



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 11, 2024  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Celebrating our 145<sup>th</sup> 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 yellow Welcome 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**

*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Metamorphosis Two*

Philip Glass  
(b. 1937)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(10:30)

### **INTROIT**

from *Koyaanisqatsi: Life Out of Balance*

Text: Hopi Language

Philip Glass  
(b. 1937)

The Tenors and Basses of the Chancel Choir

Koyaanisqatsi (Life out of balance.)

#### **For CARDIAC EMERGENCIES:**

Our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)

is located in the Sacristy on the wall near the window.

Look for the First Aid and AED sign near the top of the door to the Sacristy.

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The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.

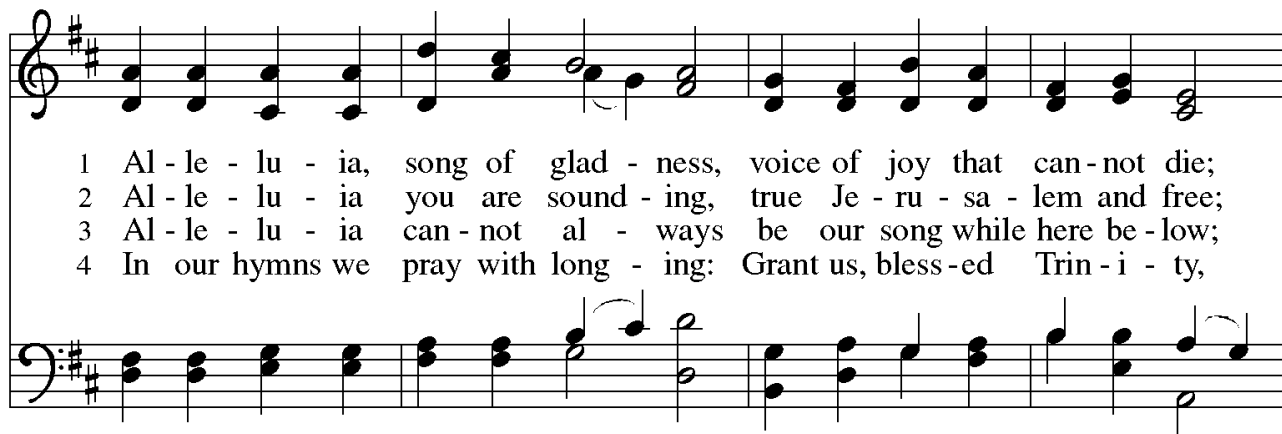
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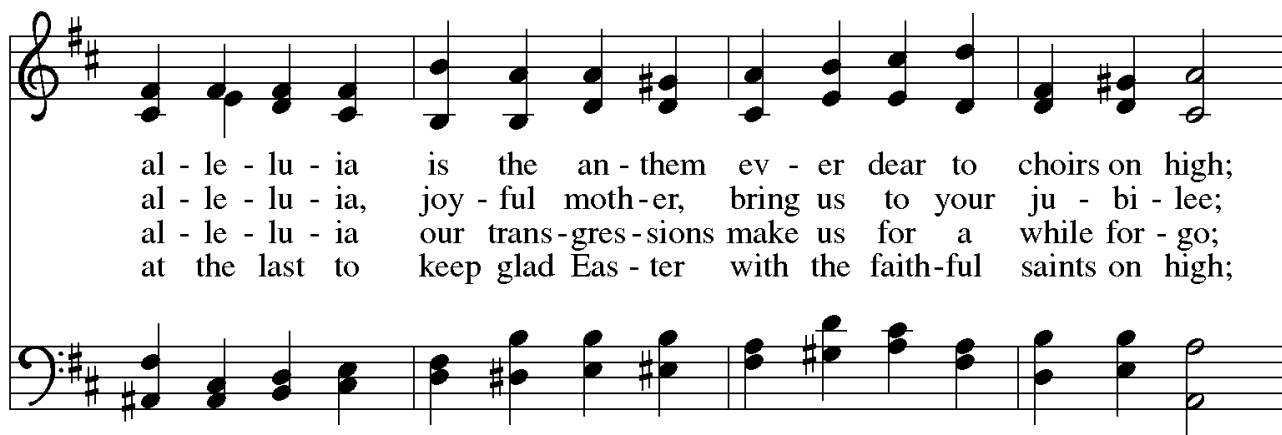
# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness* "Praise, My Soul"

