



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

Celebrating our 144th 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.

Visitors interested in membership may talk with a Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office or indicate on the blue sign in sheet.

*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*

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INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude, Op. 32, No. 3

Based on: 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."

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty "Beach Spring"

ELW 777 (vs 1-4)

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

(10:30)

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's
power. **Amen.**

(10:30)

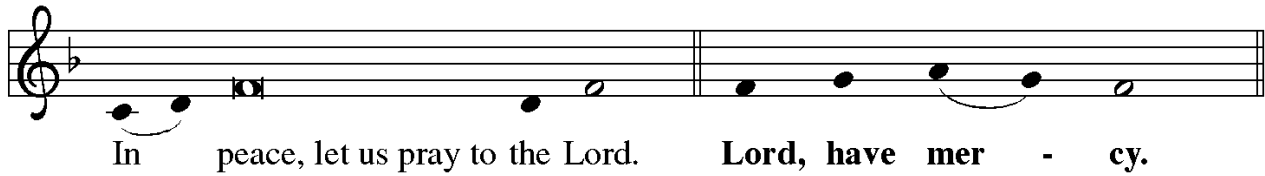
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GREETING

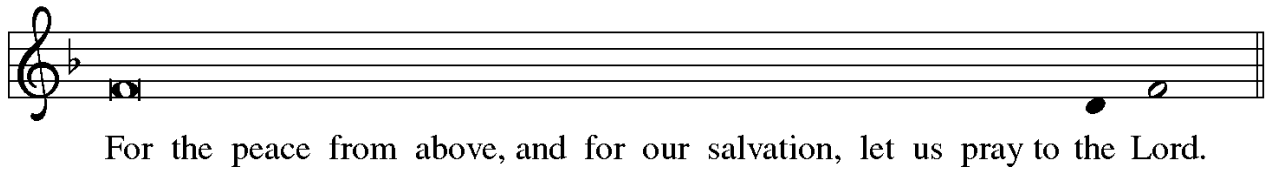
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

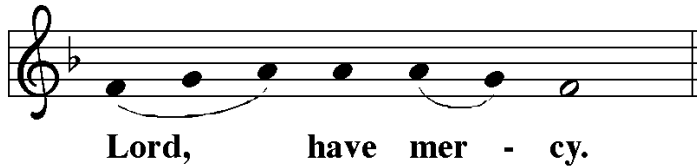
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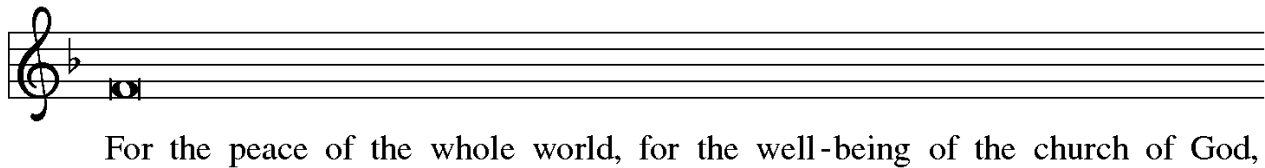
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



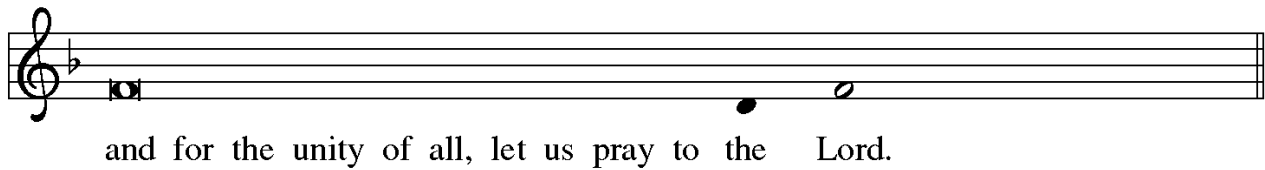
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



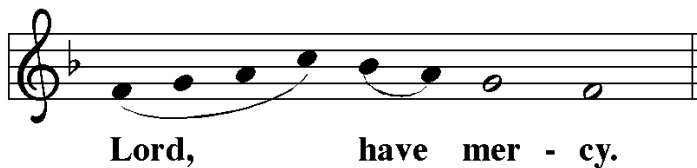
Lord, have mer - cy.



