

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 3, 2022 Fifth 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.

We look forward to continuing to update our practices as we move forward. We ask that our members and guests continue to fill out the blue sheet 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

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

PRELUDE

 $Contemplation \ {\it on 'Tallis' Canon'}$

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



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.

O God, you love a good surprise: waters in the desert; people home from exile; a Messiah at the dinner table. Give us such great faith that when the rivers of joy run dry, when homecomings turn bitter, when a betrayer sits at the table, we may trust that streams of joy are coming again. Amen.

Traditional Round

Please be seated.

(10:30) YOUTH CHOIR

Da pacem cordium

Text: Latin

Give peace to every heart.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The first reading for Fifth Sunday in Lent is recorded in Isaiah, the 43rd Chapter.

⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea,

a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,

army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

20The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
21the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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(8:30)
THE SOLO
The Wilderness

The Wilderness from Two Biblical Songs

Eric H. Thiman (1900–1975)

Erin Alexander, alto

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, even with joy and singing. For in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water. And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness. And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Sicut Cervus
Text: Psalm 42: 1-3

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

Just as a hart desires to find a wellspring where from to quench his thirst, so my soul also longs for Thee, O Lord, who art our God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Philippians, the 3rd Chapter.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

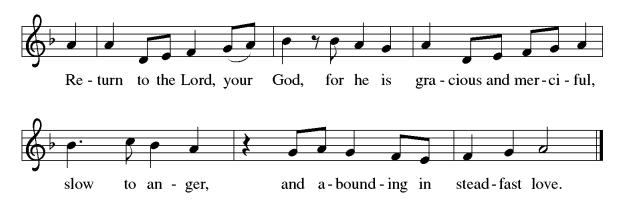
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

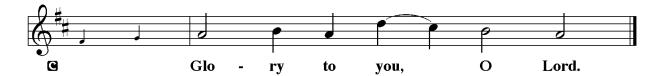
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(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.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross "Near the Cross"

ELW 335



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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.

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. 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.

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. We pray for the people of Ukraine. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick. 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.

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued. Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially James and Ava. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. 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

Weepin' Mary

African-American Spiritual Arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Erin Alexander, alto

If there's anybody here like weepin' Mary, Call upon your Jesus, an' He'll draw nigh. O, glory, glory hallelujah! Glory be to my God, who rules on high!

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Wondrous Love

Traditional Southern Hymn Arr. Paul Christiansen

(1914 - 1997)

Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano* Tyler Huk, *tenor*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul!

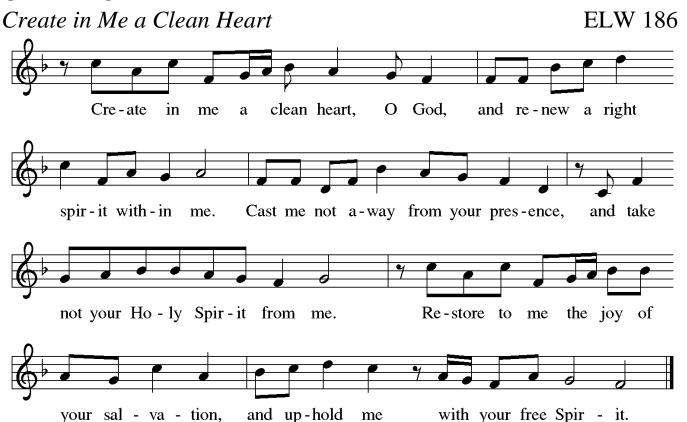
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OFFERING PRAYER

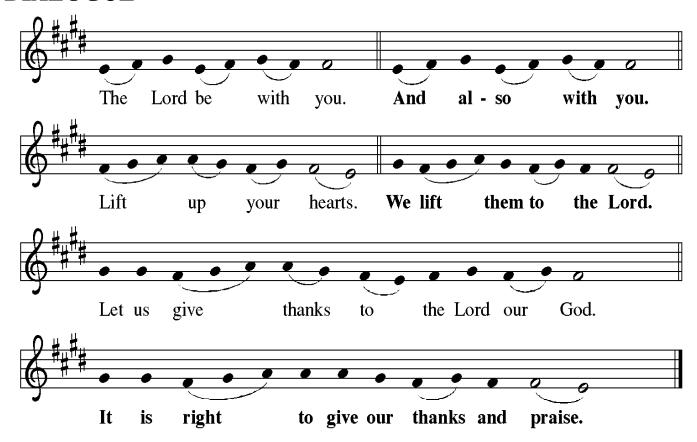
Let us pray together.

