



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Celebrating our 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

## American Guild of Organists - Woman Composer Sunday

*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 fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.*

## **PRELUDE**

(8:30)

*Lenten Improvisation*

Kristen Pomietlarz

(10:30)

*Master Tallis's Testament*

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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.

Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern.

The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.

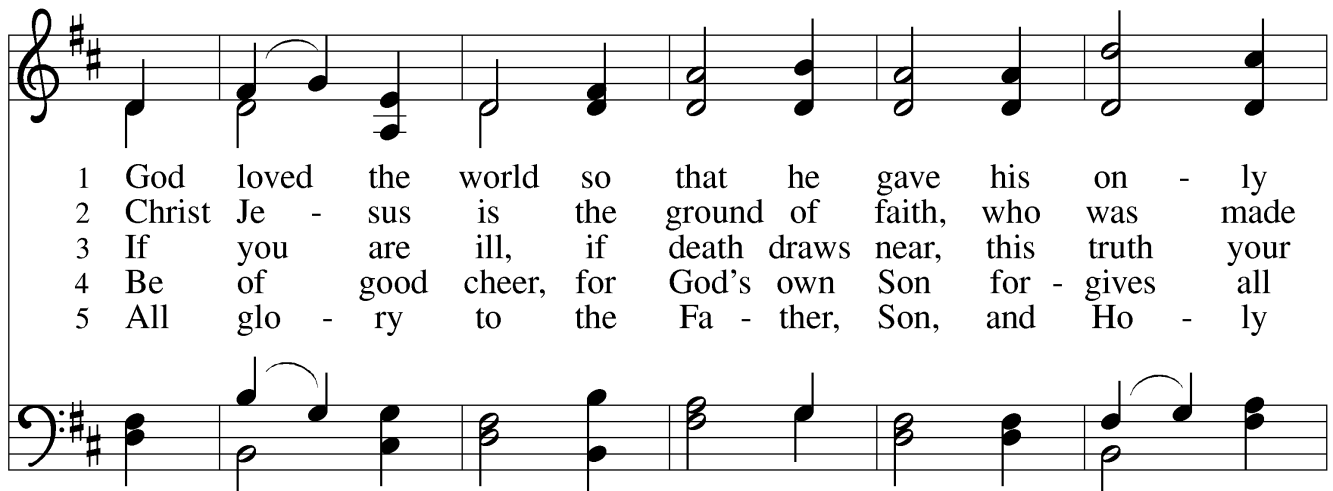
Coming from other areas of our building,  
go up the stairs toward the Main Church and turn left.

*Please stand as you are able.*

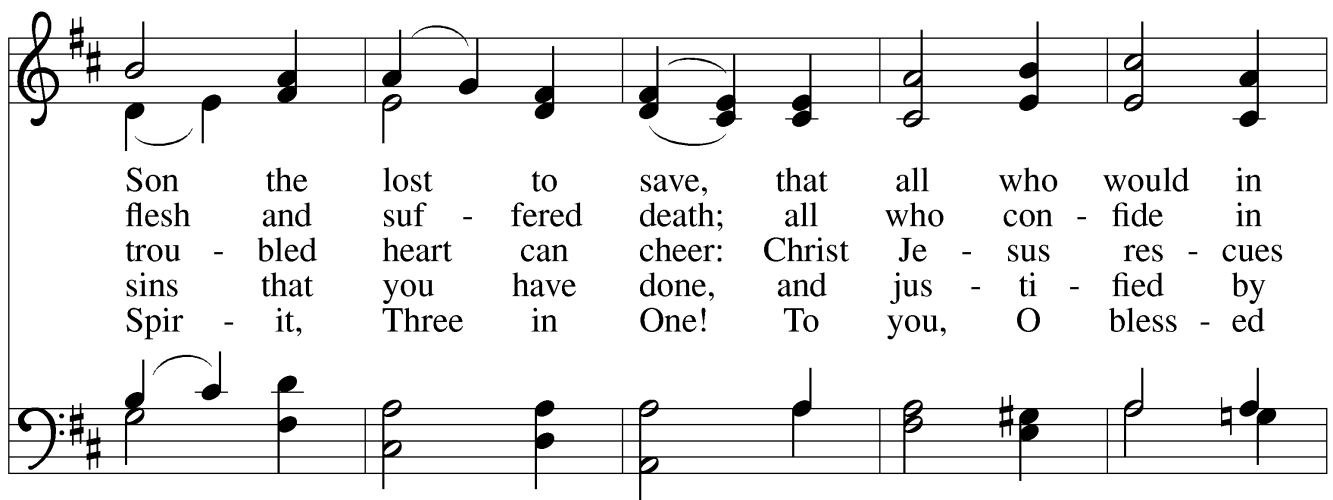
# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*God Loved the World* "Rockingham Old"


