



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Celebrating our 143rd 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 creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.

We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

While masks are no longer required at Holy Trinity and for the love of one another, we encourage and recommend that masks continue to be worn for those individuals who, for any number of reasons, choose to continue to wear a mask for safety or comfortability, or for those who are unvaccinated, and we ask that our members and guests continue to fill out the blue sheet and leave at your seat in the pew.

We look forward to continuing to update our practices as we move forward.

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

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude Op. 32, No. 3

Inspired by Psalm 23:4

Herbert Howells

(1892-1983)

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

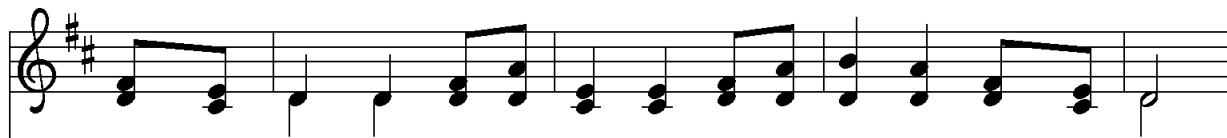
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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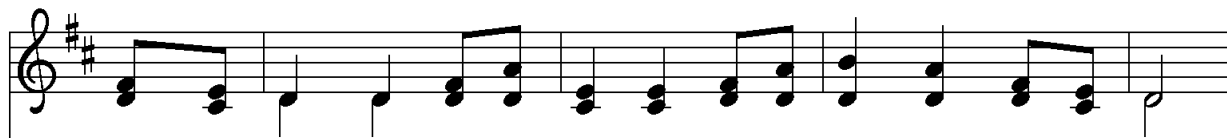
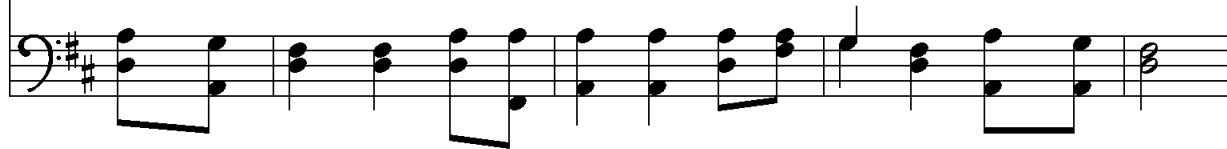
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing "Nettleton"

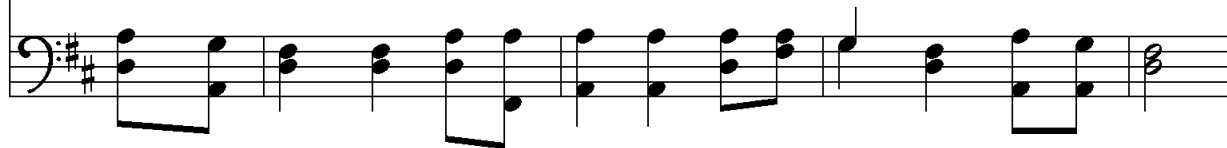
ELW 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Beloved, as we gather in this place to worship,
we acknowledge that we are part of a complicated history.

**How can we bear the paradox of this place
as both a source of pride and a record of mistakes?**

Friends, here is the font.

**In the waters of baptism,
God cleansed us and claimed us.**

God binds God's word
to this abundant element
precisely to tell us
that there is no place
where we are apart from God's grace.

This reminder is everywhere:

It is in the waters of the Niagara and Buffalo Rivers,
Lakes Erie and Ontario, local creeks and riverbeds.

It sprays from our showers.

It makes tea kettles whistle.

It is in our very cells.

So I invite you to make the sign of the cross,
on your brow or on your body,
or on that of your neighbor.

As you do,
you proclaim what is true
everywhere and always:

God is here!

God is here! Amen!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

God, you are the life of the party! You have planned a feast for all people, where food is sumptuous, music brings joy, and love overflows. Remind us that you've already done all that needs doing. Prepare us to party on, especially when the world around us resists the celebration.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

The first reading for Fourth Sunday in Lent is recorded in Joshua, the 5th Chapter.

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

My Son, Attend to My Words
from the Oratorio *The Prodigal Son*
Text: Proverbs 3

Arthur Sullivan
(1842-1900)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

(recit.) My son, attend to my words; Incline thine ear unto my sayings:
Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

(aria) Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,
and in thy ways acknowledge Him,
For the path of the just is as a shining light
that shineth more and more to the perfect day!