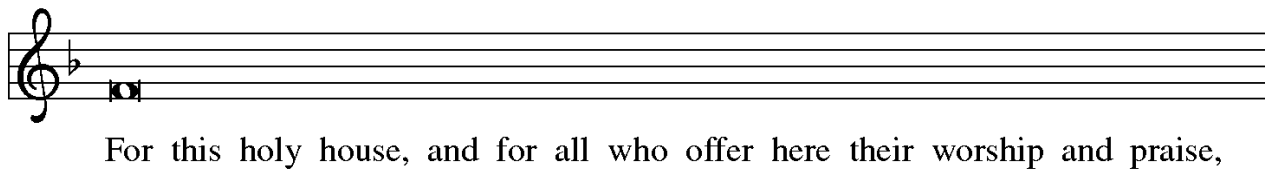
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



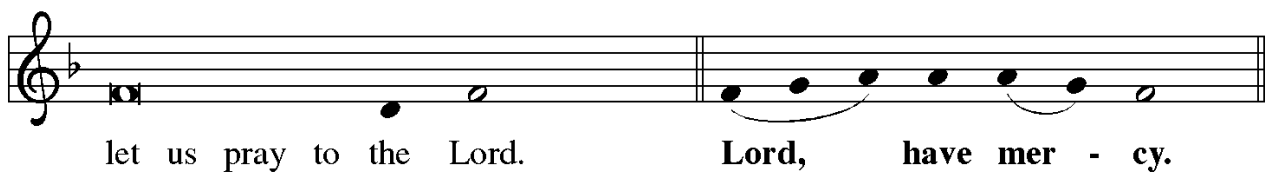
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



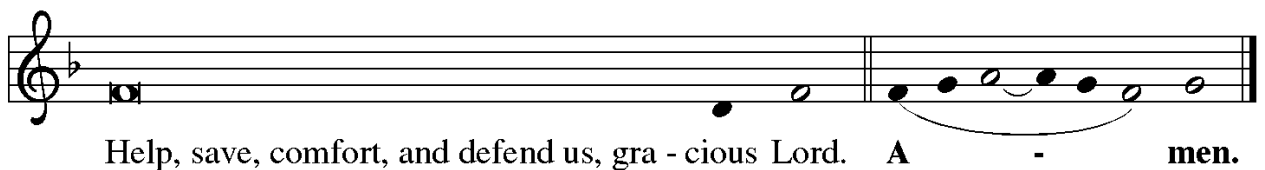
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



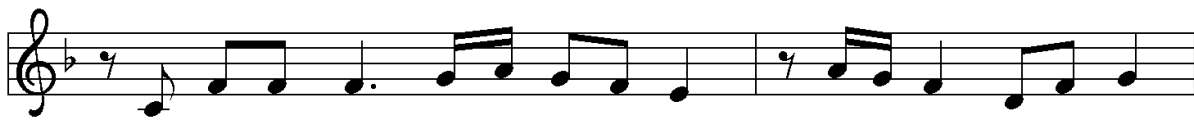
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Richard Neal

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

The first reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is recorded in Exodus, the 17th Chapter.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink."

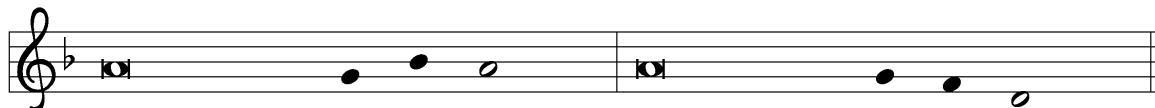
Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 95

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²**Let us come before God’s presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture
and the sheep | of God’s hand.

Oh, that today you would | hear God’s voice!

⁸**“Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 5th Chapter.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

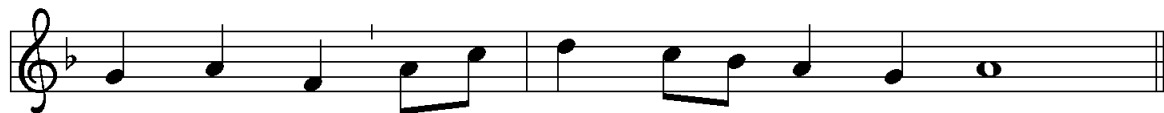
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-152

