

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023

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!
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on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

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INTRODUCTION

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on 'Lift High the Cross'

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (10:30)

Hosanna to the Son of David

Orlando Gibbons
(1583–1625)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the King of Israel, blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-11

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵“Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,
“Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.


Amen.

OPENING HYMN (PROCESSION WITH CHILDREN, 10:30)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor “Valet Will Ich Dir Geben”

ELW 344

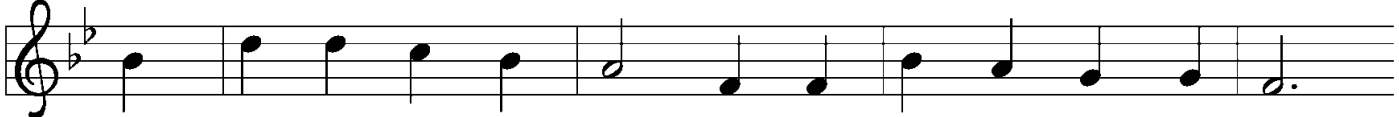
Refrain




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The first reading for Palm Sunday is recorded in Isaiah, the 50th Chapter.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ⁹It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my
belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are
consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a
dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my
life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, “You | are my God.**

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who | persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.”**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

The second reading for today is recorded in Philippians, the 2nd
Chapter.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality
with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking
the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
 ⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death—
 even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.


Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if 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: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

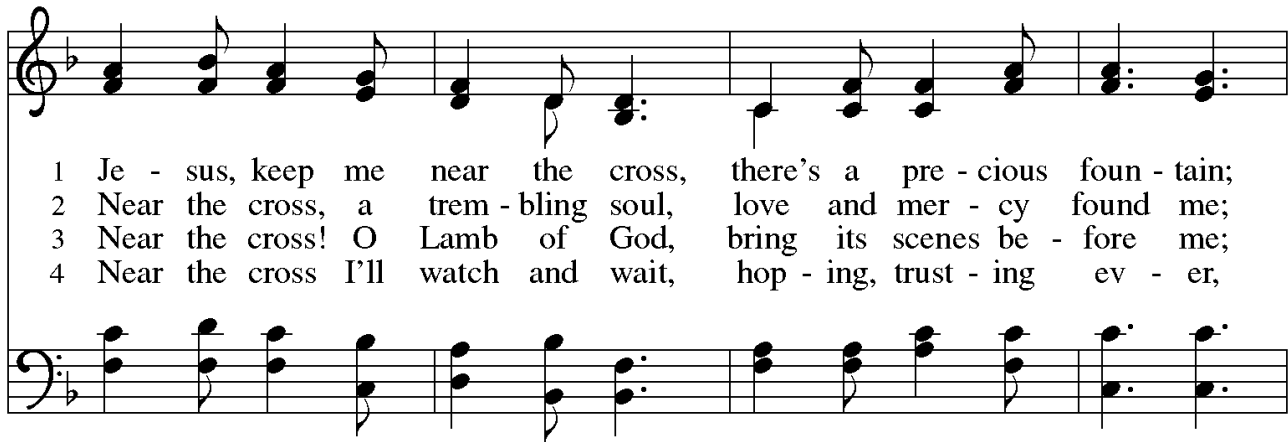
The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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

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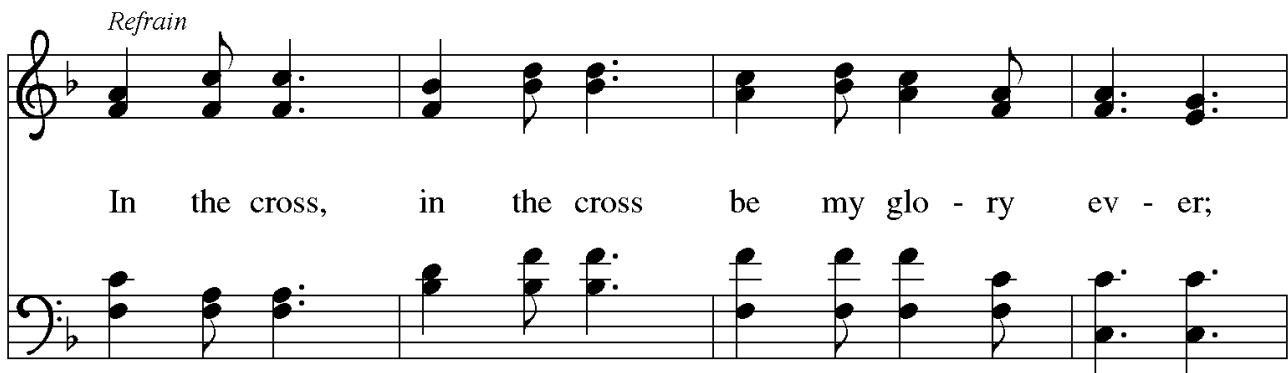