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

I Will Lift Mine Eyes (2010)
Text: Psalm 121

Jake Runestad
(b. 1986)

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills.
From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of the heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved.
He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper,
the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil.
He will keep your soul.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this day forth forever more.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The second reading for today is recorded in 2nd Corinthians, the 5th Chapter.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

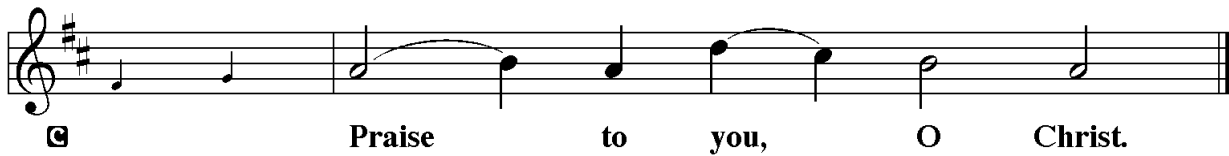
¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.

²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Special Occasion Sermon Text:

Psalm 96:1-9 “*O Sing to the Lord a New Song...*”

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This "Wondrous Love"

ELW 666

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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THE APOSTLES' 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings at VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict. We pray for the people of Ukraine. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving. Console us with the promise that everything can become new. We pray for those impacted by injustice, those continuing on the front line of this Covid endemic, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation. Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Brody and Lillian. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
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.*

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Richard Walters

Hymn Tune: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

Text: Johann Heerman (1585-1647); Tr. Robert S. Bridges

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that man to judge thee have 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 of 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 thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

Text: Psalm 42: 1-3

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

Dr. Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is a thirst for God yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me, "Where, where is now thy God?"
My tears have been my meat day and night.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

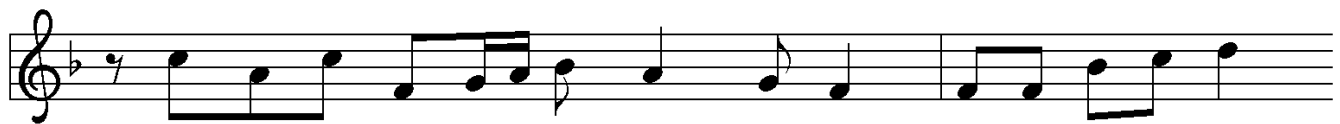
Let us pray together.

God, there's nowhere we can go where you aren't already waiting: in the vineyard, in the grainfield, in the places where we live and work, and most especially at this table, where your Son has promised to meet us; where he is both Host and Meal. Reveal yourself to us now. 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

