



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Celebrating our 142<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Holy Communion – 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.*

*Following New York State guidelines, we kindly ask*

- 1. that you keep your mask on during the duration of this service.*
- 2. that you follow the one way direction signs noted in the aisles.*
- 3. that our members and guests fill out the orange sheet for contact tracing purposes and leave at your seat in the pew.*

*As our worship continues to be transformed,*

*we invite you to share your story and your worship experience!*

*Please check-in and share on any of our social media platforms.*

*You are invited to share the peace or any part of our worship via text message.*

*Please use #poweroftrinity for all your social media interactions.*

*You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo, on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.*

## **VOLUNTARY**

*Valet will ich dir geben* BWV 735

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685 - 1750)

## *RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

The story of faith is a story of courage.

**It took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.**

It took courage for Mary to say, "Here I am. Use me."

**It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.**

It took courage for the paralyzed man's friends to lower him through the roof.

**It took courage for Peter to walk on water.**

It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his possessions to the poor.

**It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.**

Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

**Again and again, God, show us the way.**

## **THE BLESSING OF PALMS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **OPENING HYMN**

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor* “Valet Will Ich Dir Geben”

ELW 344  
(vs. 1 & 5)

## **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 mercy.**

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

**Lord have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

### **THE READING:**

#### **A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The first reading for Palm Sunday is recorded in Isaiah, the 50<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SOLO**

*The Palms*

Jean-Baptiste Faure  
(1830 – 1914)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day, in festal preparation. Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away, e'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare; join all and sing, His name declare, Hosanna! Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation. Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

His word goes forth, and people by its might once more regain freedom from degradation. Humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness are restored to light. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, of all thy sons sing the emancipation. Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

Join all and sing, His name declare, Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation. Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL: John 12:1-19**

The holy gospel according to Saint John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." <sup>9</sup>When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, <sup>11</sup>since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord —  
the King of Israel!"

<sup>14</sup>Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:

<sup>15</sup>"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup>It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup>The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

## **SERMON MEDITATION**

*Herzliebster Jesu* Op. 122 No. 2

Johannes Brahms  
(1833 – 1897)

*Please stand, if able.*

## **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**

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*



In Jesus you came among us as a suffering servant. Give your church humility. Redeem your people from pride and the certainty that we always know your will. Heal us and empower us to confess Christ crucified. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings in VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities, and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In creation, life springs from death. Redeem your creation awaiting resurrection: restore lost habitats and endangered species. Create new possibilities for areas affected by climate change, grant relief from natural disasters, and nurture new growth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Jesus was handed over to the powers of this world. In all nations, instruct the powerful, that they would not exploit their power but maintain justice. Sustain soldiers, and guide those who command them, that they serve those in greatest need. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Abide with those who are condemned to death. Defend those who are falsely accused. Console and strengthen those who are mocked or bullied. Accompany all who suffer; grant respite and renewal. We pray for those impacted by injustice, those on the front line of the pandemic, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You called followers to tend Jesus' body in death. Sustain hospice workers and funeral directors. Bless this congregation's ministries at times of death: those who plan and lead funerals, those who prepare meals, all who offer support in grief. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Maddison and Gracelyn. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You inspired the centurion to confess Jesus as your Son. We praise you for the faith you have given to people of all places and times. Give us also such faith to trust the promises of baptism and, with them, to look for the resurrection of the dead. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

*We ask that you remain at your seat.*

*You may share the sign of peace  
with a head nod or peace sign.*

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

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

*Offerings and tithes may be left in the offering plate  
located at the exit.*

## SOLO AT THE OFFERING

*Ah, Holy Jesus* "Herzliebster Jesu"

Tr.: Robert S. Bridges, 1899

Johann Heermann, 1630

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1640

arr. Richard Walters

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, That man to judge thee hath in hate  
pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath  
undone thee! 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee, I crucified thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death and anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore Thee, and will ever pray  
thee, Think on thy pity and the love unswerving, not my deserving.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us  
in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this  
meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

We give you thanks, O God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you today and to serve you as your priestly people.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*Please follow Pastor's instructions on the distribution of communion*

All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. At this time we will be serving communion in a contact-less manner. In your pews you will find pre-packaged grape juice and wafers (gluten free are available, please see an usher at the entrance). The wafer can be found at the top of the cup (lift up the top, clear layer) and you will be invited to eat the wafer at the word, "The body of Christ given to you." You may then open the grape juice and drink at the word, "The blood of Christ given to you." Please leave the used and unused communion cups in the pews.

