

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 16, 2023 Second Sunday of Easter 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. You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo, on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE

Alleluias

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

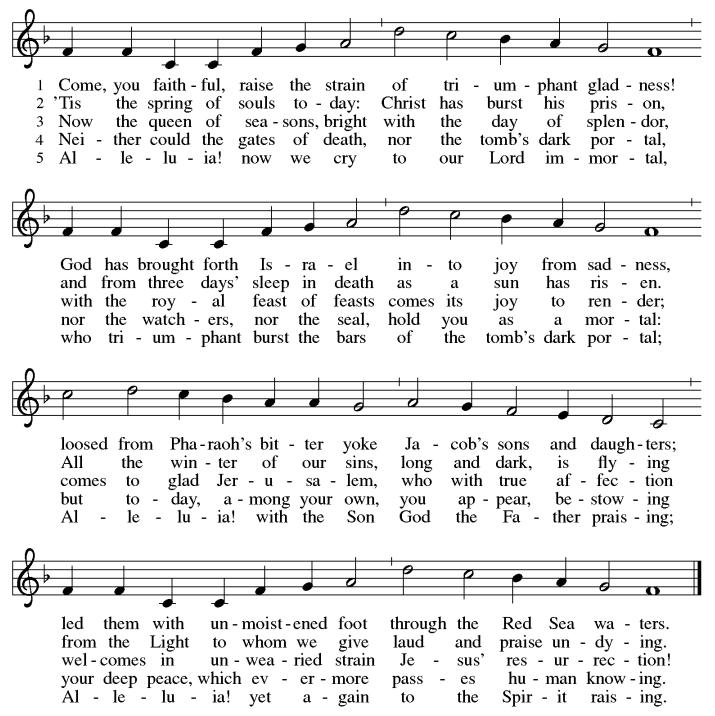
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain "Gaudeamus Pariter"

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

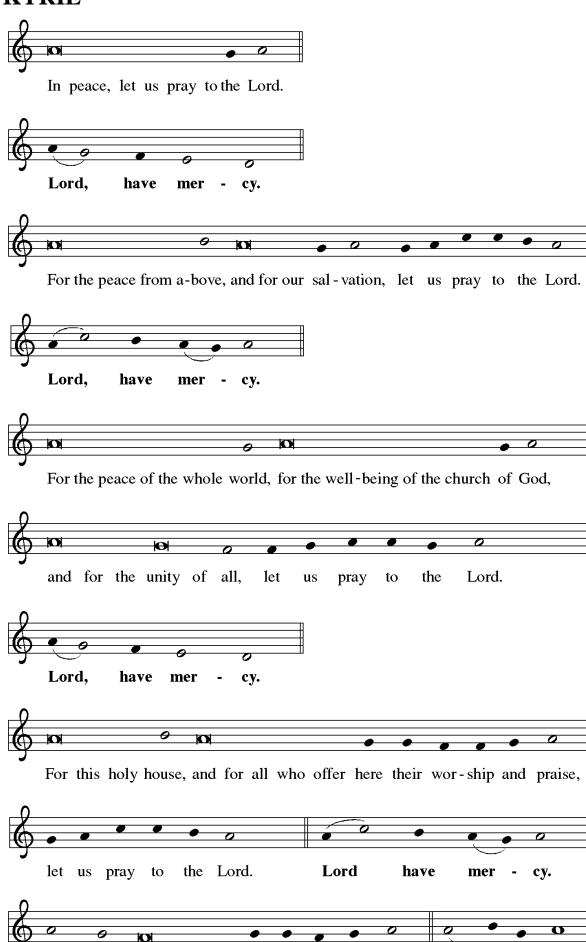
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all. Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

KYRIE



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

The first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 2^{nd} Chapter.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

THE ANTHEM

Sound the Trumpet

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

Amie Adams, *soprano* Nicole Brendel, *soprano* Shannon Levine, *cello* (10:30)

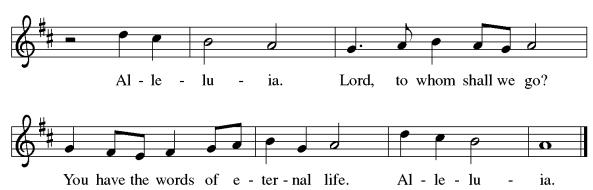
Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet! Sound, sound, sound the trumpet till around You make the list'ning shores rebound. On the sprightly hautboy play All the instruments of joy That skillful numbers can employ, To celebrate the glories of this day.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Peter, the 1st Chapter. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

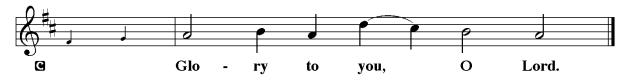
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy gospel according to Saint John



