



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 3, 2024  
Third Sunday in Lent  
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 third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Saraband in modo elegiaco*

Herbert Howells  
(1892-1983)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **For CARDIAC EMERGENCIES:**

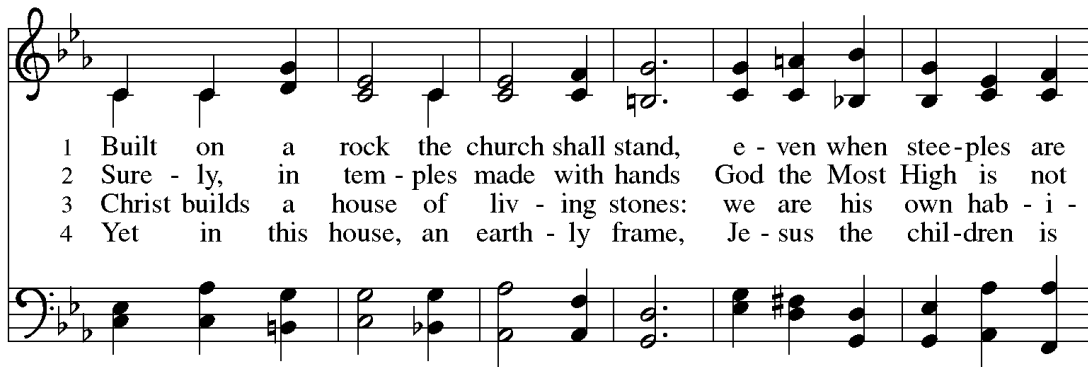
Our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)  
is located in the Sacristy on the wall near the window.  
Look for the First Aid and AED sign near the top of the door to the Sacristy.  
Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern.  
The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.  
Coming from other areas of our building,  
go up the stairs toward the Main Church and turn left.

*Please stand as you are able.*

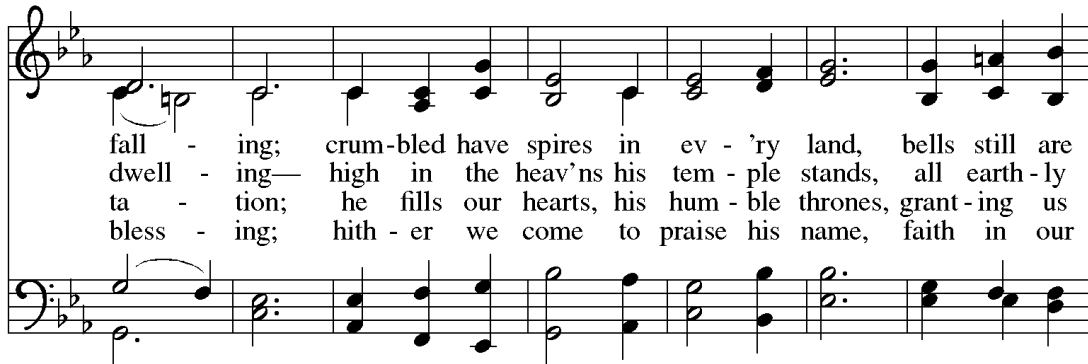
# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Built on a Rock* “Kirken”