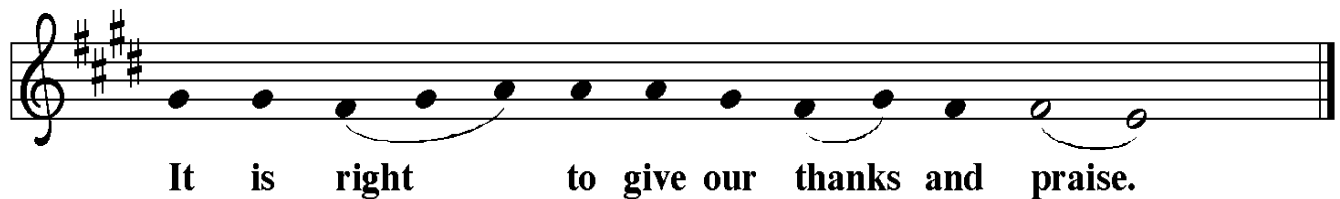
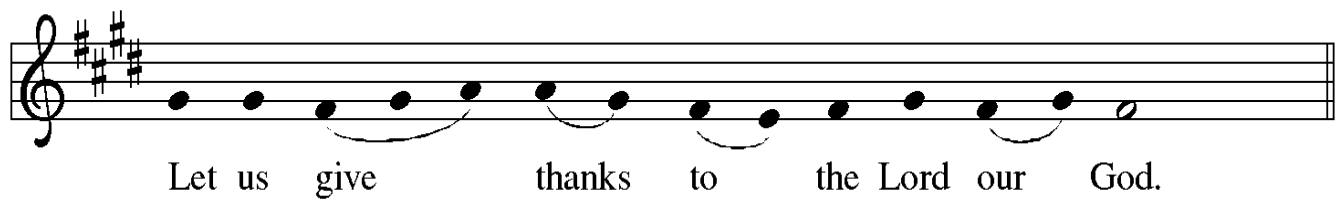
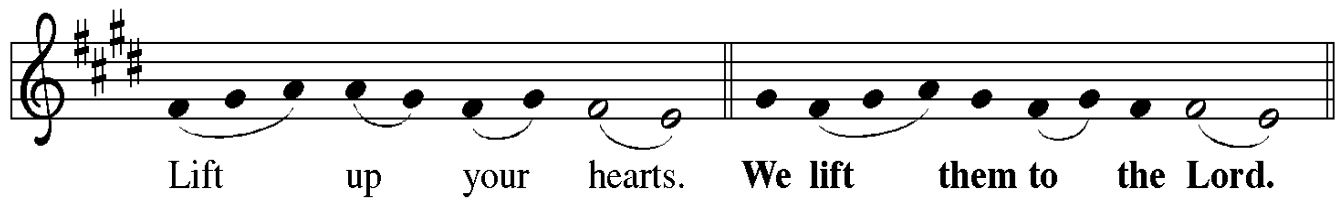
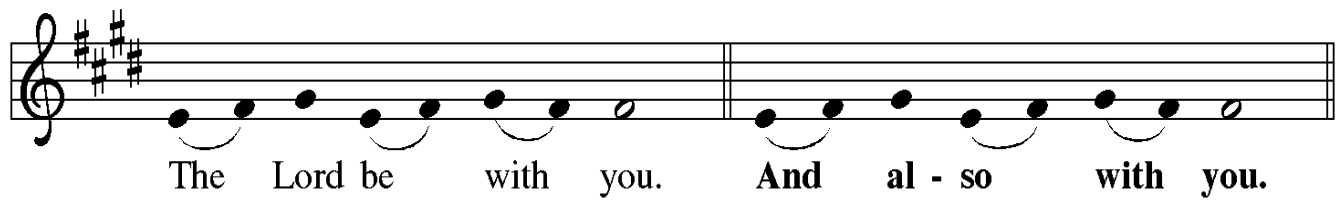


not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

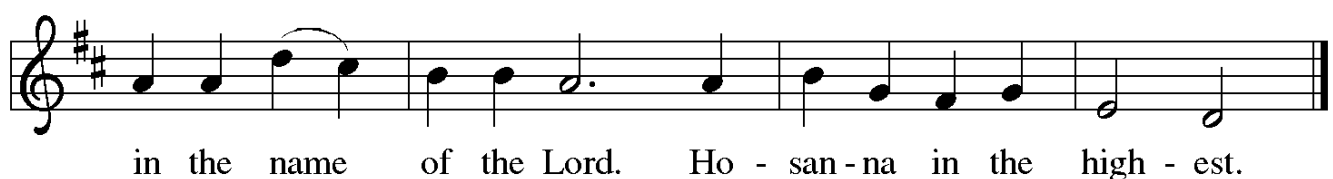
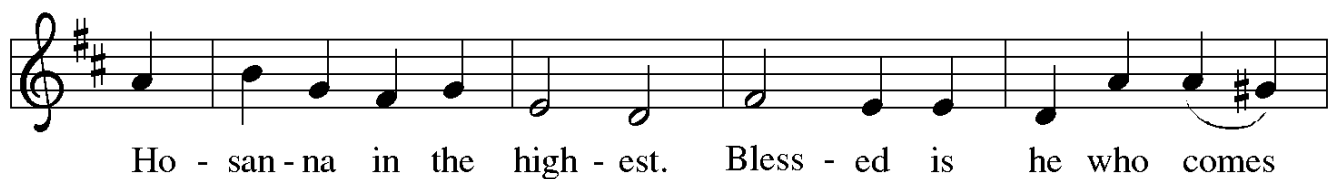
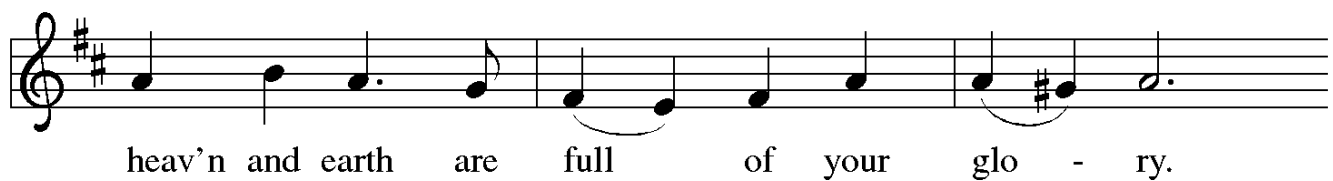
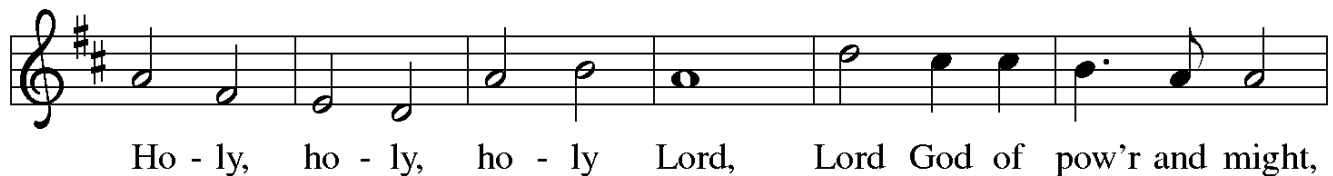
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of celebration, you are here.