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

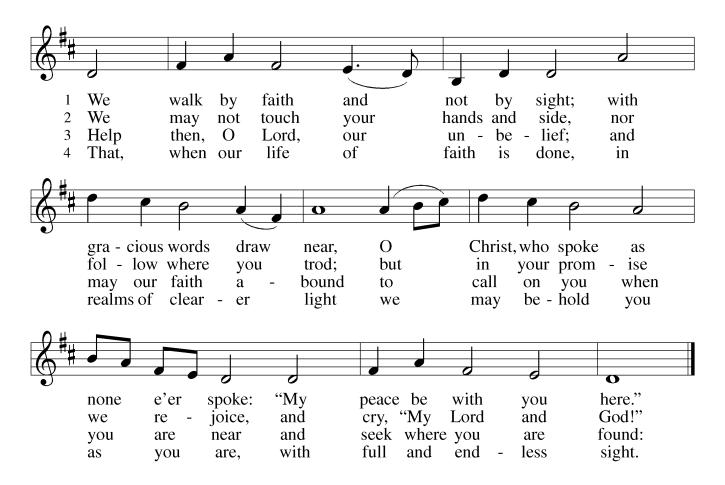
The Rev. Richard Neal

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight "Dunlap's Creek"

WOV 675



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Faithful God, who when we doubt gives us your assistance in overcoming our unbelief: through your prophet you assure us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and trust shall we find our strength. When we wander, guide us home; when we are restless, calm our hearts; when the din of distractions arises in us, tune our hearts to hear what you speak in the sound of sheer silence; and when our trust in what we see proves misplaced, renew our trust in your hidden and eternal presence. United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, help us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection refreshes a weary world. Empower us that, following the example of the women at the tomb, we may boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

As you breathed your Spirit upon the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with your sufficiency in all seasons. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders. Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership may reflect your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any who are isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief and all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Bless us and the children of our congregation, especially Morgan and Rowan. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Resurrecting God, you bring us into new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love. We remember especially the life, love and faith of June Erler and Sally Mix. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from Messiah HWV 56 Text: Job 19:25 George Frideric Händel (1685-1759)

Amie Adams, soprano

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "Old Hundredth" Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

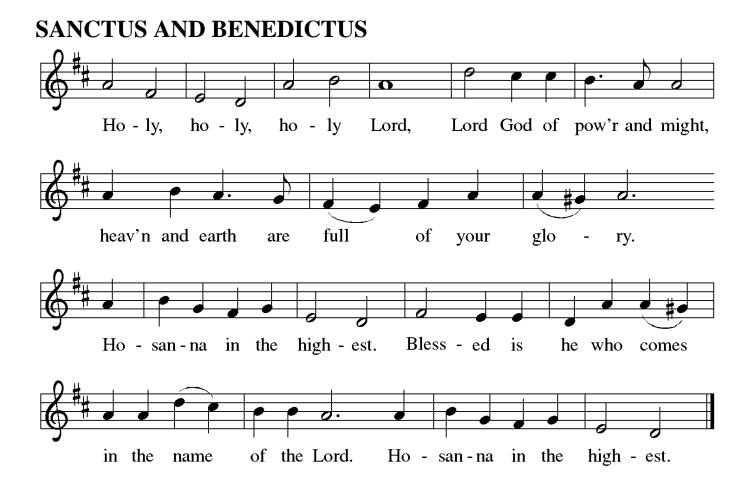
DIALOGUE

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:

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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

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.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

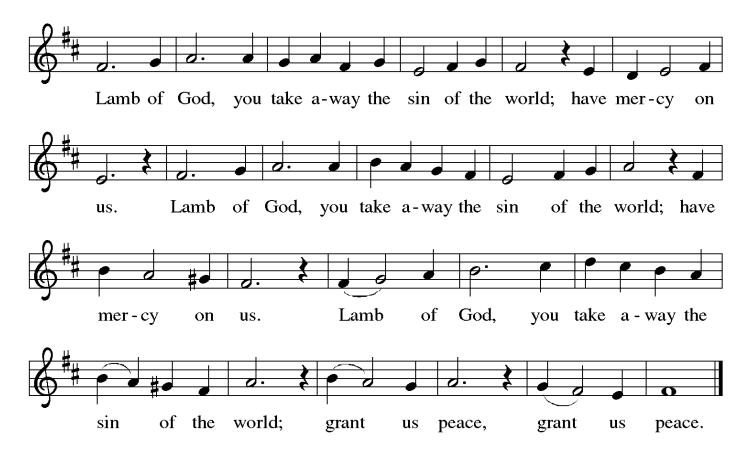
Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.