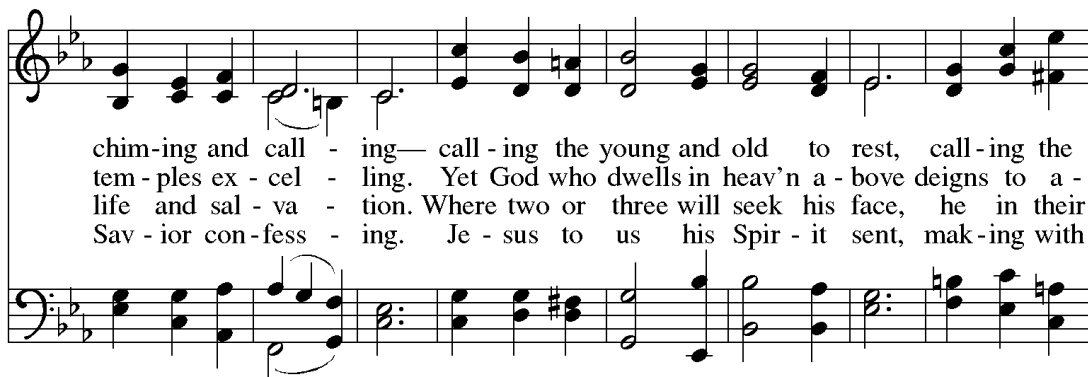
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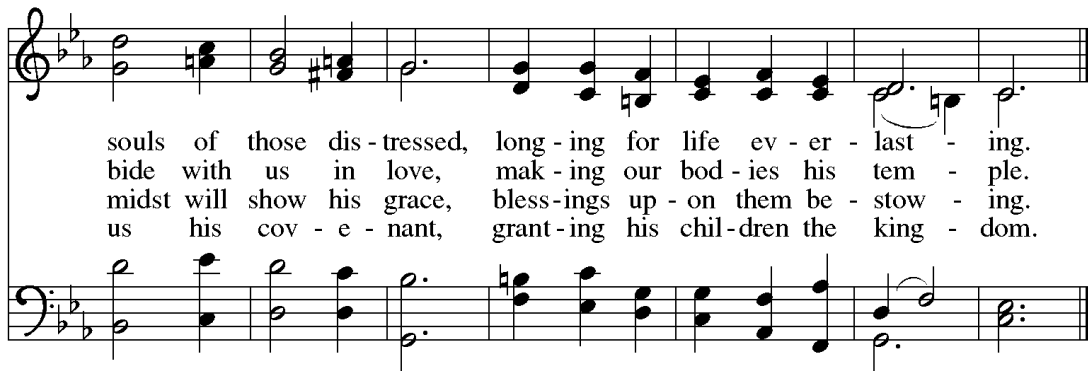
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
“I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen.”

(10:30)

*Please be seated.*

## **INTROIT (10:30)**

*Wash me through and through* Part II (1980)

Text: Psalms 130 and 51

Peter Hallock

(1924-2014)

For there is forgiveness with you, therefore you shall be feared.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.  
Cast me now away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

*(Refrain)*

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.

**Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17

The first reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is recorded in Exodus, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 19**

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo-<sup>1</sup>ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent<sup>1</sup> for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to<sup>1</sup> run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-<sup>1</sup>vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to<sup>1</sup> the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-<sup>1</sup>joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.**



<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's | own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion | over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable | in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>8</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

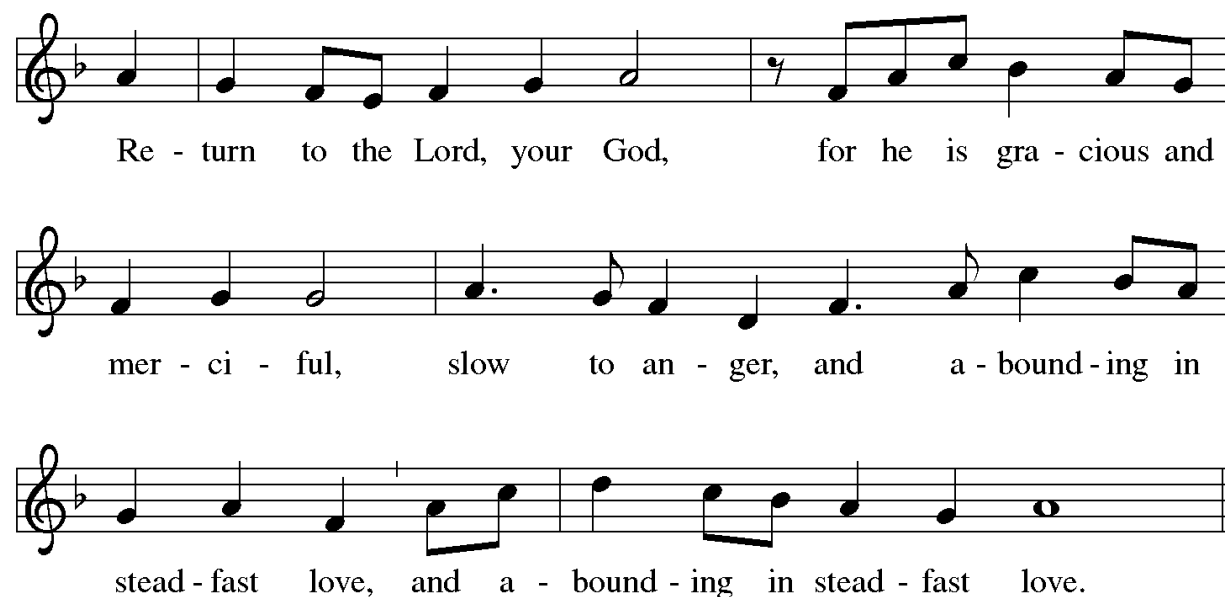
<sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,<sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,<sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.<sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-22**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle.