*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.

**God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

You are what God made you to be:

created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you † that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Go to Dark Gethsemane* "Gethsemane"

ELW 347


(vs. 1 & 4)

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

*After the ringing of the bells, please exit the church building beginning with those seated closest to the Main Street doors (back of church).*



*In order to follow NYS guidelines,  
we are unable to host coffee and refreshments  
after service until further notice.*



Today's ushers are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Paul Biesinger. Worship Assistants are Sean Mann, Eliana Perez and Morgan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Randall F. Smith and Marie E. Smith by Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones.


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



***Day "Buy" Day Thanksgivings  
March 2021***

*March 7      Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Pam Kattermann by The Rev.  
Neil Kattermann and Family*

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.



Office Staff may be reached by phone daily Monday – Friday.  
Please call the church office should you need anything.  
As always, the Pastors are available by appointment.  
We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at  
Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date  
information.



## Lenten and Easter Worship

### Monday, March 29 – Friday, April 2

8:00 a.m. Holy Week Morning Devotions via Facebook

### Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion/stripping of the altar with Carolyn Lansom, *mezzo-soprano* (in-person / Livestream / Facebook)

### Good Friday, April 2

3:00 p.m. Family Service in Main Church (in-person / Facebook)

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Tim Flynn, *bass-baritone*, and Amie Vredenburg, *violin* (in-person / Livestream / Facebook)

### Easter Sunday, April 4

8:15 a.m. Pre-service Music

\*8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion in Main Church  
(in-person / Livestream / Facebook)

10:15 a.m. Pre-service music

\*10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion in Main Church  
(in-person / Livestream / Facebook)

\*Both services will be *identical* in music and celebration with soloists and brass quartet, featuring Dr. Aurora Deeds, *soprano*, Dr. Brian Zunner, *baritone*, and Maestro Jaman E. Dunn, *associate conductor of the BPO*. You will not miss any special music if you attend either service.

\*Reminder that seating will be limited.





Since the pandemic started in early 2020, there have been more than 3,000 reported incidents of anti-Asian racism, according to Stop AAPI Hate, an initiative that tracks violence and harassment among Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. In January 2021 these violent attacks targeted the elderly. An 84-year-old Thai man was shoved to the ground as he was taking his morning walk in San Francisco. In the neighboring city of Oakland, a 91-year-old man was pushed down, which caused him to fall face first into the pavement. For a community whose elders are deeply respected and looked up to as the source of communal and filial unity and wisdom, this hits hard.

*The Asian and Pacific Islander Association of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America issued a statement on March 4, 2021 addressing the increase in violence directed toward Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. The ELCA Conference of Bishops affirmed the statement on March 5, 2021. Read the full statement here: <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8089>*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. Flowers are \$10 each and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms can be found in the next church paper, in the weekly email, or by calling the church office, and completed forms may be mailed to the church office.

**CHRISM MASS:** There will be a Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 30, at noon, via Zoom and live-streamed to UNYS You Tube Channel.

**Zoom link for the service:**

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87388754266?pwd=RU5hRkFHTFlpcWx2VXZiZ0pVWHdiUT09>). Meeting ID: 873 8875 4266. Passcode: 012534

**PLANT SALE:** It's that time of year for the annual LYO plant sale! The pick-up date for the plant sale will be Saturday, May 15. Order forms can be found in the newsletter, in our weekly email, or by calling the church office. Orders are due back to the church by Sunday, April 4. The proceeds will go towards our mission fund which helps to support service events, such as the youth gathering, located in Minneapolis in 2022. Any and all orders are appreciated.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates each have two vases available – May 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:mmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP Happy Hour – Join us each Friday via Zoom at 5:00pm. We'll meet together through safe physical-distancing while being able to check in with each other and enjoy the company. Bring your favorite beverage to the computer. Zoom Meeting ID: 285 453 435. Password 299123.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Each week via Zoom at 9:30 at

<https://zoom.us/j/427428740?pwd=Y1BZdUdLL3l4YU5QWnJUUTdkRlk4Zz09#success>.

Join via Zoom ID 427 428 740. Password 849195. During Lent Pastor Brenda will be leading us on a new, inspiring way to think about the stories in the Bible. We will be basing our lessons on the book *Inspired*, by Rachel Held Evans. There is no need to purchase the book, we will mostly be following the reading guide.

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is working around the clock to respond to and combat the impact COVID-19 has on our community. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

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