, 2020

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2020

- 5:30 p.m. Sue's Supper (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (CH)
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service (RH)

THURSDAY, March 19, 2020

- 12:00 p.m. Lenten Worship (CH)
- 12:30 p.m. Lenten soup and sandwich luncheon (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Blood Drive (RH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 6:30 p.m. Paint Night Fundraiser (RH)

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 Andrea Suilleabhian of the Partnership for the Public Good who will speak on their efforts for the average citizen. Next week, please join us for our blood drive being held in Redeemer Hall. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

SOUP AND SANDWICH LENTEN LUNCHESES continue this week in Redeemer Hall following the Lenten service in the Chapel. The cost is only \$5 and includes beverages. 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. Our parish nurse, Judy Reifsteck, will be at church today to sign people up for the blood drive. Please see Judy to sign up or if you have any questions. Connect Life is doing our blood drive this year.

FLU SEASON AND THE SIGN OF THE PEACE: We are always concerned about the safety, health, and well-being of members and friends. During this time, we encourage all to use common sense practices. If you are not comfortable with shaking hands, a nod or fist bump is acceptable at the Sign of Peace. Know that the Pastors are sanitizing after the passing of the peace and before distribution of communion. Please note there are free-standing hand sanitizers at our entrance ways.

LYO PLANT SALE: It's that time of year again for the Annual LYO Plant Sale. Order forms may be obtained from the church or chapel entrance ways, from any LYO member, or by calling the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, April 4 and pick up will be Saturday, May 16 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please turn in your order form as soon as possible.

PAINT NIGHT: Join us on Sunday March 22 from 6:30 - 8:30pm in Redeemer Hall for *Let your Little Light Shine!* This Rockin' Robin painting event is a fundraiser to help send members of our youth group to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. All art supplies, instruction, and snacks are provided. No experience is necessary. Tickets are \$40 at the door (cash), with half of the proceeds going directly to the youth group. RSVP by contacting the church office. Seats are limited to 40, so reserve your canvas now!

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: 2020 Lenten "Wilderness" Devotion Booklets are available! Wilderness is our theme for the 2020 Lenten Season. The 2020 Wilderness Devotion Booklets can be found at the tables in the entrance ways.

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!

WATERCOLOR CLASS: Join Paul Biesinger for a watercolor class on Thursday, March 26 at 9:30am in Redeemer Hall. The list of materials needed may be found on the flyers located on the bulletin boards or by calling the church office. This class is free and open to everyone.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates are available- March 22 and 29. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at mmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

LOCAL LUTHERAN CHURCHES have collected 4,917 rolls of toilet paper in just three weeks. That is astounding! **At this time motivated to act in love, we have decided to end the toilet paper drive.** Today will be the last Sunday we will collect toilet paper. The first reason is to get the toilet paper we have collected into the hands of the pantries as soon as possible. Clients of the pantries might not have the resources to travel to multiple stores to find toilet paper and folks are even less likely to donate it at this time. The second reason is that we do not want to contribute to the panic by filling up our shopping carts with boxes of toilet paper. We have made this decision not out of fear but so that all we do might be done in love.

SAVE THE DATE: On Tuesday, March 31st at 7pm Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Ira Helfand will be speaking at Holy Trinity on “Fighting the Growing Threats of Nuclear War & Climate Collapse”. A short reception will follow.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Holy Trinity has an electronic option for making regular offerings or a one-time donation. If you would like to sign up, please fill out the forms located on the tables in the narthex and return to the office. Please call the church office with questions.



Lenten and Easter Worship

Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity

(3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2)

12:00 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 w/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**

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


At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Lay reader is Doreen Griebel. Altar guilds are Ron and Donna Leiser and Uli MacDonald. Greeters are Ernelle Ponivas and Doreen Griebel. Ushers are Marty Bauer (captain), Mary Sue Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Gary Herrnreiter and Craig Johnson. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Ethan McKinney and Erica Sampman. Worship Assistants are Jennifer Carden, Aidan Vitka, Ethan MacDonald, Alex Cialone, Brandon Howard, Madalyn Brown, Ethan McKinney, Erica Sampman and Griffin Miller.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Avery and Skylar Ast.

Council Member Thedralyn Bradley 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 cousin JoAnne from Paul and Sue Biesinger; and In Loving Memory of our mother Sally Patterson from Kathy Crissey and Family.

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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