ELW 318



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

(10:30)

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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken:  
The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of † Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

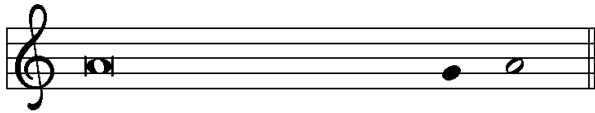
(10:30)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



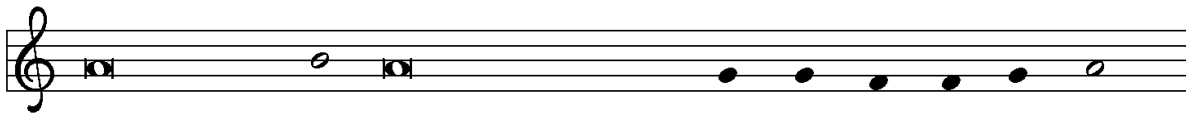
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



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



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

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

## **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

Pastor Rich Neal

### **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

The first reading for the Transfiguration of Our Lord is recorded in 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”



<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

(8:30)

## **THE SOLO**

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

African-American Spiritual  
arr. by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

Swing low, sweet chariot, Comin' for to carry me home.  
I looked over Jordan, what did I see, Comin' for to carry me home?  
A band of angels comin' after me, Comin' for to carry me home.

(10:30)

## THE ANTHEM

*Elijah Rock*

African-American Spiritual

arr. Jester Hairston

(1901-2000)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Elijah Rock, Shout, Shout!  
Elijah Rock, Comin' up Lord.  
Elijah Rock, Shout, Shout!  
Elijah Rock, Comin' up Lord.

Elijah! Elijah!

Satan's a liar an' a conjure, too.  
If you don't mind out, he'll conjure you.  
If I could, I surely would  
Just stand on the rock where Moses stood.

Elijah Rock  
Shout, Shout about  
Elijah, Elijah, Elijah Rock  
We're gonna shout, shout!  
Elijah Rock  
Shout about  
Elijah Rock, Comin' up,  
Elijah Rock, Comin' up,  
Elijah Rock, Comin' up, Lord! (*refrain*)

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The second reading is recorded in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

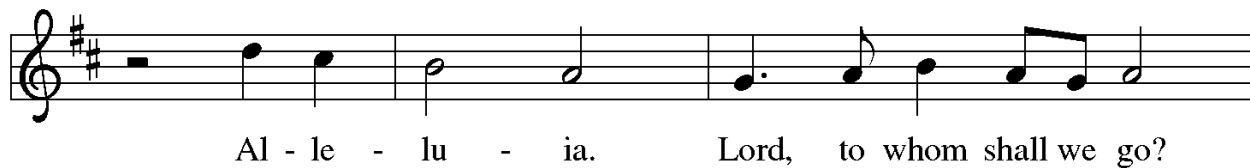
<sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

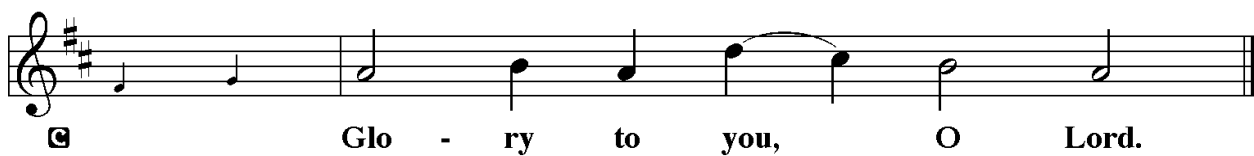
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