ELW 323



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

(10:30)

*Please be seated.*

(10:30)

## **INTROIT**

*Wash me through and through*, Part III (1980)

Text: Psalms 130 and 51, Book of Common Prayer, 1976

Peter Hallock

(1924 - 2014)

My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than the watchmen in the night.  
Deliver me from death, O God,  
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

With the Lord there is plenteous redemption,  
he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again,  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

(10:30)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

(10:30)

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

Holy God,  
we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.

**We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up  
this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death.**

**Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love,  
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**

### **FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9**

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is recorded in Numbers, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
- <sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- <sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.**
- <sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.
- <sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress.**
- <sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.
- <sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**
- <sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

The second reading for today is recorded in Ephesians, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins<sup>2</sup> in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.<sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

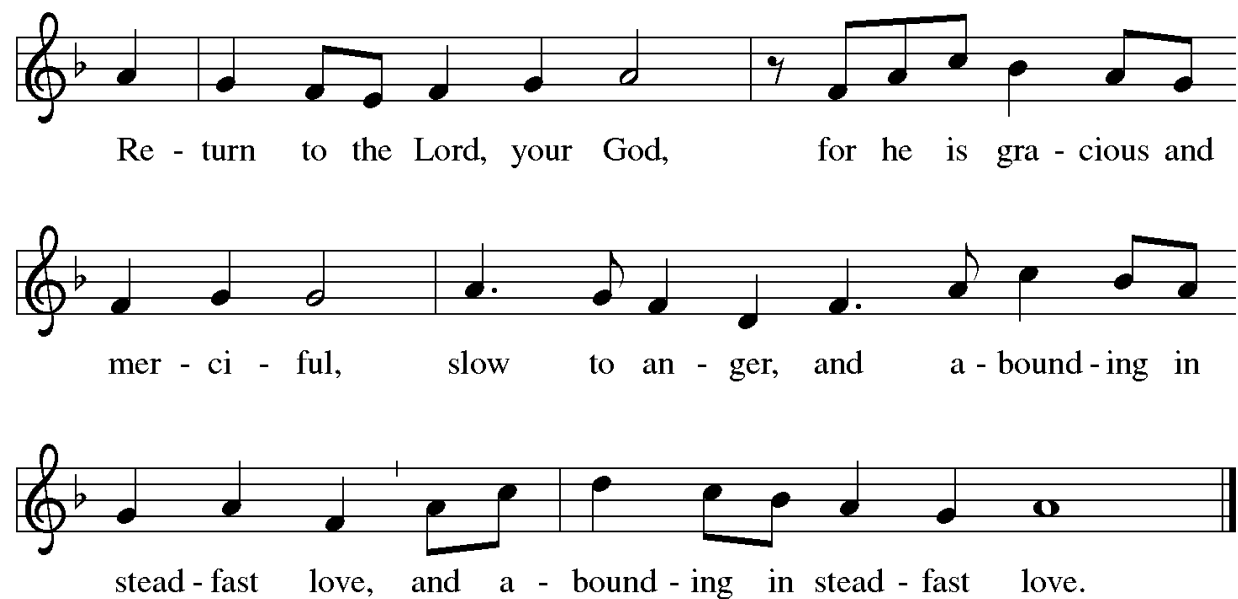


<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## **GOSPEL: John 3:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*Just As I Am, without One Plea* “Woodworth”

