

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Buffalo, New York**

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Maundy Thursday, April 14, 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.*

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

*Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

## THE VOLUNTARY

*Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott* BWV 721

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685-1750)

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GATHERING AND CONFESSION OF SIN

In the name of (+) Christ.

**Amen.**

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your  
will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## **LITANY OF FEET, HANDS AND COMMITMENT PRAYER TO LOVE AND SERVICE**

O Lord look at our feet, they are dirty with the sin of the world. We have walked past many in need.

**Wash them, cleanse me O Lord.**

May we serve you as you serve us by sharing your good news. May we stop to care for those in need.

**How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!**

O Lord look at our hands, they are dirty with the sin of the world, they have destroyed instead of created.

**Wash them, cleanse me O Lord.**

May we serve you and others with our hands. May they create, feed and care instead of destroy, take or hurt.

**Lord, you remind us: Generous hands are blessed hands because they give bread to the poor.**

As Christ served his disciple in those last moments before he gave himself to die, let us serve the world he loved.

**Christ has no body but ours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but ours,  
ours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,  
ours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
ours are the hands, ours are the feet,  
ours are the eyes, we are his body.  
Christ has no body now on earth but ours.  
Amen.**

## **MOTET**

*Wash me through and through* (1980)

Text: Psalms 130 and 51, Book of Common Prayer, 1976

Peter Hallock  
(1924-2014)

### Part II

For there is forgiveness with you, therefore you shall be feared.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Wash me through and through and from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**O God, O Servant of Love, this place is a table set with richness and more than enough to share. There are no enemies at this table; you have seen to that, because at your table you welcome and wash clean even those who could hurt us. O God, may we stay here? We know we cannot. So use this feast to fuel us for whatever trials we face.**

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14**

The reading for Maundy Thursday is recorded in Exodus, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

<sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **MOTET**

*Ubi Caritas*

Ola Gjeilo  
(b.1978)

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
The love of Christ has gathered us together.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let us revere and love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.  
Amen.

*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## **THE GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

<sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

<sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

<sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!"

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.

<sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

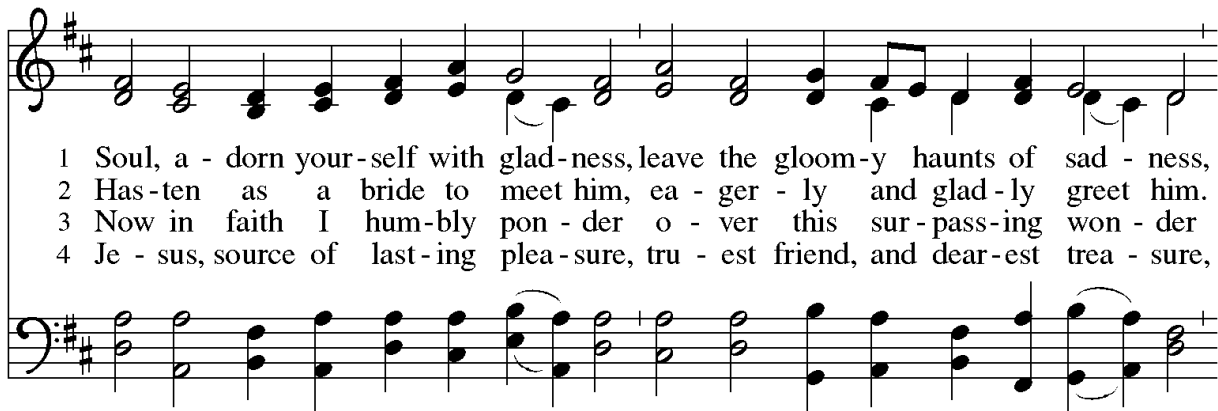
**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll


# SERMON HYMN

## *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* “Schmücke Dich”

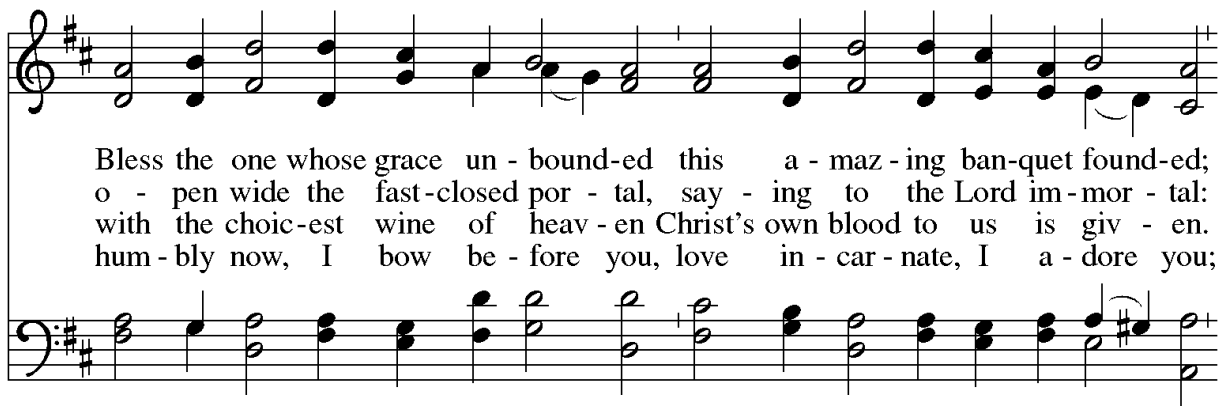
ELW 488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day - light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
There he stands al - read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,  
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;  
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;  
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:  
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.  
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
“Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er.”  
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.