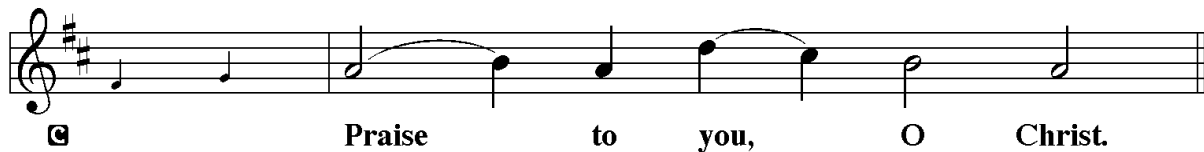


<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!* "Festal Song"

ELW 314

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

Blessed are you, O God, source and sovereign of all that is, whose light has come and whose radiant glory shines throughout creation. You have given us eyes to see, yet we see only dimly and rarely, if at all. Give us grace to seek out quiet places and moments in which our eyes may be opened, that we may know you in friend, neighbor, and stranger alike, where you always present yourself to us. As we celebrate your incarnation in human form, we pray for your blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that your transformational power may be known in the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and water with which we share existence on this planet. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those charged with the leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice in all they do. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for any who are sick and suffering and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially our children Carina and Jacob, and our ministry in the wider community. May we share your transforming beauty and love in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

(8:30)

## SOLO AT THE OFFERING

*Wayfaring Stranger*

Southern American Folksong

arr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

I am a poor wayfaring stranger,  
A-traveling through this world of woe.  
Yet there's no sickness, toil or danger  
In that bright world to which I go.

I'm going there to see my Father,  
He said he'd meet me when I come.  
I'm only going over Jordan,  
I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me;  
I know my way is rough and steep.  
But golden fields lie just before me  
Where all the Saints their vigils keep.

I'm going home to see my Mother,  
She said he'd meet me when I come.  
I'm only going over Jordan,  
I'm only going over home.

Going, going, going home.

I'm going there to see my Savior,  
And take my rest no more to roam.  
I'm only going over Jordan,  
I'm only going over home.

(10:30)

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Prayer for Transfiguration Day*

Text: Traditional collect, adapted

John Weaver

(1937-2021)

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,  
you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles.  
In the voice that came from the bright cloud  
you proclaimed him to be your Son, and told us to heed his teachings.  
O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. Amen.



*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

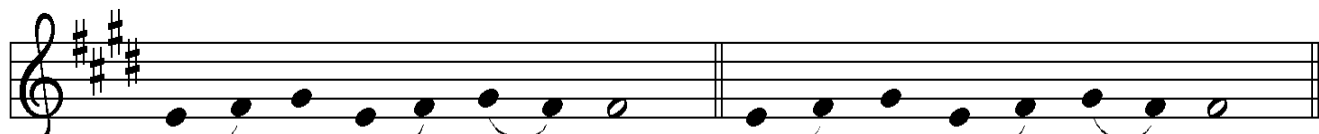
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW 885


“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 al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



