

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

Celebrating our 145th 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.

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INTRODUCTION

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

VOLUNTARY

Voluntary on 'Lift High the Cross'

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30)

INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David

Michael Praetorius
(1571–1621)

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

THE BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN (PROCESSION WITH CHILDREN, 10:30)

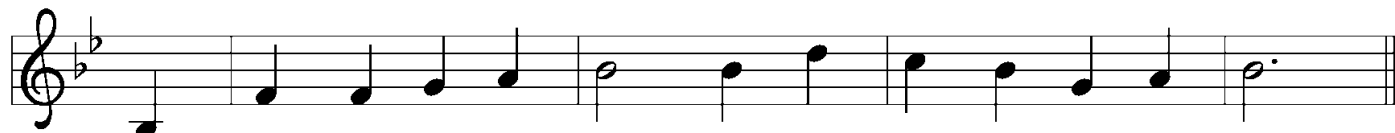
All Glory, Laud, and Honor "Valet Will Ich Dir Geben"

ELW 344

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

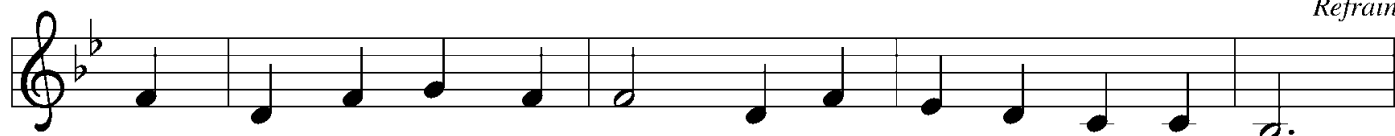


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray together.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

THE YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Carol McClure

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
Lamb who takes our sins away,
Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, we pray.

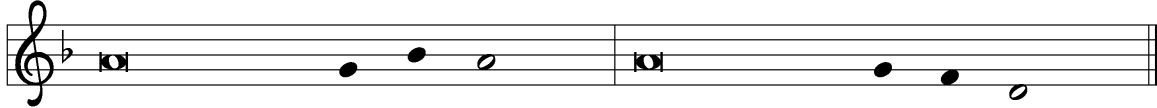
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Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, we pray.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
Lamb who takes our sins away,
Lamb of God, Lamb of God,
Grant us your peace this day.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat | and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones | are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to | my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;
I am as useless as a | broken pot. R**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
I have said, “You | are my God.**

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love.” R**

THE READING: Philippians 2:5-11

The reading for today is recorded in Philippians, the 2nd Chapter.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality

with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if able.

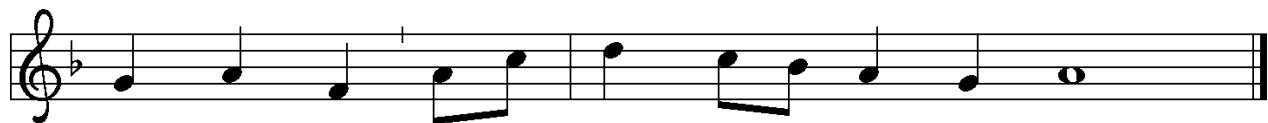
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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: Mark 14:1-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who said to one another in anger, “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

¹²On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, ¹⁴and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’”

¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” ¹⁶So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

¹⁷When it was evening, he came with the twelve. ¹⁸And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.” ¹⁹They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I?” ²⁰He said to them, “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. ²¹For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me "Sojourner"

ELW 325

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
me; in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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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.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love and remember those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give energy and joy to our pastors, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, teachers and all the children, especially Caden and Chase. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for the people who we remember before you through today's flower dedications: Randall Smith, Marie Smith and Sally Patterson. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. 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)

MOTET AT THE OFFERING

Hosanna to the Son of David

Michael Praetorius
(1571–1621)

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

(10:30)

MOTET AT THE OFFERING

O Vos Omnes

Text: Lamentations 1:12

Pablo Casals
(1876–1973)

O all you people who pass by, attend and see:
if there be any sorrow like my sorrow.

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

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Mark 14:22-25

²²While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” ²³Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. ²⁴He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

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.

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 COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.

Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

COMMUNION MOTETS

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!

(10:30)

Jesu Dulcis Memoria

Text: St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

Tomas Luis da Vittoria
(1548-1611)

The sweet memory of Jesus
Giving true joy to the heart:
But more than honey and all things
His sweet presence.

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.