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

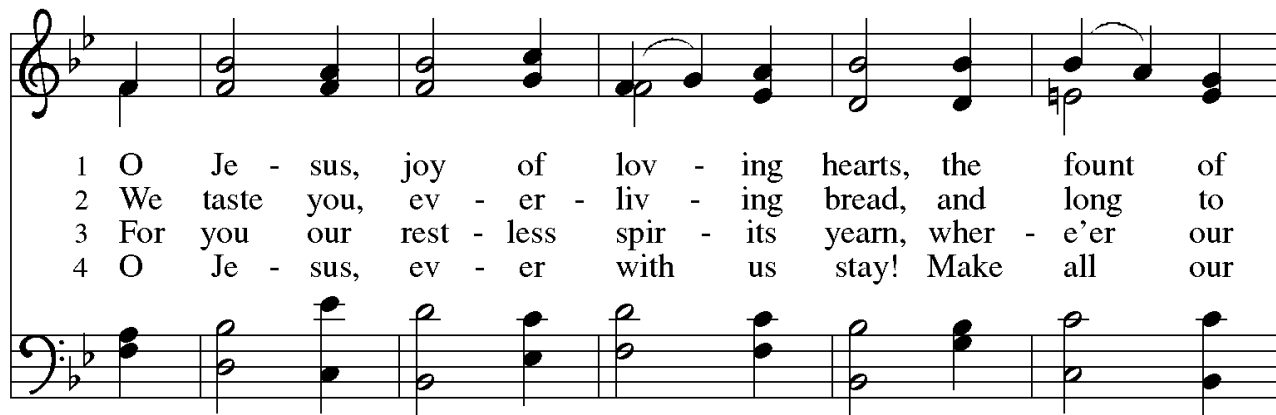
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Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts "Walton"

ELW 658



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, so all may know your life-giving love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness; for those nearing life's end, especially Lyn Searles; and for all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts... . Give them your living water always. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism and the children of our congregation, especially Ella and Sophie. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Wade in the Water

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

Ky VerHoef, *baritone*

Wade in the water, children, God's a-goin' to trouble the water.
See that band all dress'd in white.
The Leader looks like the Israelite.
See that band all dress'd in red.
It looks like the band dat Moses led.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

Text: Psalm 42: 1-3

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 of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.
Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

When you gave him to save us from our sin,

your Spirit led him into the wilderness,

where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to

life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days,

and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter,

you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts,

that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced

to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and...

Again after supper, he took the cup, ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy
Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

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.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

THE SOLO

The Wilderness
from *Two Biblical Songs*

Eric H. Thiman
(1900–1975)

Ky VerHoef, *baritone*

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)

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Living Water

Text: Helen Kennedy, *Mallaig Sprinkling Song* (1993)

Tom Trenney
(b. 1977)

Spirit of God, come dwell within me. Open my heart, oh, come set me free.
Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord, come fill me with living water.
Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak. Lord, come to me, you alone I seek.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Lord, you are life and hope and love, come fill me with living water.
Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me.
Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me. Come fill me with living water.

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.

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,

empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors

and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

(10:30)

Please be seated.

(10:30)

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Asperges me

Text: Psalm 51: 7, 1

Anton Bruckner

(1824-1896)

Sprinkle me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed:

Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love,

✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,

and the Holy Spirit of rebirth

bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

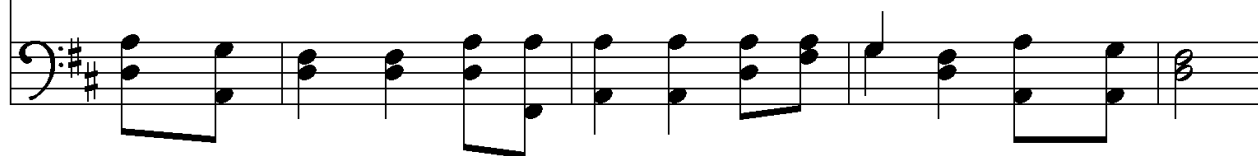
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing "Nettleton"

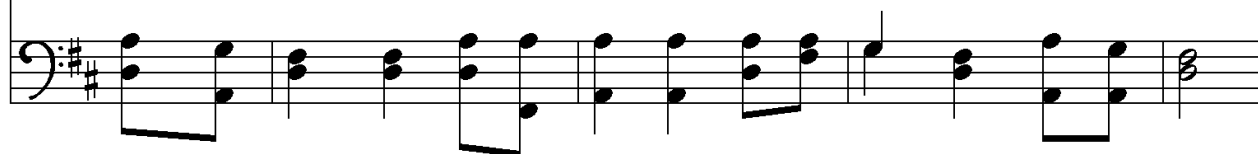
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1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



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.



THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.