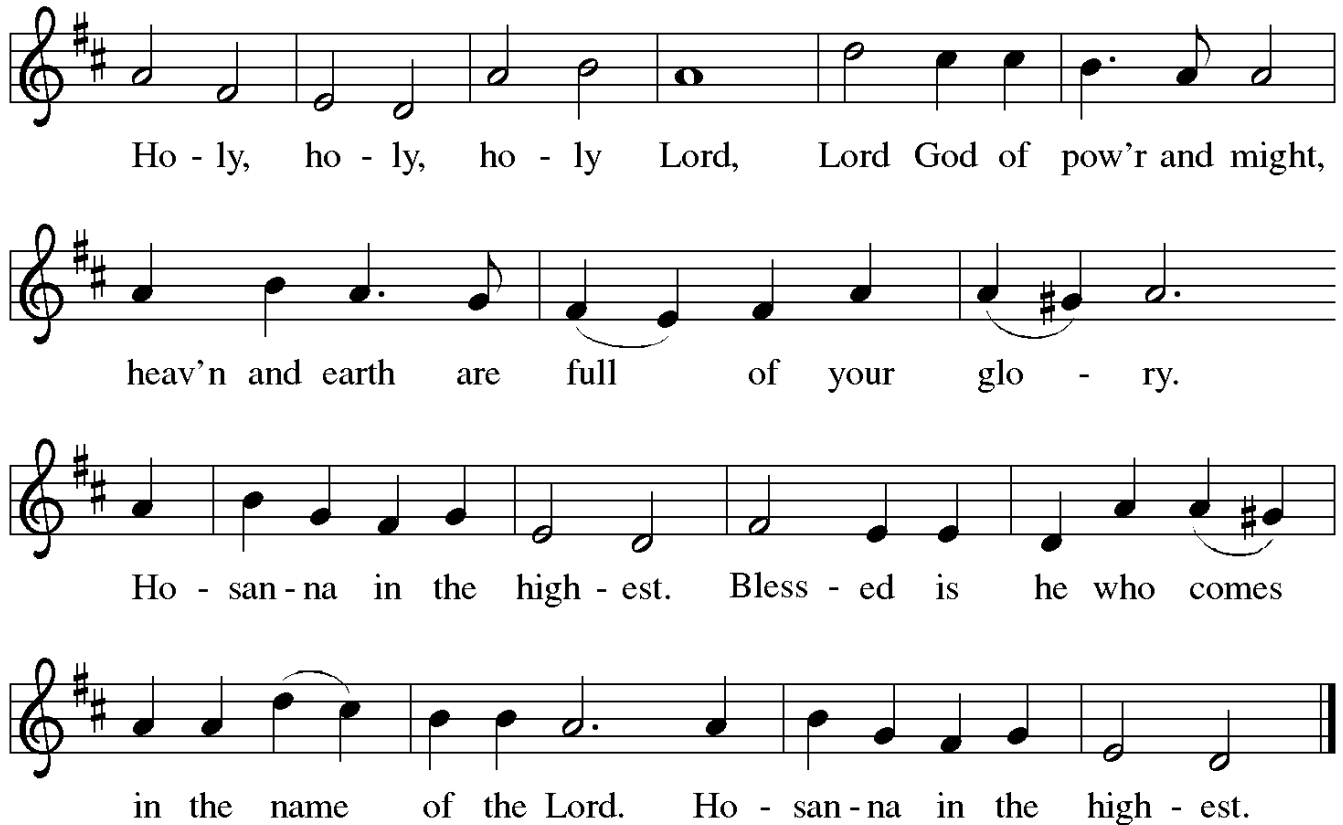
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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 be a light to the nations.  
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts,  
put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalt those of low degree.  
You fill the hungry with good things and send the rich away empty.  
Your own Son came among us as a servant  
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.  
He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
and freely accepted death on a cross.

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.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us . . .  
When the supper was over 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, 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 Christ's 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 Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*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.

(10:30)

## COMMUNION SOLO

*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

African-American Spiritual  
arr. by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

*Please see text printed on page 9 of the worship bulletin.*

## COMMUNION MOTET

*Beautiful Savior*

Text: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677, Tr.

Silesian Folk Song  
Arr. F. Melius Christiansen  
(1871-1955)

Fairer the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.  
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

*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.

**Giver of every gift,**

**Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.**

**Raise us to life by your power**

**for the benefit of all and to your glory,**

**now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a broken and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes, in prisons, or in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we are one in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*We invite congregation members to share this holy meal with those who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to join us in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar for your use. If you take a bulletin from this morning's worship service, you will be able to easily share today's scripture and prayers with the meal.*

*Please be seated.*

## **THE BENEDICTION**

God who names you,

Christ who claims you,

and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,

✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Beautiful Savior* "Schönster Herr Jesu"

ELW 838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Metamorphosis Three*

Philip Glass  
(b. 1937)



*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, February 11, 2024 – Transfiguration of Our Lord**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. CGN Service (CH)

### **MONDAY, February 12, 2024**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 p.m. Gambler's Anonymous (RH)

### **TUESDAY, February 13, 2024**

- 11:00 a.m. Explore Buffalo Tour
- 12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024 *Ash Wednesday/Valentine's Day***