ELW 592

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871  
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## **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**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, disaster, and war. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers. Make us good stewards of the earth. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. We pray for and all the children, especially Wyatt and Jonathan. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the people who we remember and honor before you through today's flower dedications: Hildegarde Heidt and blessings of family. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. We remember the life, love and faith of William Emms. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

# THE OFFERING

(8:30)

## SOLO AT THE OFFERING

*Lord, Thou Art My Refuge and My Shield*  
from *Biblical Songs* Op. 99, No. 2

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Lord, Thou art my refuge and my shield, and in Thy word put I my trust.  
Out of my sight, ye that do evil, for my heart is fixed,  
I will hold to God's commandments.

Strengthen me, that I may keep Thy law, and that Thy statutes may be my delight.  
I am afraid of Thee and of Thy greatness,  
trembling do I come before Thy judgement seat.

(10:30)

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Sicut Moses serpentem*  
Text: John 3:14-15

Heinrich Schütz  
(1585-1672)

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so must the son of man be lifted up,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.**

**Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.**

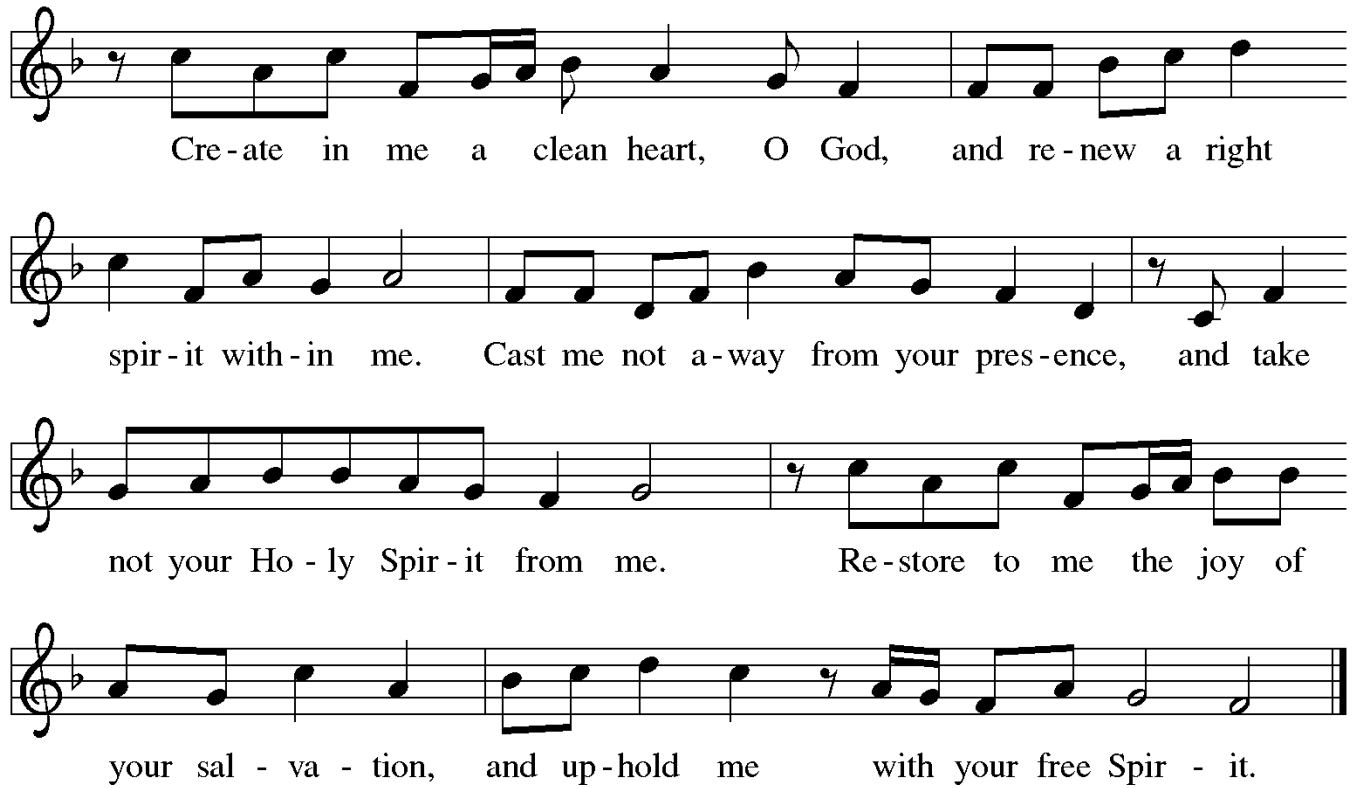
**Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.**