*You are encouraged to take the bulletin
home with you for future reference.
Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bins
at the entrance ways.*

*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Chat with the Pastor (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

MONDAY, March 13, 2023

- 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous
- 6:30 p.m. Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus rehearsal (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Council/Call Committee Meeting (FR)

TUESDAY, March 14, 2023

- 12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)
- 6:30 p.m. Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus rehearsal (MC)

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Meeting (FR)

THURSDAY, March 16, 2023

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

SATURDAY, March 18, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus rehearsal (MC)

SUNDAY, March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Chat with the Pastor (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 3:00 p.m. Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus Concert (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 and reader is Dave Ulrich. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Maddie Brown.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Doug Alderdice. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matt Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Juan Perez. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Ellie Yap, Morgan Leiser and Rowan Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given:
In Loving Memory of Hildegarde Heidt from Paul Biesinger.

Collection counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Claire Carmer.

Council Member, Elizabeth Vihnanek, 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 Ella and Sophie Hartzell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO MONDAY BIBLE STUDY TOMORROW: Pastor Rich will continue next Monday, March 20 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

CHAT WITH THE PASTOR: Join Pastor Rich Sundays after the 8:30 a.m. worship service (approximately 9:40 a.m.) in the Fellowship Room for a time of fellowship and free-ranging conversation as we get to know his journey of faith, explore our own, and discuss our life and ministries at Holy Trinity.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will be held this Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room.

PLANT SALE: The annual LYO plant sale continues! The pick-up date for the plant sale will be Saturday, May 13. 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 by Sunday, March 26. 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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Thank you to everyone who donated to LWR for the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We were able to raise \$680.

MEDICAL DEBT RELIEF LENTEN COLLECTION: For the last three years during Lent, we have held a friendly "competition" to see who could collect the most toilet paper, female hygiene products, and diapers. This year the conference council would like to challenge congregations to collect **change for change**. We are working with nonprofit medical debt to make a difference. They have a unique model that combines generosity of donors with debt industry experts to produce a high volume of debt relief. Every \$100 dollars donated leads to about \$10,000 forgiven. We ask that you drop your spare change in the plastic jars located at the entrance ways. Thank you for your support.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The following date is available April 30th- 1 or 2 vases. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at mmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

CGN UPDATE: Mobile Food Pantry non-perishable donations needed, as fresh produce supplies will decrease with the winter season. **Only these specific items** are requested. **Breakfast food:** Cold and Hot Cereals, **Rice:** small bags or boxes ex. 1 or 2 lb. **Pasta with Sauce,** **Beans:** Canned or Dried, **Meats:** tuna or chicken, **Canned** fruits. PLEASE VERIFY DATES. NO expired foods can be given out. **Volunteer helpers** needed on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month for food distribution at 21 Doat St. next to Jericho Road Community Health Center from 10 am until the food is gone (Often only 1 hr). Other volunteer times are Monday mornings from 9-11 and Wednesdays from 12-2 to prepare and organize the non-perishables. See or contact Donna Leiser 716-868-3862 with any questions. More details in upcoming Holy Trinity Newsletter.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Our congregation will be collecting items to make Personal Care Kits for our neighbors around the world. Please see the flyers located on the tables at the entrance ways, or the weekly email for guidelines and more information. Please bring kits/items to the display near the church office (Kahler's Korner) by April 1.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: The 2023 Lenten Devotionals "Water & Spirit" are available on the tables at the entrance ways. Please feel free to take a copy.

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Mr. Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.



The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and Buffalo Chamber Players
present

**This is Our Story: Robert Cohen's *Alzheimer's Stories*
and J.S. Bach's *Magnificat***

Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 pm
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Tickets \$25 at www.bpchorus.org or by calling (716)980-5701
Tickets will be available at the door.

This is Our Story: an afternoon of hope and healing:
The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and Buffalo Chamber Players, in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association of Western New York, will present a moving performance under the baton of BPC Concert Master Dr. Adam Luebke. The first half of the concert will consist of Bach's *Magnificat*. During a brief intermission you can listen to a talk presented by the Buffalo Alzheimer's Association. The second half of the concert will be the moving and poignant work of Robert Cohen, *Alzheimer's Stories*.

Several of Holy Trinity's Lead Singers will be featured soloists, including Erin Alexander, *mezzo-soprano*, Amie Adams, *soprano*, and Ky VerHoef, *baritone*.

The BPO Chorus is offering a 30% ticket discount for Holy Trinity membership.

Visit www.bpchorus.org and enter "HOLYTRINITY" into the Promo Code, or scan the QR Code on one of the posters in the narthex.



2023 Lenten and Easter Worship

Palm Sunday, April 2

- 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 6

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

Good Friday, April 7

- 7:00 p.m.** Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 9

- 8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Group
10:00 a.m. Pre-service music
10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

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