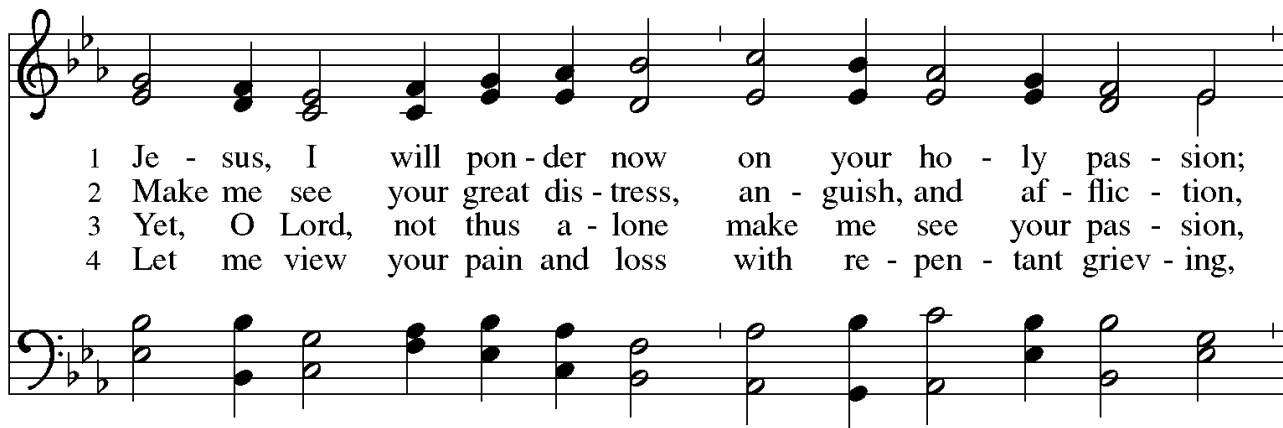
BENEDICTION

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.

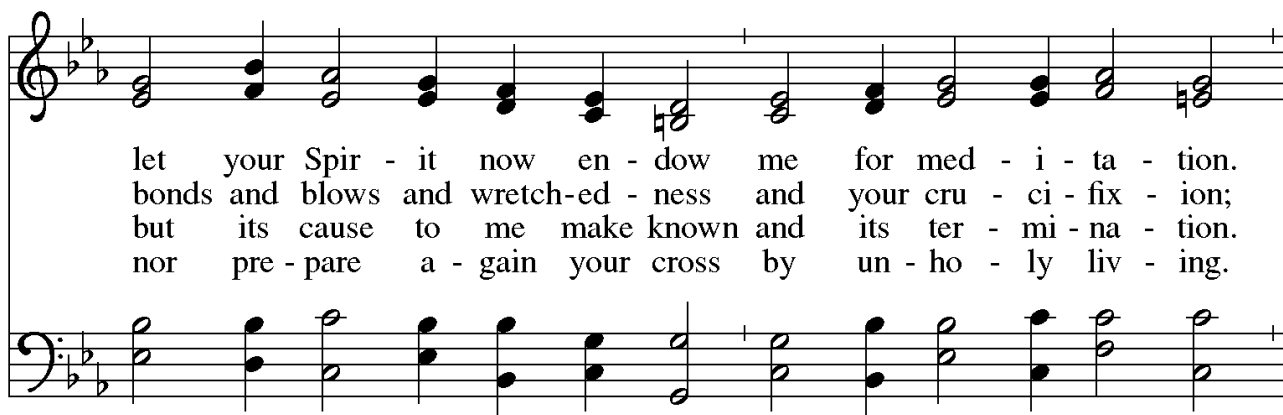
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now “Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und pein”