Throughout the ages,
you invite us to join you
in a fabulous feast of love.

At Gilgal you rolled away the disgrace of the people
and rolled in the spirit of rejoicing.

For the prodigal son you banish shame
and prepare the fatted calf.

For us, your own Son sets the table,
and is our Host, and Guest, and Meal.

On the night before he died,
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 this table, the cross, the empty grave,
we await his coming in glory
and proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts.
Holy Wisdom, pervade every corner of this place
and every crevice of our hearts.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Bring us at last with all the saints
to the banquet table of your new creation,
where we may meet your glory face to face.

To you, O God, Divine Host, Long-Awaited Guest, Rejoicing Spirit,
be all worship and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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 HOLY 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. Please take your pre-package communion cup that you received at the entrance (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.

(10:30)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Love After Love (2019)

Text: Derek Walcott (1930-2017)

Jake Runestad

(b. 1986)

The time will come
when, with elation
you will greet yourself arriving
at your own door, in your own mirror
and each will smile at the other's welcome,

and say, sit here. Eat.
You will love again the stranger who was your self.
Give wine. Give bread. Give back your heart
to itself, to the stranger who has loved you

all your life, whom you ignored
for another, who knows you by heart.
Take down the love letters from the bookshelf,

the photographs, the desperate notes,
peel your own image from the mirror.
Sit. Feast on your life.

Please stand as you are able.

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your
body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving
hope to a world in need.**

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.**

(10:30) *Please be seated.*

(10:30)

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Gaelic Prayer (2015)

Text: Traditional

Jake Runestad

(b. 1986)

Jake Runestad, *conductor*

A warm and special welcome to the
Vocális Chamber Choir
James Burritt, *Artistic Director*

As the rain hides the stars,
as the autumn mist hides the hills,
as the clouds veil the blue of the sky,
so the dark happenings of my life
hide the shining of Your face from me.

Yet, if I may hold Your hand in darkness,
it is enough, since I know that if I stumble,
You do not fall.

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

Go with the blessing of God. Remember that this blessing follows you, no matter the places to which you are called. Remember that this blessing waits for you, even where you least expect to find it. Be blessed in the name of God, who inspires, inhabits, and ignites us, today and every day. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide Me Ever, O Great Redeemer "CWM Rhondda"

ELW 618

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Wondrous Love

Craig Phillips

(b. 1961)

*Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude
and the cross has returned to the chancel.*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

*Please continue to leave your bulletin, communion cup
and attendance sheet at your seat.*

We will collect everything following the service.

*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall
for a small coffee hour of beverage and pastries
following the 10:30 Service.*

MUSIC NOTES

A sincere welcome and thank you to our honored guest, Mr. Jake Runestad. It has been an inspiration to sing for you, to learn from you, and to share some time with you in our great city of Buffalo, in this most special and sacred place of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

A special thank you to Dan Culross and Holly Holdaway for hosting Mr. Runestad in their magnificent accommodations at the Harmony House Bed and Breakfast.

