

*The Festival Service
of
Holy Communion*

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

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*Preservice Music  
at 8:15 & 10:15 a.m.*

*Services at  
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***Canzona per sonare No. 3*** (1608)

Giovanni Gabrieli  
(c. 1554 - 1612)

Holy Trinity Brass Ensemble

***My Lord, What a Mornin'***

Text: Revelation 8:10

African-American Spiritual  
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Jaman E. Dunn, *baritone*

My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.  
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.  
Oh! My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.

***Psalm 150***

from *Cycle of Holy Songs* (1950)

Ned Rorem  
(b. 1923)

Dr. Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Praise ye the Lord.  
Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his pow'r.  
Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.  
Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.  
Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.  
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.  
Praise ye the Lord.

***The Trumpet Shall Sound*** from *Messiah* HWV 56 George Frideric Händel

Text: I Corinthians 15:52

(1685 - 1759)

Dr. Brian Zunner, *baritone*  
Jamie Francisco, *trumpet*

The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

## ***The Order of Worship*** ***8:30 and 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.*

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

*Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.*

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

### **INTRODUCTION**

*Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

### **THE RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING HYMN**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* "Easter Hymn"

ELW 365  
(vs. 1 & 4)

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

**Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

(10:30)

## A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

### **FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

The first reading for Easter Sunday is recorded in Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain.

On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

Psalm 19:

*The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God*

Benedetto Marcello

(1686 - 1739)

Holy Trinity Brass Ensemble

## **GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of our Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

## **SERMON MEDITATION**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

from *Messiah* HWV 56

Text: Job 19:25

George Frideric Händel

(1685 - 1759)

Dr. Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. 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.**

Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. 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.**

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; 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.*

*As part of our outreach into our neighborhood, city and region, Holy Trinity has supported a variety of social ministry agencies throughout the years. This year, we have shared gifts with:*

*Caribbean Children's Foundation, The Network of Religious Communities, School 17, Niagara Lutheran Health System, LuMin, Voice Buffalo, Reconciling Works, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Resurrection Village and VA Homeless Program. Your generosity at Eastertime helps to support these valuable ministries. Thank you!*

## SOLO AT THE OFFERING

*Easter from Five Mystical Songs*

Text: George Herbert (1593 - 1633)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872 - 1958)

Jaman E. Dunn, *baritone*

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.

Sing his praise without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand,  
that thou likewise with him may'st rise;  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art.  
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name, who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is the best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long;  
Or since all musick is but three parts vied and multiplied.  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.**

**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**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

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.**

## **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.

**Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* "Duke Street"

ELW 619

(vs. 1 & 8)

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata* from *Symphony for Organ* No. 5, Op. 42, No. 1

Charles Marie Widor  
(1844 - 1937)

*Please wait until after the music to leave the church building  
beginning with those seated closest to the Main Street doors  
(back of church).*



Today's ushers are:

Ron Leiser and Elizabeth Vihnanek

Worship Assistants are:

Sam Guzzino, Ethan MacDonald,  
Robert Mann and Sean Mann



Special "Thank You" to all of the musicians  
who shared their gifts of music with us this Holy Week.  
We are so very blessed by their artistry, talent and presence  
in this most sacred and special place.

Dr. Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Jaman E. Dunn, *baritone*

Timothy Flynn, *bass-baritone* (Good Friday)

Carolyn Lansom, *mezzo-soprano* (Maundy Thursday)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone* (Palm Sunday)

Dr. Brian Zunner, *baritone*

Amie Vredenburg, *violin* (Good Friday)

**Holy Trinity Brass Ensemble**

Mark Filsinger, *trumpet*

James Francisco, *trumpet*

Gerald Bacon, *trombone*

Diana Bley, *trombone*



## *Flowers*

*The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of  
Gerrie Ann Schleifer by Lynn and Anthony Glieco; and  
In Honor of my daughter Leah Behrens' birthday  
on April 1 by Thomas Johnson*

*Gifts for Easter lilies decorating the church were received from:*

*Easter lilies were placed in the chancel in loving memory of:*

Lou, Vera and Bob Hoebel by Paul Hoebel

Elaine Fuhlbruck by Paul Hoebel

The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller by Joan Miller

Richard W. Bauchle, Emma & William Bauchle, Robert & Shirley Klas, Robert R. Klas,  
Albert Bauchle by Paul and Karen Bauchle