ELW 345



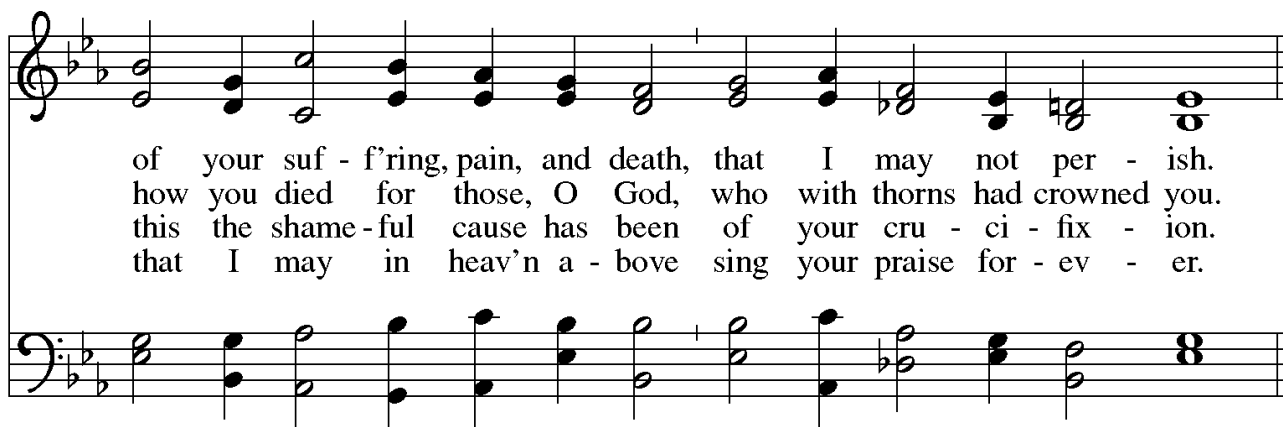
1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,



let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,



of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

THE PASSION BEGINS

Mark 14:26-50

²⁶When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, “You will all become deserters; for it is written,

‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep will be scattered.’

²⁸But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ²⁹Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” ³⁰Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.” ³¹But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.” ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.” ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

⁴³Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to them, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? ⁴⁹Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰All of them deserted him and fled.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.



*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 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday

- 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)
- 12:00 p.m. CGN Service (CH)

MONDAY, March 25, 2024

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

TUESDAY, March 26, 2024

- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (6:30 Dinner) (FR)

WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2024

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

THURSDAY, March 28, 2024 *Maundy Thursday*

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (CH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service with Choir (MC)

FRIDAY, March 29, 2024 *Good Friday*

- 9:00 a.m. Easter flowers delivered
- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (CH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service with Choir (MC)

SATURDAY, March 30, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Easter flower set-up
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Rehearsal (MC)

SUNDAY, March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (RH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:45 a.m. Pre-Service Music (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

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 Judy Kroll. Usher and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Avery Best.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Jen Yap. Reader is Ron Leiser. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson and Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Randall F. Smith and Marie E. Smith from Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones; and

In Loving Memory of our mother Sally Patterson from Kathy Crissey and Family.

Collection counters are Linda Horton, Ron Pellnat and Sue Spindler.

Council President, Jen Yap, 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 Caden and Chase Frank.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR RICH: As part of his ministry with Holy Trinity and the Upstate New York Synod, Pastor Rich will be leading worship and preaching at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in North Boston and Grace Lutheran Church in South Buffalo on Palm Sunday and Easter. His next Sunday with us will be April 7.

PLANT SALE: 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.**

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.

BULLETIN BOARD: The children of our Faith Formation/Sunday School program invite you to view the bulletin board in the hallway near the church office. They learned about messages and messengers and would like to share their message with you!

LUTHERAN CHARITIES AWARDS DINNER will be held on Friday, May 3 at 6:00pm at Ripa's Italian Restaurant. Tickets are \$55. 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 at www.wnylutherancharities.org. Please call the church office with any questions.

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.

EASTER BREAKFAST/NO COFFEE HOUR: Everyone is welcome to the Easter breakfast next Sunday beginning at 9am in Redeemer Hall. A well-deserved break is in store for the kitchen crew, therefore, there will be no coffee hour on April 7.

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.

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.

EIGHT DAYS OF HOPE BUFFALO is a local organization that brings volunteers from Buffalo and across the country together to offer free home repairs for families in need this summer. An interest meeting will be held on April 28 at 10:00am at Friendship Baptist Church (402 Clinton St, Buffalo, NY 14204).

HT Renews Together

Responding and Strategic Planning for the Future

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Saturday, April 13, 2024
9:00 a.m. to Noon in Redeemer Hall



STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION: One of the challenges we face at Holy Trinity (it's one every congregation faces) is how to celebrate and build on the strengths of our tradition and gifts while participating faithfully in God's continuing transformation of the congregation. Last month we celebrated the Holy Trinity story by naming many of the meaningful experiences that have made us who we are. Next month we'll turn our attention to the new thing God is about to do among us and in fact is already doing (Isa. 43:18-19). It will be part of a congregational discernment exercise that will give shape and substance to us and to our ministries in the future, and we depend on your participation to make it as productive as possible. Saturday, April 13, is the date, and 9:00 a.m. to noon is the time. Please plan to attend, and let us know you're coming by emailing or calling the church office.



2024 Holy Week and Easter Worship

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

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