

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Good Friday
April 15, 2022 ~ 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 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.

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on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

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.

PRELUDE

Two settings of *O Welt, ich muß dich lassen*
Op. 122, No. 3 and 11

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

We gather in silence

THE PROCESSION OF CHOIR AND CLERGY

Please rise as the cross approaches

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.

¹²**Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**
¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
¹⁴**I 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.
¹⁶**For 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;
¹⁸**they 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!
²⁰**Deliver 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.
²²**I 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!
²⁴**For 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.

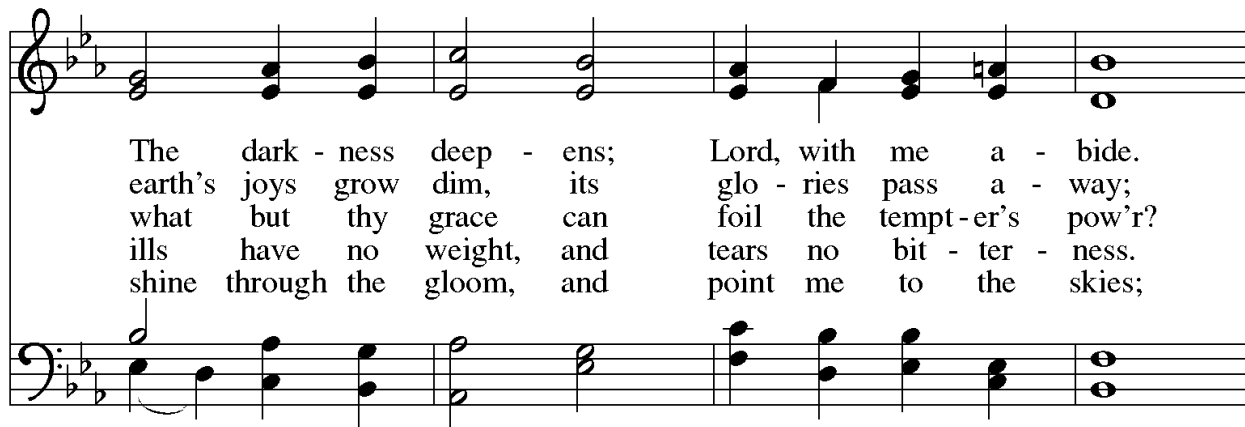
THE OPENING HYMN

Abide with Me "Eventide"

ELW 629



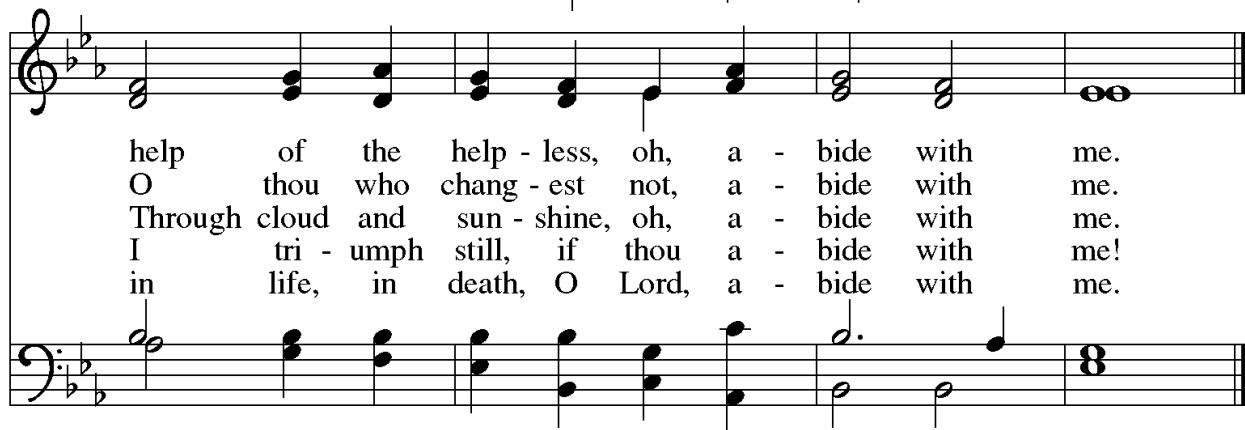
1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Please be seated

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:

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:

Ah, Holy Jesus "Herzliebster Jesu"

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.

MOTET

My Soul Is Exceeding Sorrowful

Eleanor Daley

Text: Responsories for Tenebrae

(b. 1955)

My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death.

Tarry ye here and watch with me.

Now shall ye see the multitude come upon me;

Ye shall flee, and I go to be sacrificed for you.

Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Ye shall flee, and I go to be sacrificed for you.

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:

Ah, Holy Jesus "Herzliebster Jesu"

ELW 349 (vs. 3)

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 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:

Ah, Holy Jesus "Herzliebster Jesu"

ELW 349 (vs. 4)

**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 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.

MOTET

Eli, Eli!

Gyorgy Deak-Bárdos
(1905–1991)

Text: Mark 15:34

And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice saying:
"My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

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.

THE HYMN STANZA SOLO:

Ah, Holy Jesus "Herzliebster Jesu"

ELW 349 (vs. 5)

**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.**

SERMON

The. Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

SERMON MEDITATION

O Vos Omnes (1942)

Pablo Casals

(1876–1973)

O all you people who pass by, attend and see:
if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.

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, 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.

CLOSING HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

ELW 351

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen”

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

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

(The seventh candle is extinguished.)

The paschal candle is removed from the chancel as the tolling bell is rung, each toll representing one year of our Lord's life among us. The candle is returned to the altar in the darkness, a sign of the promise that the Light of the World cannot be extinguished.

When the lights return, the congregation is asked to exit the church 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 each exit.

Ushers

Marty Bauer, Matt Brown, Carole Casterline,
Craig Johnson and Juan Perez

Worship Assistants

Justin Rojek – crucifer; Sofia Atlas – acolyte;
Eliana Perez - acolyte; Avery Best - acolyte



Easter Sunday Schedule

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 our Holy Trinity Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

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