*Please stand, if able.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith. Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.  
**Amen.**

## **THE 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.*

# ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Text: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

Arr. Ralph Harris (b. 1930)

Tim Flynn, *bass*

Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*

When I survey the wondrous Cross on which the prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PRAYER AT THE OFFERING

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.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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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

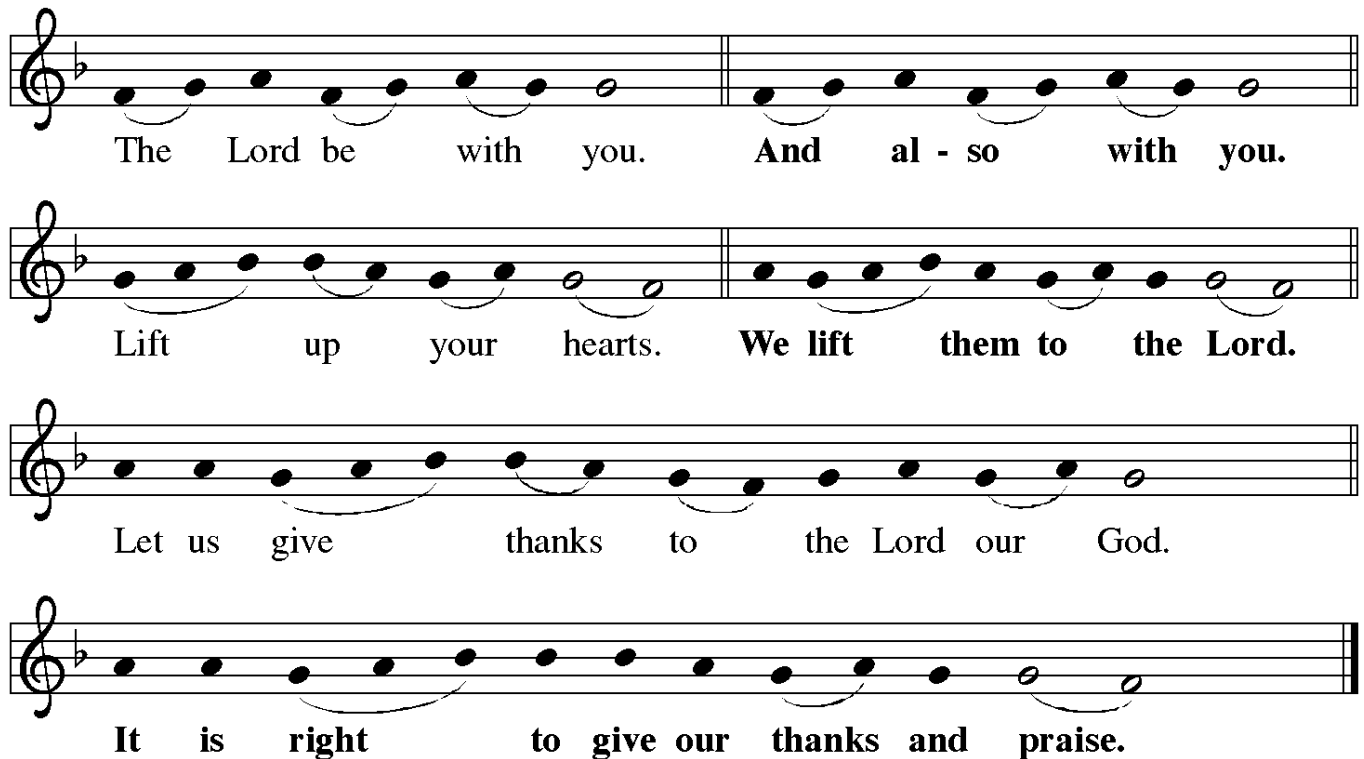


not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



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

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

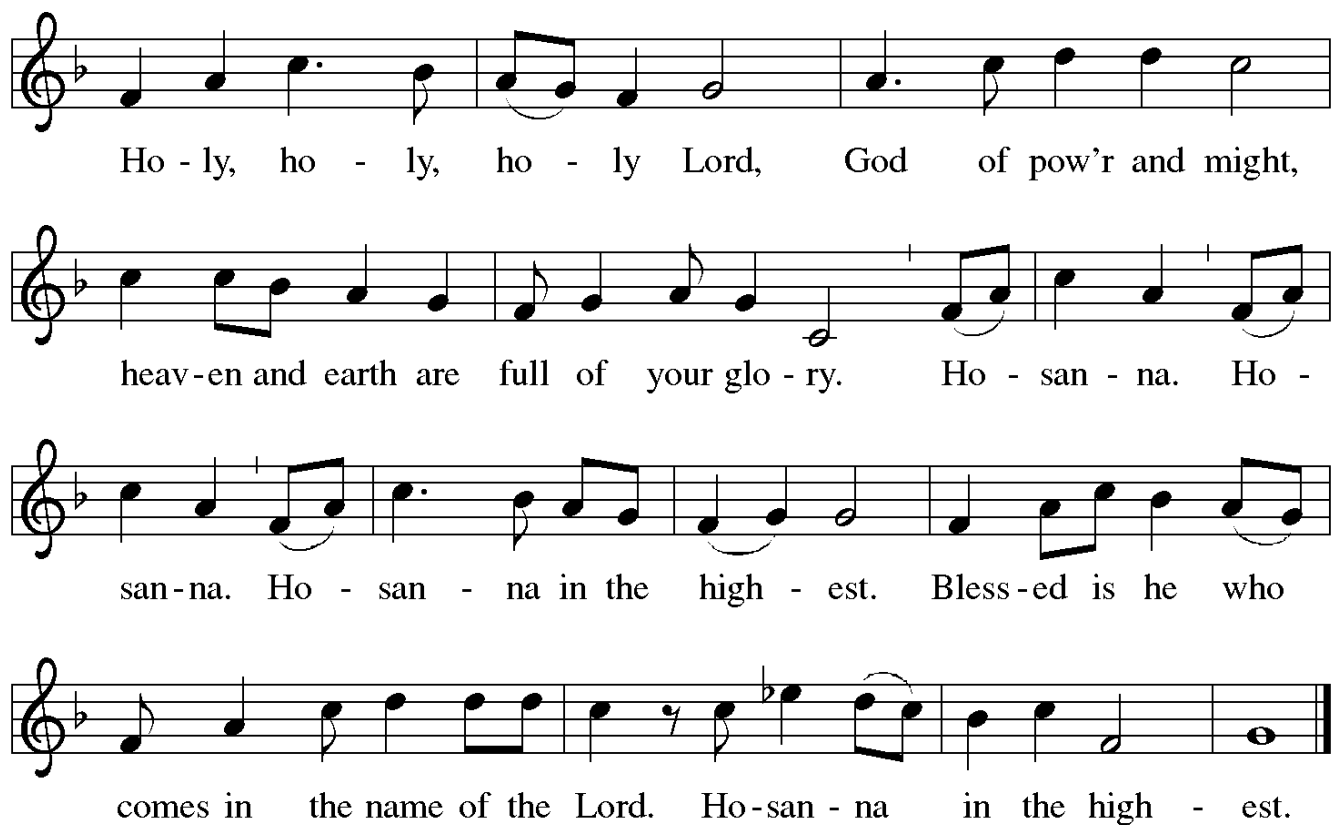
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

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

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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 COMMUNION**

*Please follow Pastor's instructions on the distribution of communion*

All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. At this time we will be serving communion in a contact-less manner. In your pews you will find pre-packaged grape juice and wafers (gluten free are available, please see an usher at the entrance). The wafer can be found at the top of the cup (lift up the top, clear layer) and you will be invited to eat the wafer at the word, "The body of Christ given to you." You may then open the grape juice and drink at the word, "The blood of Christ given to you." Please leave the used and unused communion cups in the pews.

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

## **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR** (*kneel or sit*)

*Stripping the altar has both practical and symbolic value for the church's worship. Practically, it sets the stark stage for the Good Friday liturgy. Symbolically, it represents the indignities Jesus suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers, specifically the stripping of his garments and the humiliation of his crucifixion. We remove the altar's ornaments and linens in remembrance of that violent deed.*

## **THE SOLO**

*Were You There*

Traditional Spiritual  
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh  
(1866–1949)

Shane Keyes, *baritone*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they laid him in the grave?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*At the conclusion of the service,  
please exit the church building in silence  
beginning with those seated closest to the Main Street doors  
(back of church).*



The worship assistants are:

Justin Rojek – crucifer  
Morgan Leiser – acolyte  
Rowan Leiser - acolyte

The ushers are:

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





## **Good Friday and Easter Worship**

(All services will be held in the Main Church)

### **Good Friday, April 15**

12:00 p.m. The Bidding Prayer/Confession and Absolution

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 our  
Holy Trinity Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

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