

*The Festival Service
of
Holy Communion*

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

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*Preservice Music  
at 10:00 a.m.  
Service at 10:30 a.m.*

## *Preservice Music*

### *Sarabande for the Morning of Easter* (1940)

No. 2 from Six Pieces for Organ

Kristen Pomietlarz, *organ*

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

### *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.

### *My Master From A Garden Rose*

Text: Gordon Ellsworth Young (1919–1998)

Eleanor Daley

(b. 1955)

My master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare,

for tender hands had laid him there to rest amid the roses.

‘Twas on a cross they laid him bare, and pierced his hands with nails,  
that we poor men might live again and be with him in glory.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

My master from a garden rose to go for us to heav’n,

and he will come and take us there, to be with him, forever.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

### *The Lamb*

Text: William Blake (1757–1827)

John Tavener

(1944–2013)

Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?

Gave thee life, and bid thee feed, by the stream and o’er the mead,

gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly bright,

gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, I’ll tell thee: He is called by thy name, for He calls Himself a Lamb.

He is meek, and He is mild; He became a little child.

I a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by His name.

Little Lamb, God bless thee!

*Magdalen, Cease from Sobs and Sighs*  
Text: *Pone luctum, Magdalena*, tr. G.R. Woodward

arr. Peter Hurford  
(1930-2019)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs; wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes.  
Simon the leper's feast is o'er; Christ today needs thy nard no more.  
Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice, now thousand times uplift thy voice.  
Alleluia.  
Magdalen, bind upon thee now garland of gladness o'er thy brow.  
Banish'd afar is grief and pain; welcome is sunshine after rain.  
For Jesus Christ the world hath freed, triumphing over death indeed.  
Alleluia.

*(Please stand as the choir processes into the sanctuary.)*

*Victimae Paschali*  
11th Century, Plainsong Sequence, Mode I

ascribed to Wipo of Burgundy  
(c. 995-1050)

Christians, to the Paschal victim; offer your thankful praises!  
A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless,  
reconcileth sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
the Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring what thou sawest wayfaring.  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living; the glory of Jesus' resurrection.  
Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.  
Yea, Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee he goes before you."  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

*Haec dies*

William Byrd  
(1543–1623)

This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia.

*Christus est Stella*

Text: The Venerable Bede (673-735)

Will Todd  
(b. 1970)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Christ is the morning star, Alleluia;  
who when the night of this world is past, Alleluia,  
promises and reveals to his saints, Alleluia,  
the everlasting light of life, Alleluia.

*Easter Triumph, Easter Joy!*

Carson Cooman  
(b. 1982)

Easter triumph! Easter joy! Jesus lives and death is destroyed.  
Cross and grave are past. Jesus lives at last. Sing and shout the gospel message.  
Let our alleluias blaze. Alleluia.

Jesus Christ, our world's redeemer, came to earth, sent by God's hand.  
Now he reigns in heavenly triumph, tell the news throughout the land.  
Bring the blazing gospel message to our world so full of need.  
Jesus reigns alive and active, bringing life in word and deed.

# ***The Order of Worship***

## ***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 AND WELCOME**

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.*

## **THE ENTRANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

*The Crucifer and Cantor bearing last year's paschal candle  
lead the procession into the darkened church.*

*Three times during the procession, this versicle and response are sung:*

|                                                                                    |                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Cantor:</i>                                                                     | <i>Congregation:</i> |
|  |                      |
| The light of Christ.                                                               | Thanks be to God.    |

*(When the paschal candle reaches the chancel,  
the congregation may be seated.)*

*The Easter Proclamation*  
from the "Exultet"

Plainsong, Mode III

Timothy Flynn, *bass* Colleen Flynn, *soprano*  
Tyler Huk, *tenor* Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,  
and let your trumpets shout salvation for the  
victory of our mighty king.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,  
bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has  
been vanquished by our eternal king.

Rejoice and be glad now, mother church,  
and let your holy courts in radiant light  
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,  
pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing  
the worthy praise of this light; through Jesus Christ  
his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Choir: Amen.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should with full devotion of heart and mind and voice praise the invisible God Almighty, and God's only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ: who paid for us the debt of Adam, and who by his precious blood redeemed us from the bondage to the ancient sin.