**We pray this in your name. Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

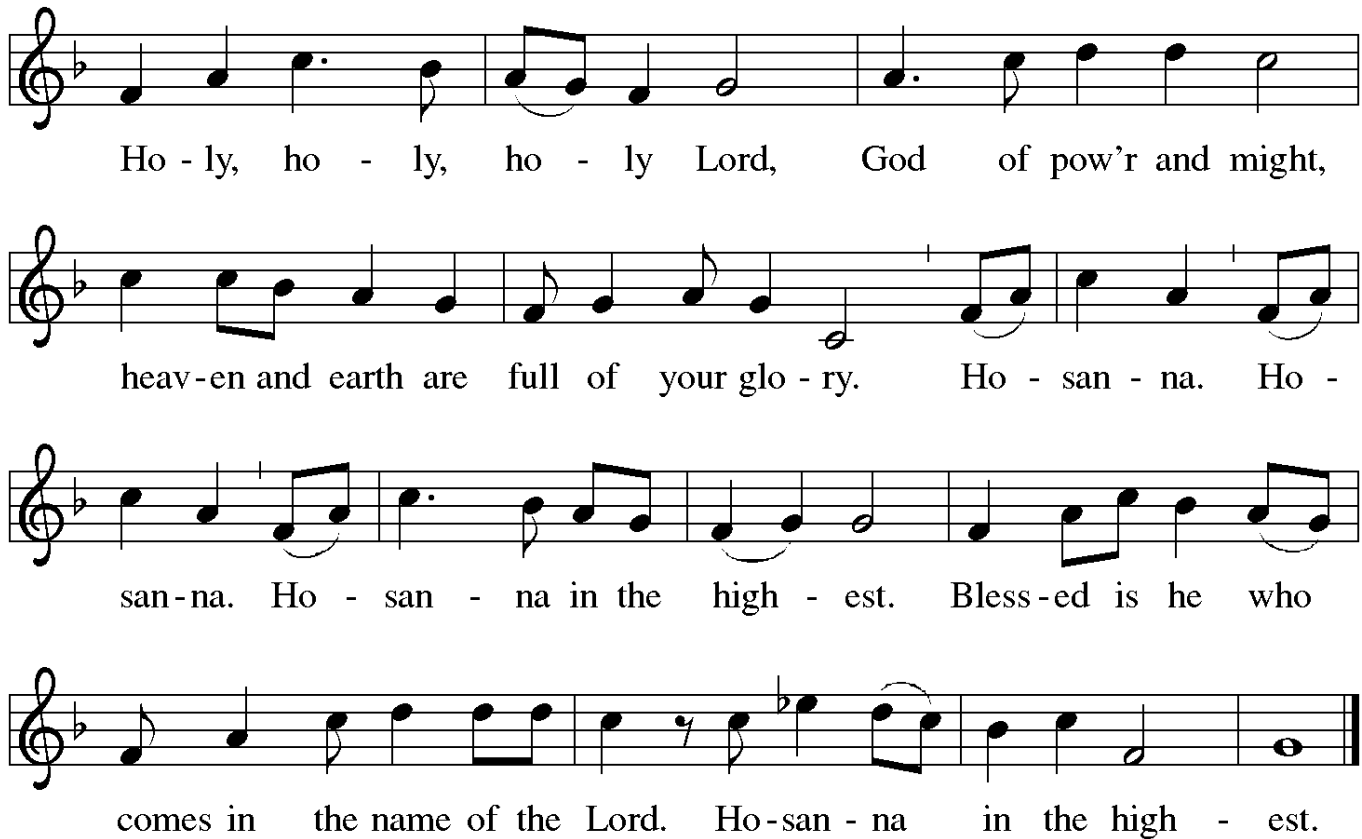
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