Many thanks to the Erie County Music Educators Assn., Mr. Christopher Revett, Executive Director, and especially Ann Mosner, Choral Committee Chair, for making this unique joint venture between ECMEA and Holy Trinity possible.

A warm welcome and special thank you to our guests that joined Holy Trinity's Chancel Choir for this special day of music, including Leslie Ann Brelsford, Deanna Civilette, Shane Keyes, Dan Novak, Maria Parker, Ky Verhoef, and Paul Waara. It has been an honor to have you all join us.

Many thanks to the Vocális Chamber Choir and Mr. James Burritt for joining us on this most special day as we celebrated the incredible work of composer Jake Runestad. The Vocális Chamber Choir performs Mr. Runestad's *And So I Go On* this afternoon at their concert, *Songs for the Soul*, 4:00 pm at St. Joseph University Church, 3269 Main Street, Buffalo, NY, adjacent to the UB-South Campus.

Tickets are \$15, and are available at the door.

“Vocális’ voices are incredible and beautifully balanced. Their phrasing is so exquisitely sculpted as to sound seamless. This choir is impeccably rehearsed, and the singers all sound completely in tune with each other, in every sense of the word.” “...haunting,” “...otherworldly.”

– The Buffalo News

Jake Runestad (b. 1986) is an award-winning and frequently-performed composer of “highly imaginative” (Baltimore Sun) and “stirring and uplifting” (Miami Herald) musical works that have been featured in thousands of performances worldwide and earned a 2020 GRAMMY award nomination. Having collaborated with leading ensembles and organizations around the globe, Jake has a versatile and prolific career creating works for orchestra, wind band, chorus, chamber ensembles, and opera. His visceral music and charismatic personality have fostered a busy schedule of commissions, residencies, workshops, and speaking engagements, establishing him as “one of the best of the younger American composers” (Chicago Tribune).

Steeped in a belief that music has the power to initiate positive change, Jake creates musical works that are socially conscious and explore authentic human emotions and experiences. Conductors, performers, and audiences continue to praise his music for its ability to connect with the head and the heart. As a result, Jake was one of the youngest composers ever awarded the coveted Raymond W. Brock Commission from the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) in 2018 — the foremost commission available to composers of choral music in the USA. For this honor, Jake wrote the groundbreaking work “A Silence Haunts Me” which conducting legend Dale Warland hailed “a masterpiece.” Runestad also received a 2017 McKnight Fellowship, a 2016 Morton Gould Young Composer Award from the ASCAP Foundation for his extended work “Dreams of the Fallen,” and his works have received awards from the American Composers Forum, ASCAP, the Peabody Conservatory, New Music USA, the Otto Bremmer Foundation, VocalEssence, the Virginia Arts Festival, the National Association for Music Education, and the American Choral Directors Association. Jake’s “The Peace of Wild Things” won the Nathan Davis Prize for Composition in 2012, and he received a 2020 Outstanding Graduate Award from Johns Hopkins University.

Considered a “choral rockstar” by American Public Media, Jake is one of the most frequently performed and commissioned composers of choral music in the world having “...a particular knack for marrying powerful music to texts that speak to some of the most pressing and moving issues of our time” (Star Tribune). The first full album dedicated to Jake’s choral music, “The Hope of Loving,” was released in 2019 by Craig Hella Johnson and Conspirare and subsequently received a GRAMMY award nomination. In his relatively short career, he has already worked with leading ensembles such as VOCES8, the Swedish Radio Symphony, Seraphic Fire, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra & Chorus, the Phoenix Chorale, the Santa Fe Desert Chorale, Pro Coro Canada, the Taipei Philharmonic Choir, the Netherlands Radio Choir, the Philippine Madrigal Singers, and many more. Jake’s music is often featured at national and regional conferences of the American Choral Director’s Association (ACDA), Chorus America, Podium (Canada), and the Association of British Choral Directors. Reaching audiences around the world, his compositions have been heard in thousands of performances from Taiwan to Finland to Argentina to Chicago’s *Orchestra Hall*, Los Angeles’ *Disney Hall*, the *Sydney Opera House*, and New York City’s *Carnegie Hall*.

“Dreams of the Fallen,” Jake’s groundbreaking work for solo piano, chorus, and orchestra, was commissioned by a group of five orchestras from around the U.S.A. After its premiere at the National World War II Museum in 2013, the work has gained national attention in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Huffington Post, and Symphony Magazine.