For this indeed is the paschal feast in which the true lamb is slain,

**C: by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.**

P: You delivered our forebears, the children of Israel, from the land of Egypt;

**C: and led them, dry-shod, through the Red Sea.**

P: This, indeed, is the day in which the shadows of sin

**C: has been purged away by the rising brightness.**

P: This is the day in which all who believe in Christ

**C: are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin.**

P: This is the day in which, breaking the chains of death,

**C: Christ arises from hell in triumph.**

P: For it would have profited us nothing to be born

**C: had we not also been redeemed.**

P: Oh, how wonderful the condescension of your loving kindness! Oh, how inestimable the goodness of your love,

**C: that to redeem a slave you delivered up your Son!**

P: O necessary sin of Adam that is wiped away by the death of Christ!

**C: O happy fault that was worthy to have so great a Redeemer!**

P: The holiness of this time puts to flight the deeds of wickedness;

**C: washes away sin;**

P: restores innocence to the fallen,

**C: and joy to those who mourn;**

P: casts out hate;

**C: brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.**

P: Therefore, on this day of grace, receive, O holy God, this morning sacrifice of praise; which the Church lays before you in the solemn offering of the candle.

*The Christ candle is lit.*

**C: We sing the glories of this flame, the brightness of which is not diminished, even when its light is divided and borrowed.**

P: We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the evil of our time and be mingled with the lights of heaven.

**C: May the Holy One who is the morning star find it burning, that morning star which never sets, that morning star which, rising again from the grave, faithfully sheds light on all the human race.**



- P: And we pray, O Lord, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole Church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing;
- C: **through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## **YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Amabile Alleluia*

Sarah Quartel  
(b. 1982)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **THE GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*Ceremonial Music*

I. Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell  
(1659-1695)

Holy Trinity Brass Ensemble

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## **THE GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

<sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **THE PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS and THE FESTIVAL PROCESSION**