He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

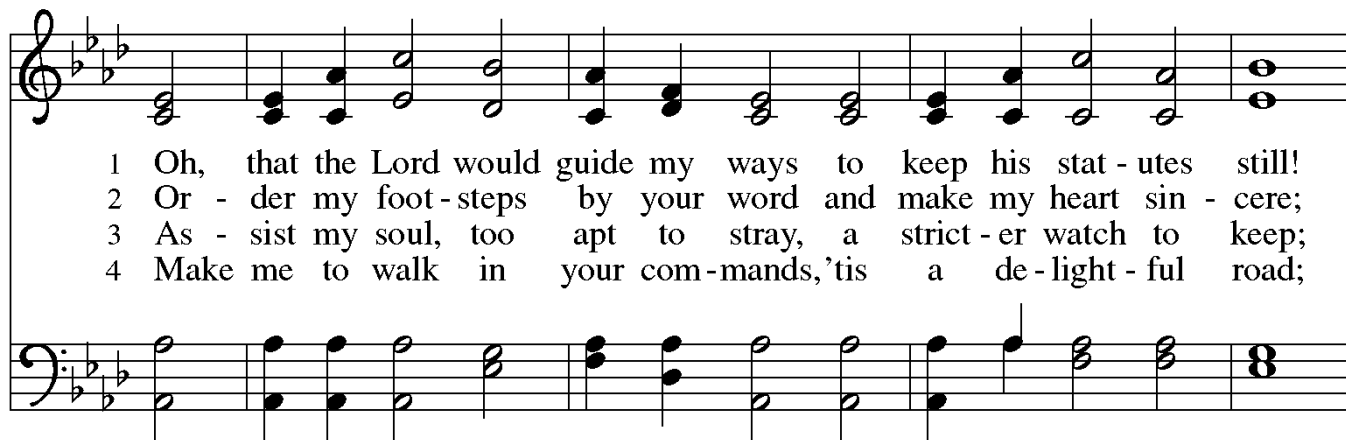
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* “Evan”

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1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

**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.*

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict, especially the people of Israel, Palestine, and the people at the southern border of the United States fleeing their home countries. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism and all the children, especially William and Hannah. 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: Karl Huber, Sr. born on March 7, 1914; Elaine Fuhlbruck, her grandchildren Melissa and Aaron and the birth of Charlotte Grace McCaffrey. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. 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

*Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray*

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1886-1949)

Riley Nahlik, *tenor*

An' I couldn't hear nobody pray,  
An' couldn't hear nobody pray,  
O 'way down yonder by myself  
An' I couldn't hear nobody pray.

In the valley! On my knees!  
With my burden! An' my Saviour! O Lord!

Chilly waters! In the Jordan!  
Crossing over! Into Canaan!

Hallelujah! Troubles over!  
In the Kingdom! With my Jesus!

(10:30)

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Lord of the Dance*

Text: Sydney Carter (1915–2004)

Traditional Shaker Song

Arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Dance, then, wherever you may be: I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun; and I came down from heaven; and I danced on the earth: at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*(Refrain)* "Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. "And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance," said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee; but they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John - they came with me, and the Dance went on. *(Refrain)*

I danced on the Sabbath, and I cured the lame; the holy people said it was a shame. They buried me; they thought I'd gone - but I am the Dance, and I still go on. *(Refrain)*

I danced when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high, and they left me there on a cross to die. *(Refrain)*

They cut me down and I leapt on high; "I am the Life that will never, never die. I'll live in you, if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance," said he. *(Refrain)*

