



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Good Friday, April 2, 2021
7:00 p.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!

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on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

INTRODUCTION

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

We gather in silence

For those joining us in worship from home, we invite you to place a lit candle in the center of your sacred space.

THE PROCESSION AND THE READING OF PSALM 22

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

**²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.**

³Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**⁴In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

**⁶But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

⁷All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

**⁸"Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver —
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!"**

⁹Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

**¹⁰On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

¹¹Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

**¹²Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

**¹⁴I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

¹⁵my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

**¹⁶For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.**

My hands and feet have shriveled;

¹⁷I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

**¹⁸they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away!

O my help, come quickly to my aid!

**²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!**

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!

From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

**²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.**

May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

**²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the
nations.**

²⁹To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

**³⁰Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the LORD,**
³¹and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Merciful God,
your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself.
Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all
times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE SOLO

Mache dich, mein Herze, rein
from *Matthäus-Passion* BWV 244

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Timothy Flynn, *bass-baritone*
Amie Vredenburg, *violin*

Make yourself pure, my heart,
I want to bury Jesus myself.
For from now on he shall have in me,
forever and ever,
his sweet rest.
World, get out, let Jesus in!

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

John 18:1-12

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples
across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he
and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew
the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.

³So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" ⁵They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.

⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus.

¹¹Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?" ¹²So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

THE HYMN STANZA SOLO:

Ah, Holy Jesus "Herzliebster Jesu"

ELW 349 (vs. 1)

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to
judge thee have in pretended? By foes derided,
by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(The first candle is extinguished)

THE SECOND READING – PETER DENIES JESUS

John 18:13-27

¹³First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. ¹⁵Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus.

Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."

¹⁸Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. ¹⁹Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²²When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?"

²³Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

THE HYMN STANZA SOLO:

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349 (vs. 2)

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.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(The second candle is extinguished)

THE THIRD READING – JESUS BEFORE PILATE

John 18:28-40

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death."

³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) ³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

THE HYMN STANZA SOLO:

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349 (vs. 3)

“Herzliebster Jesu”

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath
sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement,
while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(The third candle is extinguished)

THE FOURTH READING – JESUS IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

John 19:1-16a

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face.

⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

⁶When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him."

⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." ⁸Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever.

⁹He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹

²From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor."

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor." ¹⁶Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

THE HYMN STANZA SOLO:

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349 (vs. 4)

“Herzliebster Jesu”

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

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(The fourth candle is extinguished)

THE FIFTH READING – JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

John 19:16b-22

^{16b} So they took Jesus; ¹⁷and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."

²⁰Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'"

²²Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

THE HYMN STANZA SOLO:

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349 (vs. 5)

“Herzliebster Jesu”

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore
thee, and will ever pay thee; think on thy pity
and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(The fifth candle is extinguished)

THE SIXTH READING – IT IS FINISHED

John 19:23-30

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.

²⁴So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots." ²⁵And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. ²⁸After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

³⁰When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

THE SOLO

The Crucifixion from *Hermit Songs* (1953)

Text: *The Speckled Book*, 12th Century; tr. Howard Mumford Jones

Samuel Barber

(1910 – 1981)

Timothy Flynn, *bass-baritone*

At the cry of the first bird
They began to crucify Thee, O Swan!
Never shall lament cease because of that.
It was like the parting of day from night.
Ah, sore was the suffering borne
By the body of Mary's Son,
But sorer still to Him was the grief
Which for His sake
Came upon His Mother.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(The sixth candle is extinguished)

THE SEVENTH READING – THE BURIAL

John 19:31-42

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.

³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out.

³⁵(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) ³⁶These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken." ³⁷And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. ³⁹Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.

⁴⁰They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

SERMON

The. Rev. Brenda Maynor

SERMON MEDITATION

Herzlich tut mich verlangen Op. 122, No. 10

Johannes Brahms
(1833 - 1897)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear members of God's family:
we pray for the church throughout the world. . .
we pray for our bishop, our pastors, and all servants of the church. . .
we pray for those preparing for baptism. . .
we pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God. . .
we pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. . .
we pray for those who do not believe in God. . .
we pray for God's creation. . .
we pray for those who serve in public office. . .
we pray for all afflicted by the pandemic. . .
we pray for those in any need. . .
and we pray for those who will die this day, and all who grieve. . .

Finally, we pray:
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
“Herzlich tut mich verlangen”

ELW 351
(vs. 1 & 4)

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

(The seventh candle is extinguished, you may extinguish your candle at home.)

*Please exit the church building in silence
beginning with those seated closest to the Main Street doors
(back of church).*

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

The ushers are:
Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming and Herb Hough

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Nathaniel Wareham, Adrianna Wareham and Madalyn Brown



Easter Sunday Schedule

- 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.

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