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

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 PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Now, O God, we have come to the week called “Holy” and to the defining test of our commitment to follow the way of our Lord Jesus. The scriptures tell us what awaits those who choose to endure in faith. And they tell us that to those who do, you offer the prize of eternal life. So into your hands we commit our spirit. Into your hands, the open and defenseless hands of love; into your hands, the accepting and welcoming hands of love; into your hands, the firm and reliable hands of love, we commit our spirit. Sustained by your abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Save your church, O God. Enable us to boldly confess in every time and place that Jesus Christ is Lord. Give us the humility of a servant, and equip your church in every place to proclaim your extravagant love for all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save your creation, O God. Every living being you have made has purpose. Renew our appreciation of farm animals who labor in the fields, service animals who accompany their human companions, and beloved pets who live alongside us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save the peoples of the earth, O God. Restore dignity to those who are scorned and persecuted for their religious beliefs or political activism, and deliver them from the hand of their enemies. Bring peace to places where conflict runs deep. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save those who cry to you in any need, O God. Watch over all who are incarcerated or awaiting trial, and stand with those who are unjustly accused. Be present with those feeling isolated, lonely, or fearful and for all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save us in your love, O God. Guide the work of all who minister in your church and assist in worship. Sustain them in their leadership as they accompany congregations through this Holy Week. Bless us and the children of our congregation, especially Charlotte and Genevieve. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Save us at the last, O God. We give you thanks for Lyn Searles and all your saints who embodied your servant love. As you came to their aid, so deliver us in times of trial, that every knee would bend in praise to 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)

MOTET AT THE OFFERING

Ride on, King Jesus!

African-American Spiritual
arr. Bruce Trinkley

(Refrain) Ride on, King Jesus! No man can a-hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on! No man can a-hinder me.
I was but young when I begun, No man can a-hinder me;
But now my race is almost done, No man can a-hinder me. *(Refrain)*
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man can a-hinder me.
The river of Jordan He did cross, No man can a-hinder me. *(Refrain)*
If you want to find your way to God, No man can a-hinder me,
The gospel highway must be trod, No man can a-hinder me. *(Refrain)*

(10:30)

MOTET AT THE OFFERING

Ride on, King Jesus!

African-American Spiritual

arr. Moses Hogan
(1957-2003)

Tyler Huk, *tenor*

Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

(Refrain) Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquerin' king.
Oh, Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can a-hinder thee.
I was but young when I begun, No man, no, can a-hinder thee;
But now my race is almost done, No man, no, can a-hinder thee. *(Refrain)*
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse, No man can a-hinder thee.
The river of Jordan He did cross, No man can a-hinder thee. *(Refrain)*
He's the King, and the Lord of all. No man can a-hinder thee.
Jesus is the first and He's the last. Jesus is the Lord, Lord of Lords.
Jesus is the Prince, Prince of peace. No man can a-hinder thee. *(Refrain)*

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.

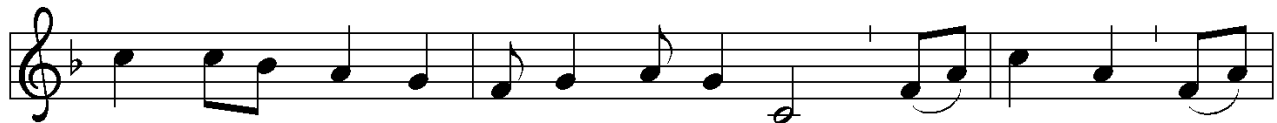
PREFACE

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,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.

He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
being born in our likeness.

He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

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.

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

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

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we 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.

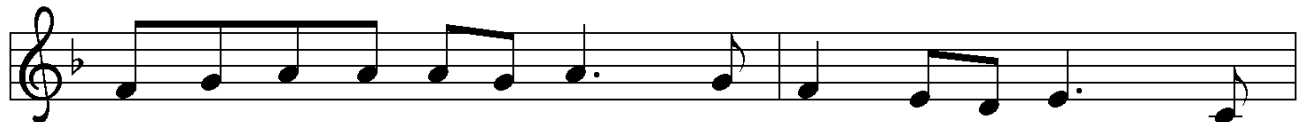
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly
banquet.

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.

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.