*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.**

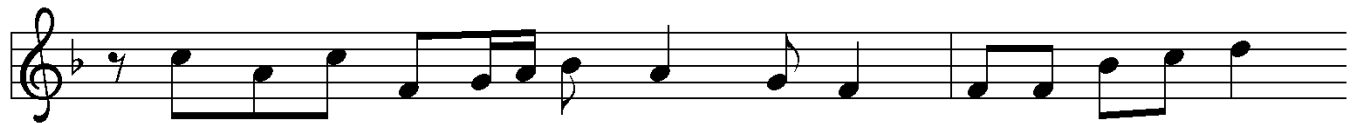
**We pray this in your name.**

**Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

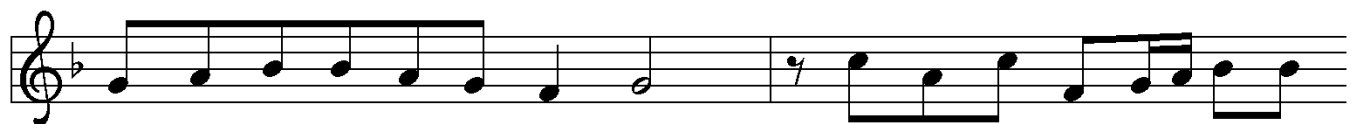
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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



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.

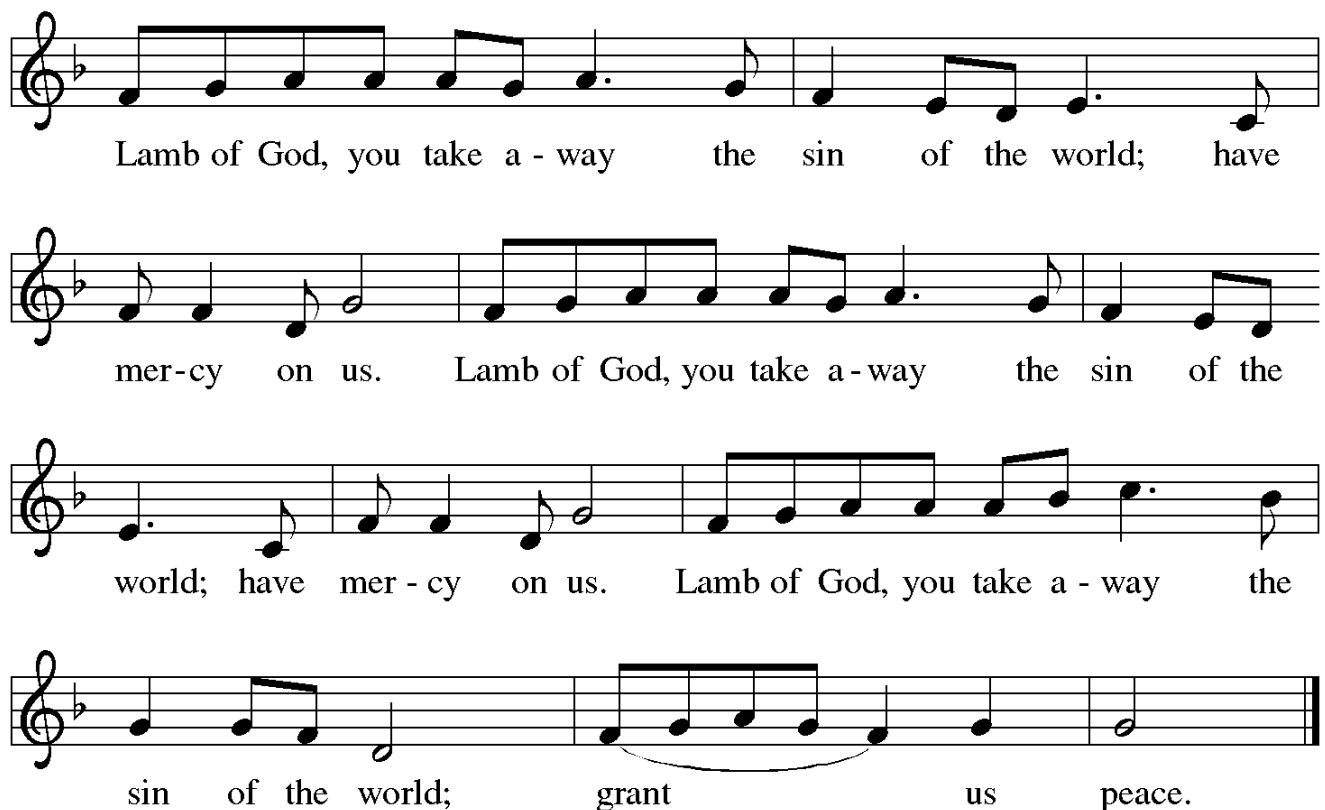
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## 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

*Hear My Prayer* from *Biblical Songs* Op. 99 No. 6

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

Riley Nahlik, *tenor*

Thou art my refuge and my hope, Thou shalt tread down my enemies.  
I will dwell forever in Thy tents and hide me in the shadow of Thy wings.  
Lord! Thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek Thee early.  
My soul is faint, my body longeth after Thee  
In a barren desert where there is no water.  
Now I will bless Thee daily and lift my hands in pray'r and adoration;  
Yea, my lips shall praise Thee all my life long.