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

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time to 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.

*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.

## SOLO AT COMMUNION

*Go Down, Moses*

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

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

When Israel was in Egypt's land: *Let my people go.*

Oppressed so hard they could not stand: *Let my people go.*

Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egypt's land, Tell ol' Pharoah, Let my people go.

"Thus sayeth the Lord," bold Moses said: "Let my people go!

If not I'll smite your firstborn dead!" *Let my people go.*

Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egypt's land, Tell ol' Pharoah, Let my people go.

(10:30)

## COMMUNION ANTHEMS

*God So Loved the World*

Edie Hill

Text: John 3:16

(b. 1962)

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

*Ave Verum Corpus*

Sarah McDonald

(b. 1968)

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

*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.

**Generous God,**

**at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.**

**As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,**

**now make us one loaf to feed the world;**

**in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.**

**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.*

(10:30)

## **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*With prayer and supplication*

Mrs. H.H. Amy Cheney Beach  
(1867-1944)

With prayer and supplication,

Let your requests be known unto God.

And the peace of God which passeth all understanding

shall keep your hearts, and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# THE BENEDICTION

Beloved, we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy, fill you with courage,  
and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* "Hamburg"

ELW 803

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share your bread.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The services conclude with the ringing of the bells  
throughout the Lenten season.*



*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.*

In 2021 the Society of Women Organists (SWO) inaugurated Woman Composer Sunday, when organists and choral directors are invited to include a piece by a woman composer in that day's church service, and/or post a performance on social media. They launched it in collaboration with the Royal College of Organists, and together they published a repertoire list of music by women composers, for inspiration. Woman Composer Sunday is now a joint promotion by SWO and the American Guild of Organists (AGO), and will celebrate the day internationally this day, Sunday 10 March 2024.

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

- 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)
- 3:00 p.m. Buffalo Choral Arts Society Concert (MC)

### **MONDAY, March 11, 2024**

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

### **TUESDAY, March 12, 2024**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)

### **THURSDAY, March 14, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 p.m. Lenten Supper and Study (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **SUNDAY, March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

- 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)
- 3:00 p.m. Voice Recital (MC)

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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 Pat Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Brandon Howard.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson, Dave Pellnat and Elizabeth Vihnanek. Acolytes are Tim Yap, Erys Yap, Morgan Leiser, Rowan Leiser and Henry Flynn.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Hildegard Heidt from Paul Biesinger and from another;

Thanking God for the blessing of my family that He has bestowed upon me.

Collection counters are Doug Alderdice, Tom Johnson and Ron Pellnat.

Council Member, Elizabeth Vihnanek, will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Wyatt Billingsley and Jonathan Fleming.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLANT SALE:** The annual LYO plant sale continues. The pick-up date for the plant sale will be Saturday, May 18 from 11:30am-12:30pm. Order forms can be found on the tables at the entrance ways, in the newsletter or in our weekly email. **Orders are due back to the church by Sunday, March 31.** All orders are appreciated.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS:** Collection for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit items continues during this Lenten season. Please place the items near the display at Kahler's Korner located near the Church office. The list of items needed can be found on the tables at the entranceways or at the display.