- 7:30 a.m. Ashes on the Run
- 12:00 p.m. Worship Service (CH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Service with Chancel Choir (MC)

### **THURSDAY, February 15, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, February 16, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. OTC Dance (RH)

### **SUNDAY, February 18, 2024 – First Sunday in Lent**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Play Group (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

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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 Todd Kroening. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Henry Flynn.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Reader is Daniel Culross. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and David Pellnat. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson and Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Honor of my grandchildren Basil and Saskia by Elizabeth Vihnanek; and

Dedicated to my children, Christopher, Lauren, Katie and Kelly by Guy Huber.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Karen Kolb and Tom Johnson.

Council Vice-President, Kathy Crissey, 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 Carina Culross and Jacob Brown.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LENTEN COLLECTION CHALLENGE:** This year, HT is participating in the Lenten Collection Challenge of the Niagara Frontier Conference of Upstate Synod/ELCA. The hope of our conference collection every year is to highlight an item folks might not normally think about others needing. One of the most requested items, but the least donated, is **Socks**. People experiencing homelessness spend hours a day on their feet. Good foot health can help keep folks warm and dry and even out of the hospital. Congregations are being encouraged to collect **Socks!** (Please, only **brand new Men's white crew socks**.) From Ash Wednesday through February 18<sup>th</sup>, we encourage you to join in collecting **Men's white crew Socks** which will be handed out through the Buffalo Burrito Project. Please bring them to Kahler's Korner near the church office. On February 18<sup>th</sup>, **SOCK IT TO ME SUNDAY**, all the **Socks** will be blessed during our church services before being given to those who can benefit from their warmth and comfort.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates are available - March 10<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or her cell 716-472-4194. 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.

## HT Cares Team Message on Current Illnesses

Flu, RSV, Covid, common cold, germs are present all year but increase in the winter. Therefore, we need to stay vigilant as we work to stay healthy year round. Recently, we have had some of our members come down with Covid and we pray that they recover quickly and are back with us in worship soon.

It is time to remind ourselves to: wash our hands often and stay home when we don't feel well.

Call your doctor if your symptoms worsen.

Wearing a mask can also help stop the spread of these pesky respiratory germs.

(The Erie County Department of Health has supplied the libraries with free covid test kits.)

~ Your HT Cares Team



## **2024 Lenten and Easter Worship**

### **Ash Wednesday, February 14**

7:30–9:00 a.m. Ashes on the Run on Main Street in front of HT

12:00 p.m. Worship Service

**7:00 p.m.** Holy Communion/Imposition of Ashes with Choir

### **Lenten Supper and Study (Thursdays 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21)**

6:00 p.m. Soup and bread supper and discipleship conversation

**The same themes will be the subject of Monday Bible Study (2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25)**

### **Palm Sunday, March 24**

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

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

### **Good Friday, March 29**

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

### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Group

10:00 a.m. Pre-service music

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



Lenten Supper & Study 2024

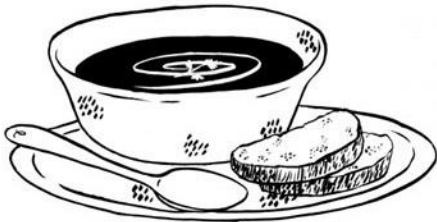
# What Is a Disciple, and How Can I Be One?

Models of Discipleship in the New Testament

“We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it.”

—Martin Luther

During Lent we will look at several ways of living a life of discipleship. We will examine six models of discipleship from the New Testament and ask how they might help us in our faith journey. Join us Thursday evenings, Feb. 22 through Mar. 21, for a light soup-and-bread supper and fellowship starting at 6:00 p.m., followed by a conversation about discipleship at 7:00. Then you'll be on your way home by 8:15. All are welcome.



**Help! We still need several volunteers to make soup and/or bring bread for one of the meals. To volunteer, please call Paul Kroll at 716-681-4232 (home) or at 716-864-**

**3190 (cell), or send him an email at [pfkroll@me.com](mailto:pfkroll@me.com). Thank you in advance for contributing to these suppers.**

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