(10:30)

## MOTET AT COMMUNION

*If Ye Love Me*

Text: John 14: 15-18

Philip Wilby  
(b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;  
even the spirit of Truth.  
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

*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.*

## **THE BENEDICTION**

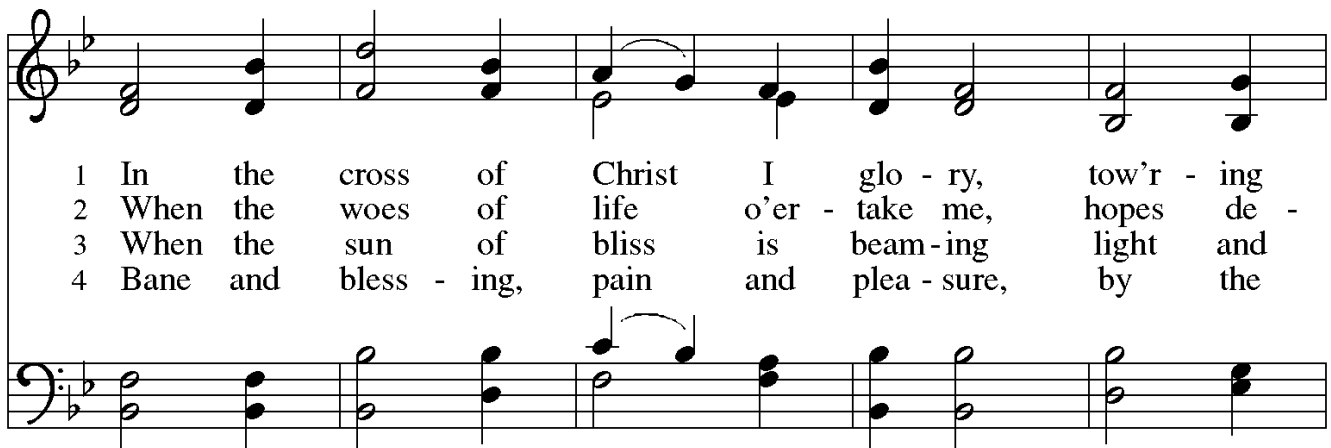
Beloved, we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy, fill you with courage,  
and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* "Rathbun"

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



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



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

## **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.*

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

### **SUNDAY, March 3, 2024 – Third 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)

### **MONDAY, March 4, 2024**

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

### **TUESDAY, March 5, 2024**

- 12:00 p.m. Needlers (FR)
- 1:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Doris Ratcliffe (CH)
- 5:30 p.m. Burrito Project at Zion

### **THURSDAY, March 7, 2024**

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

### **SATURDAY, March 9, 2024**

- 10:00 a.m. Buffalo Choral Arts Concert Rehearsal (MC)

### **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)

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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 Angela Keppel. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Maddie Brown.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Linda Horton. Reader is John Girdlestone. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan, Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands, Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson and Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Honor of my father, Karl B. Huber, Sr., born on March 7, 1914 from Guy Huber; and

In Loving Memory of Elaine Fuhlbruck and her grandchildren Melissa and Aaron from their Family.

The rosebud on the altar is given:

In honour of the birth of Charlotte Grace McCaffrey, daughter of Rowan and Barbara Hopkins McCaffrey from Noreen Casson.

Collection counters are Peter Bergenstock, Uli MacDonald and Sue Spindler.

Council Secretary, Linda Horton, 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 William Deeds and Hannah Dittmer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLANT SALE:** The annual LYO plant sale has begun! 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.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DORIS RATCLIFFE:** Join the HT Needlers in a service of remembrance for Doris Ratcliffe on Tuesday, March 5 at 1:00pm in the Chapel. Pastor Jeff Wilson will preside as we share our memories of her participation in our ministries.

**WOMEN AT THE WELL** will be gathering on Tuesday, March 11 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.

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.

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.

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.



## **2024 Lenten and Easter Worship**

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

**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, Mar. 7, 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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## Concert Poster

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