THE AGNUS DEI



Please be seated.

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

American Folk Hymn arr. Richard Walters (b. 1965)

Amie Adams, *soprano* Nicole Brendel, *soprano*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down, O my soul, O my soul. When I was sinking down He lay aside His crown for my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

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. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

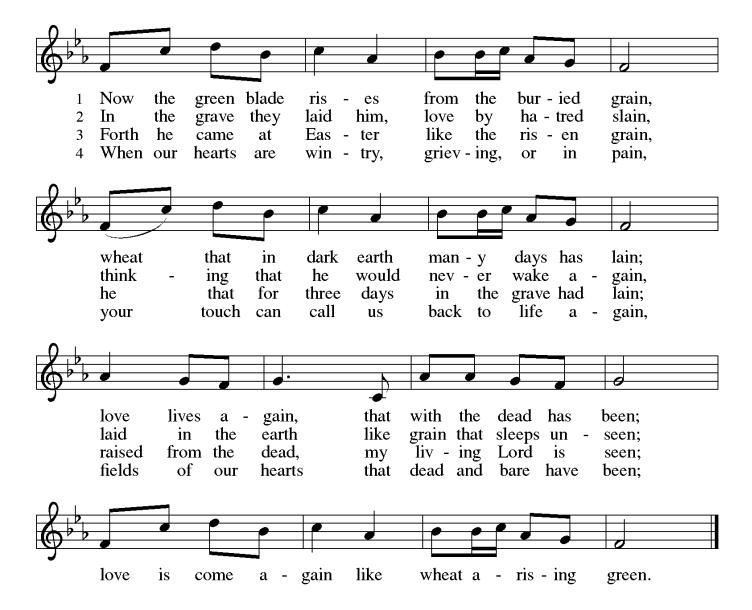
BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises "Noël Nouvelet"

ELW 379



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THE DISMISSAL Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Noël Nouvelet

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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.

There will be no coffee hour today. The kitchen crew thanks everyone for coming to the Easter brunch and will be taking a week to recuperate.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, April 16, 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH) 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC) MONDAY, April 17, 2023 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR) 6:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous (RH) TUESDAY, April 18, 2023 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting (Zoom) WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2023 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR) THURSDAY, April 20, 2023 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH) 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH) SATURDAY, April 22, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Retreat (FR) SUNDAY, April 23, 2023 – Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH) 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC) 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH) 12:00 p.m. Evangelical Outreach Meeting (FR) 12:00 p.m. Social Media Task Force Meeting (FI) CH = Mansperger Chapel CI = Crib Room CR = Conference RoomFI = Fireside Room/Library FR = Fellowship Room MC = Main ChurchMR = Music RoomPS = Pastor's StudyRH = Redeemer Hall SC = SacristySS = Sunday SchoolYR = Youth Room



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Judy Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Max Peterson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Fred Howard. Reader is Marty Bauer. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolytes are Maddie Brown, Avery Best, Adrianna Wareham and Max Hakansson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Arthur and Dorothy York from their families; and

In Loving Memory of parents Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Claus and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schopp by Gwendolyn Schopp.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice and Paul and Karen Bauchle.

Council Treasurer Fred Howard 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 Morgan and Rowan Leiser.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY returns tomorrow at 9:30am. We will begin a six-week series introducing five distinct ways to pray with scripture using an ancient practice called *lectio divina*, or divine reading. All are welcome.

LYO PLANTS: The pick-up date for the LYO plant sale will be Saturday, May 13 from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

LILLIES: Easter flowers are available. Please feel free to take one for yourself, a family member or even a friend. They will be available following today's service.

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, contact number or email. Classes will be arranged pending interest response. If you are currently certified, please notify the office

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

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.



Upcoming Organ Recital!

Holy Trinity is proud to welcome celebrated organist Janette Fishell in recital on the Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ, Saturday, April 29 at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Fishell is Professor of Organ and Chair of the Organ Department at the Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University, where she teaches Applied Organ and Organ Pedagogy. Her students have distinguished careers as performers, educators, and church musicians throughout the US, Europe, and Asia.

A frequent guest artist and teacher at conservatories, universities and civic concert series throughout the United States, she has been a featured solo recitalist at three national conventions of the American Guild of Organists and will be the first female recitalist to present the endowed Saint Cecelia Recital at the 2024 Biennial Convention of the AGO in San Francisco. In addition, she frequently plays concert tours in Europe, the United Kingdom and Asia and regularly teaches at international summer schools in the US and England.

The recital program of French music will include works by César Franck (1882-1890), Charles Tournemire (1870-1939), Louis Vierne (1870-1937), Elsa Barraine (1910-1989) and Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986).

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