Our Grandparents, and Theresa "Grammy" Pomietlarz by Justin, Kristen & Lillian  
Pomietlarz

Earl J. Kunz, Jr. by Heidi, Margaret and Sarah Kunz

Ruth and Michael Bloos by Ute and Gudrun

Pastor John Buerk by Guy Huber

My sister, Shirley Davis and father, Jesse James Terry by Clyde Terry

Ruth and Jack Alexander and Jo and Bud Hunt by Earl and Joyce Hunt

William and Mabel Johnson by Thomas W. Johnson

Sandra Walker by Thomas W. Johnson

Those who have died from Covid-19 by Nicole and Chris Guzdek

David Vihnanek by Elizabeth Vihnanek

My parents by Doris Ratcliffe

Susan Biesinger by Paul Biesinger

Kenneth A. James by Ruth James

John Camilleri, Jr. by Ruth James

Parents Carolyn and Henry Hughes, Margarita and Raúl Saona and nephew David Hughes,  
by Karen and Raúl Saona

Those who have died from Covid-19 by Richard J. Lee

Our parents John and Victoria Caffarelli and Layton and Viola Leiser by Ron and Donna  
Leiser

John and Molly Hollands by Mrs. Al C. (Prudence) Hollands

Richard Bundt by Susan Bundt

Rose Dolan by Susan Bundt

Irving, Alberta and Carol Bundt by Susan Bundt

Norma J. Tanevich by Philip and Lynn Kinkade

Phillip W. Kinkade by Philip and Lynn Kinkade

Dave Grabenstatter by his wife Nanc and son Eric  
William, Eleanor, Carol and Nancy Wolf by Linda Patricola  
Mother Eleanor and brother James by Michele Hale-Shay  
George and Della Diehl by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange  
Richard and Mary Sullivan by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange  
Parents, Francis and Suzanne Volante by Gary and Bruce Volante  
Grandparents, Herman & Germaine Huguenin-Benjamin, Thomas & Flora Volante by  
Gary and Bruce Volante  
Rudy and Julie Bauer by Phil and Sue Diefenbach  
Elaine Fuhlbruck by the Carmer, Thomasula, Fuhlbruck, Addison and Hoebel Families  
My parents, Clifford and June Hehr, by David Hehr  
Our beloved parents by Joe and Martha Kryszczuk  
My mother Eileen Petrisko by JoAnn Chavanne and Family  
Roy Kuck by Jeanette Kuck  
Our parents Carl and Frances Kaufmann and Otto and Katherine Kuck by Jeanette Kuck  
Our siblings Carlton Kaufmann, Marilyn Fritz, Frances Dawe and Marion Draus by  
Jeanette Kuck  
The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller by Pastor Lee, Heather and Griffin Miller  
Our grandparents by Pastor Lee, Heather and Griffin Miller  
My father, David R. Rice by Pastor Brenda Maynor

*In honor of:*

Our granddaughters Ella Hope and Hannah Grace by Paul and Karen Bauchle  
Our loved ones by Nicole and Chris Guzdek  
Friday Zoom Friends by Doug Alderdice  
Lauren, Brad and Baby Boy Nieman (due August 3, 2021) by Claire Carmer  
Our loving children Jim and Kara by Joe and Martha Kryszczuk  
The church staff by Pastor Lee, Heather and Griffin Miller  
The church council, leaders and members by Pastor Lee, Heather and Griffin Miller  
The office staff by Pastor Brenda Maynor  
The church leadership and all members of Holy Trinity by Pastor Brenda Maynor

*In Thanksgiving:*

For the blessings received by Guy Huber  
For our Family by Earl and Joyce Hunt  
For the extra efforts of all teachers during the pandemic by Daniel Culross and Holly  
Holdaway

*In loving memory of loved ones by:* Carol Alderdice, Doug Alderdice, The Rev. Neil and  
Pam Kattermann, Dave and Mary Linda Schmidt



## *A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS*

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow. The office staff will be back on Tuesday.

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 date has two vases available – May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@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: There will be no Bible Study tomorrow. We will continue on April 12.

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.

**A joyous and blessed Easter to all!**

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