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

**THE SERMON**

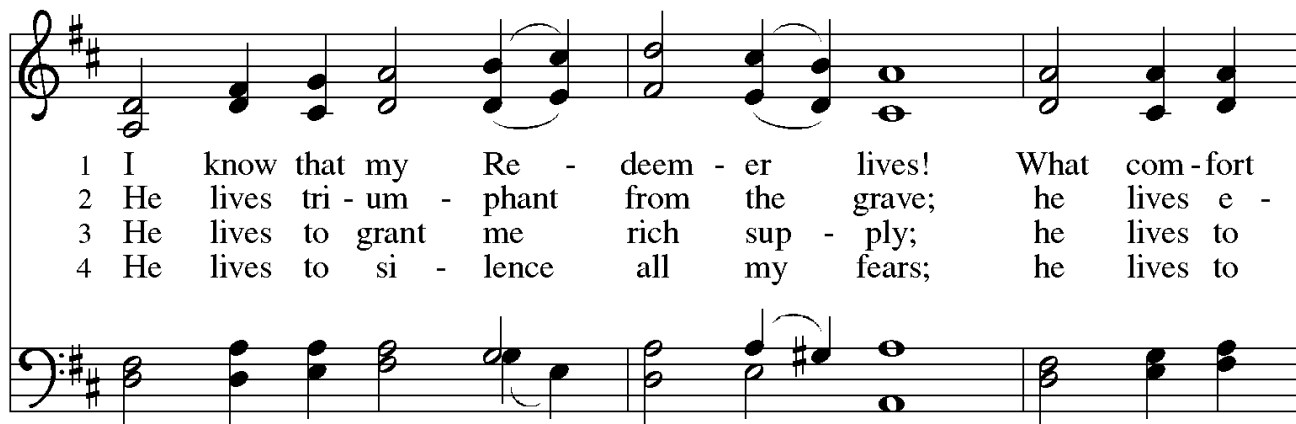
The Rev. Richard Neal

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

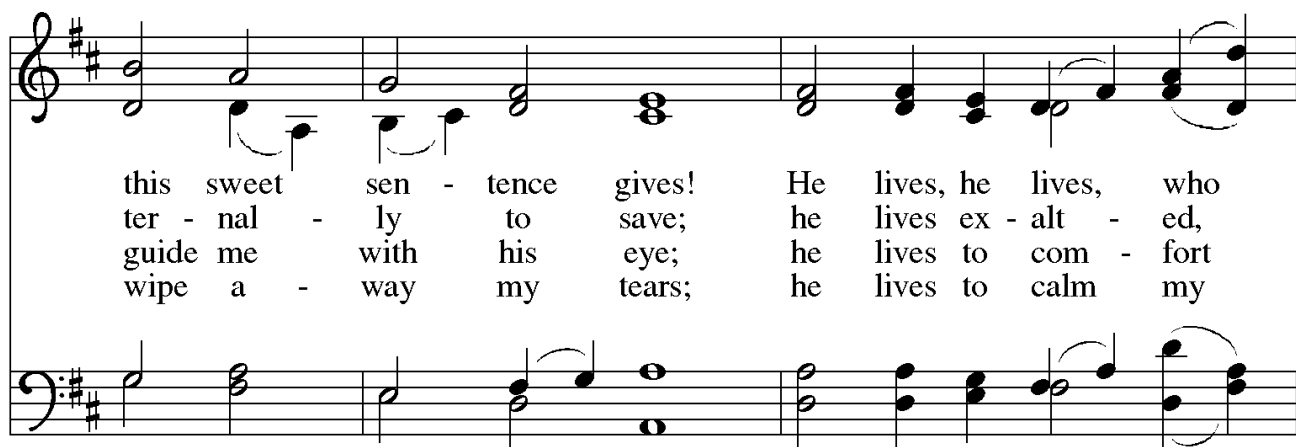
# THE SERMON HYMN

*I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* "Duke Street"

ELW 619 (vs. 1-3, 8)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Almighty God, who in Christ Jesus overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin to life everlasting; through that same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, help us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them and all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.... Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

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.**

## **THE 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.*

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## **THE OFFERING**

*As part of our outreach into our neighborhood, city and region, Holy Trinity has supported a variety of social ministry agencies throughout the years. This year, we have shared gifts with: Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation, Caribbean Children's Foundation, Lutheran Charities of WNY, The Network of Religious Communities, School 17, Reconciling Works, Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Lutheran World Relief, Voice Buffalo, Community of Good Neighbors, LuMin Campus Ministry and many local community ministries. Your generosity at Eastertime helps to support these valuable ministries. Thank you!*

## THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*The Earth Is Risen*

Text: Samuel Longfellow (1812-1892); altered, G. Walker

Gwyneth Walker

(b. 1947)

Now the earth is ris'n again from the Winter's bond and pain.  
Bring we leaf and flow'r and spray to adorn this Easter, this holy day.  
(The earth is risen, risen, risen, risen...)  
Once again the word comes true. All the earth is born a-new.  
Now the coldest days are o'er, and light and gladness as before.  
(The earth is risen, the word comes true. All the earth is born a-new.)  
How our hearts leap with the spring! How our voices soar and sing!  
Life has triumphed over death, and beauty rises, sings on ev'ry breath.  
(Sing, my soul! O sing, my soul!)  
Change, then, mourning into praise. With loudest voices anthems raise.  
All our fears and griefs shall be lost in immortality (in immortality).  
How our hearts leap with the Spring! How our spirits soar and sing!  
For now, beyond the depths of pain, all the earth is risen, all the earth is risen.  
Christ our Lord is risen again, risen again!

*(Please Stand as you are able.)*

## THE PRAYER AT THE OFFERING

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.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW 884

“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.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

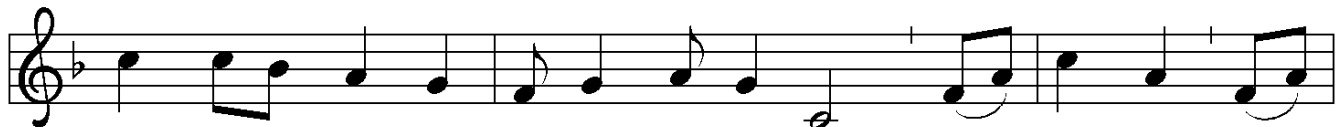
## THE PROPER PREFACE

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

## THE 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.  
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.  
By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead  
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.  
Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

In the night in which he was betrayed, . . .  
After supper, he took the cup, . . .

On the day you raised him from the dead  
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,  
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued  
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of 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.

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.**

## 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 congregation may 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 ANTHEMS

*My Lord What a Mornin'*

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

Naji Powe, *tenor*

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning!  
O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner cry, To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.

*Now The Green Blade Riseth*

Text: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

Bob Chilcott  
(b. 1955)

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
What that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
Thinking that never he would wake again,  
Laid in the earth, like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain,  
Quick from the dead my Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Thy touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

*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.