A rising star in the national opera scene, Jake was recently commissioned by Washington National Opera for his third opera, “Daughters of the Bloody Duke” — a collaboration with award-winning librettist David Johnston. “Daughters of the Bloody Duke” had its premiere performance in November of 2014 at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

In-demand as a guest conductor, Jake Runestad has worked with student, community, and professional ensembles around the world. Upcoming engagements include New York City’s famed Carnegie Hall, Los Angeles’ Disney Hall, the Sydney Opera House, as well as residencies with ensembles and institutions across six continents.

Jake Runestad holds a Master’s degree in composition from the Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University where he studied with Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Kevin Puts, in addition to formative mentoring from acclaimed composer Libby Larsen. Originally from Rockford, IL, Jake is currently based in Minneapolis, MN. For more information, please visit JakeRunestad.com.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, March 27, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/
Jake Runestad and Vocalis (MC)

MONDAY, March 28, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. **ONLY** Bible Study (FR)
6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

THURSDAY, March 31, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. Story Time
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, April 3, 2022 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

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



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Susan Bundt. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Worship Assistant is Ellie Yap. Reader is Susan Bundt.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Reader is Doug Alderdice. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Worship Assistants are Justin Rojek, Natalia Bavaro, Avery Best, Henry Peterson and Max Peterson.

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; and

In Loving Memory of our mother Sally Peterson by Kathy Crissey and Family; and

In Memory of John W. Becker, organist-choirmaster of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1954-1972, who recently entered the Church Triumphant December 23, 2021. On this Sunday of beautiful music, let us all be thankful for the gifts Mr. Becker shared with Holy Trinity and the Western New York community during his tenure. Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz and the Choirs of Holy Trinity.

Council Treasurer Guy Huber will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Brody Patterson and Lillian Pomietlarz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANT SALE: Last chance to place an order for the annual LYO plant sale! The pick-up date for the plant sale will be Saturday, May 21. Order forms can be found on the tables at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in our weekly email. Orders are due back to the church today. The proceeds will go towards our mission fund which helps to support service events. All orders are appreciated.

EASTER FLOWERS: The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, order forms may be found in the newsletter, in the weekly email or on the tables at the entrance ways. The cost is \$12.00 per plant.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY this week will be at **9:30am ONLY** in the Fellowship Room. This week studies: What is the **GREATEST** of all the 10 Commandments from God and the 614 Rules and Regulations from the faith tradition --- for our lives? (Matthew 22: 34–40) and + Reflecting on the Signs of the End of the Age (Matthew 24: 3-31). **ALL ARE WELCOME** in this **PLACE**.

MEMORIAL BRICKS: There are still many bricks available in the Garden Veranda located on our North lawn alongside Main Street. Memorial Bricks may be reserved and dedicated In Memory of, or In Honor of, a loved one. Once enough orders have been placed, we will call the engraver. Order forms may be found in the newsletter, in the weekly email or on the tables at the entrance ways. Please use one order form per brick. Please call the Church Office with any questions.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: Our theme for Lent this year is *You Are Here*. This theme will be incorporated into our worship liturgy and through a sermon series each week. We will also be providing a Lenten Daily Devotional to incorporate into your prayer life. Copies are available on the tables at the entrance ways, in the weekly email or on the website.

LENTEN DIAPER DRIVE: This Lent the entire Upstate New York Synod is collecting... Diapers! As Church together we hope to collect 50,000 diapers. One in three families suffers from diaper need in the U.S. Based on present funding in NYS and many other areas in the United States, diapers cannot be purchased with food stamps. Most childcare centers, free and subsidized facilities, require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers; therefore, many parents cannot go to work or school if they cannot leave their babies at childcare. Please join us in collecting diapers this Lent. Donations may be dropped off at Church from March 6 to April 10. Feel free to contact Pastors Carroll or Maynor with your questions!



***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings
March 2022***

March 2022 To our God of mercy and healing for Pam Kattermann during her knee replacement, for the God given talents and skills of Dr. Romanowski and his staff, and for the support and caring of family and friends we thank God.

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.



2022 Lenten and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday, April 10

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

Maundy Thursday, April 14

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

Good Friday, April 15

- 12:00 p.m. The Bidding Prayer Confession and Absolution (MC)
- 3:00 p.m. Family Service
- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 17

- 8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-service music
- 10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

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