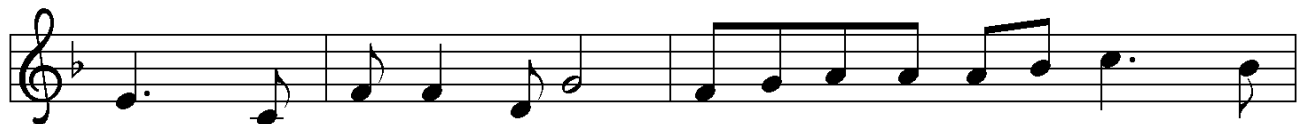
AGNUS DEI



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.

Please be seated.

THE 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.

MOTET AT COMMUNION

Ave Verum Corpus

Sarah McDonald
(b. 1968)

Erin Alexander, *conductor* (10:30)

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste
in the trial of death!

MOTET AT COMMUNION (10:30)

There is a Balm in Gilead

African-American Spiritual
arr. William Dawson
(1899-1990)

Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (*Refrain*)

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say "He died for all." (*Refrain*)

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.

BENEDICTION

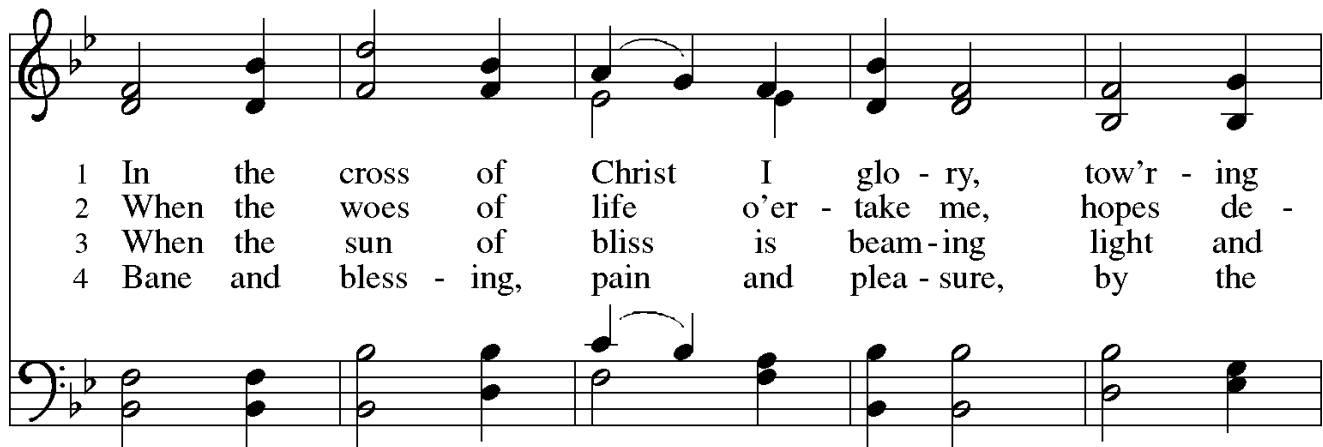
God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the
Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory "Rathbun"

ELW 324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

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, April 2, 2023 – Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (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, April 3, 2023

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

TUESDAY, April 4, 2023

- 12:00 p.m. Needlers (FR)
- 5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)

THURSDAY, April 6, 2023 *Maundy Thursday*

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)

FRIDAY, April 7, 2023 *Good Friday*

- 9:00 a.m. Easter Lilies delivered
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service (MC)

SATURDAY, April 8, 2023

- 11:45 a.m. Easter Rehearsal (MC)
- 2:00 p.m. Easter Lily Set Up (MC)

SUNDAY, April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-Service Music (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion w/Choir/Brass
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)

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 Linda Schmidt. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Avery Best.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Jen Yap. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider and Joe and Martha Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Ellie Yap, Morgan Leiser and Rowan Leiser.

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.

Collection counters are Claire Carmer, Linda Horton and Sue Spindler.

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 Charlotte and Genevieve Leiser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY will be on break for the Easter holiday. **We will return on Monday, April 17 at 9:30am** and continue with a new topic to be chosen by participants. All are welcome.

CPR, AED, NARCAN FOR EMERGENCY USE: The Health Ministries team is planning to arrange instruction for safe and proper response to someone experiencing cardiac arrest. If you are interested in being trained, please notify the church office. We will need your name and contact number or email. Classes will be arranged pending interest responses. If you are currently certified, please notify the office as well.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Our congregation has been 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. This is the final day to bring kits/items to the display near the church office (Kahler's Korner).

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.

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 msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$50.00 each.

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.

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.



2023 Holy Week and Easter Worship

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 in Redeemer Hall

10:00 a.m. Pre-service music

10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with
Choir/Brass/Organ

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