*The Eyes Of All Hope In Thee, O Lord*

Richard Felciano

(b. 1930)

The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thy hand, and thou fillest ev'ry living creature with thy blessing.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
My heart is ready, O God, I will sing and will give praise to thee, my glory.  
The eyes of all hope in thee, O Lord.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**THE 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.**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

May God's Word be in your heart and on your lips.  
May God's Word be in your touch and in your path.  
On this day and all your days to come,  
may God's living Word be the life you live.  
**Amen.**

## **THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*Hallelujah*  
from *Messiah* HWV 56

Georg Frideric Händel  
(1685-1759)

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;  
and he shall reign for ever and ever: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.  
Hallelujah!

# THE CLOSING HYMN

*Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee* "Hymn to Joy"

ELW 836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!



## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata* from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor

(1844-1937)

*Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude  
and the cross has returned to the chancel.*



*A joyous and blessed Easter to all!*

*Coffee hour will not be held today  
but will resume next Sunday, April 16,  
after the 10:30 am service.*



## Acknowledgements

The organs in the church are a gift to the glory of God in loving memory of Margaret L. Wendt, given by the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation.

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Holy Trinity Chancel Choir  
Easter 2023

Justin T. Pomietlarz, *conductor* 2003

|                                       |                                         |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Amie Adams, <i>soprano</i> 2022       | Tyler Huk, <i>tenor</i> 2021            |
| Erin Alexander, <i>alto</i> 2021      | Brian Ibsen, <i>baritone</i> 2021       |
| Jon Barber, <i>tenor</i> 2022         | Carolyn Lansom, <i>alto</i> 2008        |
| Michael Blaschke, <i>tenor</i> 2015   | Stefanie Lizauckas, <i>soprano</i> 2005 |
| Nicole Brendel, <i>soprano</i> 2022   | Ryan Lockwood, <i>baritone</i> 2019     |
| Cristine Campana, <i>soprano</i> 1997 | Meredith McIntyre, <i>alto</i> 2021     |
| Daniel Culross, <i>tenor</i> 2005     | Riley Nahlik, <i>tenor</i> 2023         |
| Colleen Flynn, <i>soprano</i> 2004    | Kristen Pomietlarz, <i>alto</i> 2017    |
| Timothy Flynn, <i>bass</i> 2002       | Naji Powe, <i>tenor</i> 2022            |
| Jamie Gangemi, <i>alto</i> 2023       | Julie Tunstall, <i>soprano</i> 2008     |
| John Georger, <i>bass</i> 2008        | Ky VerHoef, <i>baritone</i> 2022        |
| Sarah Haykel, <i>alto</i> 2023        | Ellie Yap, <i>soprano</i> 2022          |
| Holly Holdaway, <i>soprano</i> 2005   | Jennifer Yap, <i>soprano</i> 1998       |

Each singer in the Chancel Choir makes a devoted personal commitment of time and musicianship to sing in this beloved ensemble.

We honor them by recognizing the year in which they first came – sharing their voice, heart and spirit – to sing at Holy Trinity.

Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants who minister in Thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



***Holy Trinity Instrumentalists***

*Trumpets*

Mark Filsinger, James Francisco

*French Horn*

John Georger

*Trombones*

Gerald Bacon, Diana Bley

*Tuba*

Stephanie Magera

*Percussion*

Andrew Ziemba



***Worship Assistants***

Lead Crucifer ~ Timothy Yap

Torch Bearers ~ Rowan Leiser, Ellie Yap

Missal Bearer ~ Avery Best

Pastor's Crucifer ~ Morgan Leiser

Torch Bearer ~ Maddy Brown

***Ushers***

Marty Bauer (captain), Matt Brown, Carole Casterline,  
Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Juan Perez

***Information Desk***

Council Secretary Linda Horton will be at the Information Desk to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute  
and harp, to the melody of the lyre.  
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at  
the works of your hands I sing for joy. (*Psalms 92*)

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Our congregation has been blessed extraordinarily  
with members and friends whose love of music and  
exceptional generosity make possible the special  
presentation we offer each Easter.  
Holy Trinity Church wishes to acknowledge and give  
thanks for gifts given in loving memory of:  
Elizabeth Lochhaas, Jack Grabenstatter  
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth H. Eckhert, Sr.  
Mr. & Mrs. James Marion Geiger, Helen Geiger,  
and Ruth H. Geiger



## *Flowers*

The flowers at the altar are given In Loving Memory of Rudolf and Elizabeth Rick by Martin and Helen Wright; and In Honor of my children and grandchildren by Richard Lee.