**LUTHERAN CHARITIES AWARDS DINNER** will be held on Friday, May 3 at 6:00pm at Ripa's Italian Restaurant. Tickets are \$55 per person. Join us for this special event as we congratulate our own Guy Huber who will be receiving The Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Loew Award this year. **Please register and pay online by March 15** at [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org). Please call the church office with any questions.

**WOMEN AT THE WELL** will be gathering on Tuesday, March 12 at noon. "This Faith Tremendous", a compilation of Dr. Ralph Loew's weekly column for the *Courier Express*, will be discussed. If you would like a copy of the book to read beforehand, contact Linda Schmidt, Barb Wozniak or the church office. We will gather at noon in the library (near Redeemer Hall) for a bring your own lunch and fellowship before the discussion.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, order forms may be found in the newsletter, in the weekly email or on the tables at the entrance ways. The cost is \$12.00 per plant.

**NEW MEMBERS' & INQUIRERS' CLASS:** Are you considering becoming a member at Holy Trinity? Pastor Jeff welcomes you to a conversation about Lutheranism, Christianity, and membership on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 12:30pm in the Conference Room. Those who would like to join will be received into membership on Sunday, April 28, 2024. If you have questions or would like to attend this engaging class, please contact the church office at [info@holytrinitybuffalo.org](mailto:info@holytrinitybuffalo.org) or 716-886-2400.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** If you have a child who has not received First Communion, Pastor Jeff is planning a First Communion class on Saturday, May 4, from 9:00am - 12:00pm in Redeemer Hall. They will receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day), at the 10:30am service. We ask that at least one parent, godparent, or grandparent attend. To register or for questions, please contact the church office at [info@holytrinitybuffalo.org](mailto:info@holytrinitybuffalo.org) or 716-886-2400.

**HT WALKS TOGETHER:** please join us as we explore Unity Island on Saturday, March 16 at 11:00am. The entrance to the park is off of Niagara Street and leads across a railroad bridge. We will meet at the large parking lot on your left on the bottom of the hill. Rain or shine, please dress for the weather and arrive a few minutes early. If you can, bring binoculars since we might still see some of the wintering ducks on the river. Please see Uli MacDonald with any questions.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION:** The next session will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 9am to noon. Please join the Church Council along with pastors Jeff and Rich in Redeemer Hall. We will address the risen Christ's question "Holy Trinity, *quo vadis*, where are you going?" That's when we will begin to create a strategic plan for our congregation's ministries. So we can be adequately prepared, please call the church office by Wednesday, April 10 to let us know you are coming. We hope to see you there.

**CGN MOBILE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** Spring is around the corner and on the first Thursday of March, we will be on Doat Street with Pastor Kwame. Your donations of non-perishables are greatly needed. Most needed: Canned vegetables and fruits, tuna fish and meats (please check dates. We cannot give expired items!). Cereal and small bags of rice - brown or white. Peanut Butter. Monetary donations to Holy Trinity designated for the Food Pantry will allow purchase of fresh produce. These gifts are a blessing and support an amazing outreach to God's people in need. Thank you.

**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.



## **2024 Lenten and Easter Worship**

### **Lenten Supper and Study (Thursdays 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 (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**

**12:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion in Chapel**

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

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

**12:00 p.m. Worship Service in Chapel**

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

9:45 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

In Luke’s gospel, the good news takes a dramatic leap from a primarily Jewish community to a worldwide audience, and in it we can expect to find a discipleship that is broader and more inclusive. Explore this new shape of discipleship when we gather Thursday, March 14, for a light supper at 6:00, focused conversation at 7:00, and our departure for home by 8:15. The series will continue on Thursday evenings through March 21.

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