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



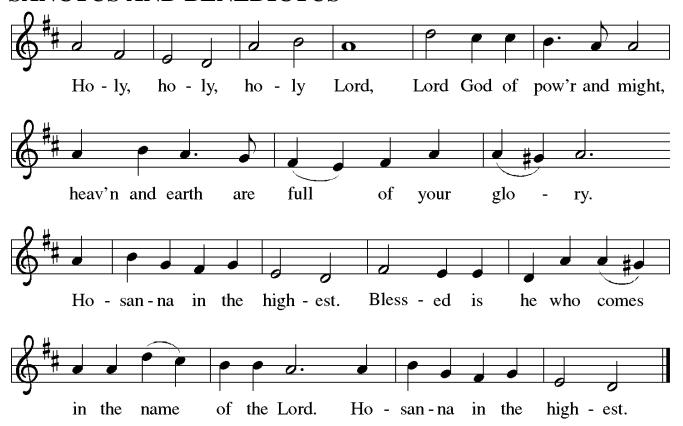
DIALOGUE



PREFACE

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

God of desert rivers, you are here.
Throughout the ages,
you have made water flow in the wilderness
and joy course through our hearts:
you bring home the exiles,
proclaim release to the captives,
bring life from death,
and restore joy to those who mourn.
And in the right time,
you sent your own Son,
an overpowering current
in the desert of sin,
to bear us into salvation.

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 flowing river in the midst of your new creation, where we may meet your glory face to face.

To you, O God, our Source, our Font of Joy, our Hovering 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.

Please be seated.

Amen.

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 prepackage 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.

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.

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus "St. Christopher"

ELW 338



Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927 Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Once More, My Soul from Sacred Sounds

George Shearing (1919-2011)

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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

MONDAY, April 4, 2022

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

6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)

7:00 p.m. Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, April 5, 2022

6:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)

6:00 p.m. Needlers/WELCA (FR)

WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2022

7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (via Zoom)

THURSDAY, April 7, 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 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (MC)

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)

10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

12:00 p.m. Call Committee meeting (CR)

12:00 p.m. Confirmation (FR)



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Linda Schmidt. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Worship Assistant is Rowan Leiser. Reader is Linda Schmidt.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Jen Yap. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Worship Assistants are Nathaniel Wareham, Adrianna Wareham, Sofia Atlas, Tim Yap, Ellie Yap and Griffin Miller.

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.

Council Secretary Jen Yap 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 James and Ava Patruno.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 and 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room. This week's 9:30 studies: Reflecting on the **Signs of the End of the Age** – (Part 2) (Matthew 24:4-44) and A Question about the **RESURRECTION** (Matthew 22:23-33). This week's 7:00 studies: The 623 LAWS: **WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?** (Matthew 22:34-40) and Reflecting on the **Signs of the End of the Age** – (Parts 1 and 2) (Matthew 24:3-44). 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 in the newly named 'Kahler's Korner', located near the church offices through April 10. Feel free to contact Pastors Carroll or Maynor with your questions!

PIANO RECITAL: Pianist James Featherstone gives a recital at Holy Trinity, Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 pm. A recent graduate of the Indiana University-Jacob School of Music (Bloomington, IN), Mr. Featherstone is a former student of choirmaster Justin Pomietlarz at Amherst Central High School. Despite his young career, Mr. Featherstone has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York, and has been a featured soloist with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra on several occasions.

Program to include:

Chopin: Fantasy in F minor Op. 49 Beethoven: Piano Sonata Op. 110 Bach: French Suite No. 4 BWV 815

Brahms: *Ballade* Op. 10, No. 4 Barber: *Piano Sonata* Op. 26



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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