We are grateful for the many Easter flowers which have also been placed in the chancel today in memory and honor of loved ones.

*Easter lilies were placed in the chancel in loving memory of:*

The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller by Joan Miller

Louis, Vera and Robert Hoebel by Paul A. Hoebel

Elaine Fuhlbruck by Paul A. Hoebel

James and Elizabeth Manzella by Mary and Kurt Kaufmann

Carl and Frances Kaufmann by Kurt and Mary Kaufmann

Jeanette A. Kuck by Kurt, Mary, Alexander and Emily Kaufmann

Jacqueline Ruth Holcombe by Her Family

Theresa “Grammy” Pomietlarz and all of our Grandparents by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz

James Hollands by Al and Prudence P. Hollands

Nelson J. Palmer by Al and Prudence P. Hollands

Jane P. Schaefer by Al and Prudence P. Hollands

William and Mabel Johnson by Thomas Johnson

Parents Carolyn and Henry Hughes, brothers Robert and Carlton and nephew David Hughes by Karen Saona

Parents Margarita and Raúl Saona and sister Violeta Saona by Raúl Saona

David Vihnanek by Elizabeth Vihnanek

Dave Grabenstatter by his wife Nanc and son Eric

Grandson Dakota Jacob Lee by Richard J. Lee

Our dear parents Vi and Layton Leiser and Vicki and John Caffarelli by Ron and Donna Leiser

My parents, Clifford and June Hehr, by David Hehr

*In loving memory of:*

Our parents, Anthony J. & Vera B. DeSabio, and Harry B. L. Carden  
& Patricia Carden by Chris & Darlene Carden

Sandra Walker by Thomas Johnson

Our parents by Jayne and Doug Lloyd

William, Eleanor, Carol and Nancy Wolf by Linda Patricola

Earl Kunz by Heidi, Margaret and Sarah Kunz

Ruth S. Bloos by Heidemarie Kunz

Michael G. Bloos by Heidemarie Kunz

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Elaine Fuhlbruck, Melissa Thomasula and Aaron Fuhlbruck by their  
Families

Karl and Ruth Huber by Guy Huber

William Bradley, Sr. by Paula Bradley

William Bradley, Jr. by Paula Bradley

Phillip Bradley by Paula Bradley

Teddy Bradley by Paula Bradley

John, Dan, Josh and Daniel by John and Gail Camilleri

Kenneth James by Ruth James

John Camilleri, Jr., by Ruth James

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Bauchle, Albert T. Bauchle, Robert Klas, Shirley Klas and Robert R.  
Klas by Paul and Karen Bauchle

Georgia S. Murphy by Daniel Culross

Walter and Doris Stroman, Marion Trier and Frank Ricchiazzi by  
The Battaglia Family

*In honor of:*

Holy Trinity's Choir Family by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz  
Caleb, Teddy, Gabriel, Samuel, Ana Sophia by Richard J. Lee

Our sons, their wives, our grandchildren and great grandchildren by  
Ron and Donna Leiser

Our son John and granddaughter Felicia by Dave and Mary Linda  
Schmidt

All those people who work for the good of all by Pam and Neil  
Kattermann

All HTLC Staff by Doug Alderdice

Matthew, Lauren, Brad and Wesley by Claire Carmer

The HT Staff – Thank you – by Guy Huber

Maria Theresia Lehmann and Maria Philomena Muller by Uli  
MacDonald

Our grandkids, Ella Hope, Hannah Grace and Walker James by Paul  
and Karen Bauchle

*In Thanksgiving:*

for the blessings of Alexander and Emily by Kurt and Mary Kaufmann  
for all the blessings and gifts received for I am forever grateful by  
Guy Huber

*To the Glory of God*

by Jim and Norine Dunnigan

*In loving memory of loved ones by:* Carol Alderdice, Adrienne M.  
Domster, Alberta Matesick



## *A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS*

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY will be on break for the Easter holiday. **We will return on Monday, April 17 at 9:30am.** 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.

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.

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 30<sup>th</sup>- 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](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) 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.

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