

*The Festival Service
of
Holy Communion*

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

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*Preservice Music*

*at 9:45 a.m.*

*Service at 10:30 a.m.*

## *Preservice Music*

*Sarabande for the Morning of Easter* (1940)

No. 2 from Six Pieces for Organ

Kristen Pomietlarz, *organ*

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

*Hosanna to the Son of David*

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!

*Haec dies*

William Byrd

(1543–1623)

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

*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)*

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

arr. Peter Hurford  
(1930-2019)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*  
Amie Adams, *soprano*, Nicole Brendel, *soprano*, Carolyn Lansom, *alto*  
Jamie Gangemi, *alto*, Tyler Huk, *tenor*, Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs; wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes.  
Simon the leper's feast is o'er; Christ today needs thy nard no more.  
Now thousand times may'st thou rejoice, now thousand times uplift thy voice.  
Alleluia.

Magdalen, bind upon thee now garland of gladness o'er thy brow.  
Banish'd afar is grief and pain; welcome is sunshine after rain.  
For Jesus Christ the world hath freed, triumphing over death indeed.  
Alleluia.

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

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

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

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

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

*Introit for Easter Day*

Mark Schweizer  
(1956–2019)

Mark Filsinger, *trumpet*

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord has ris'n today.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Jesus Christ has ris'n today!

*My Master From A Garden Rose*

Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

Text: Gordon Ellsworth Young (1919–1998)

My master in a garden lay, perfumed with spices rare,  
for tender hands had laid him there to rest amid the roses.  
'Twas on a cross they laid him bare, and pierced his hands with nails,  
that we poor men might live again and be with him in glory.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.  
My master from a garden rose to go for us to heav'n,  
and he will come and take us there, to be with him, forever.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

*I Believe That This is Jesus*

African-American Spiritual  
Arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
The light of God shines in his face,  
He offers all his pard'ning grace;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
Yes, yes, yes Lord!  
Oh, I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, come and see.

*Now The Green Blade Riseth*

Text: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958)

Bob Chilcott

(b. 1955)

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

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

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

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

*Alleluia*

Jake Runestad

(b. 1986)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*This Joyous Day*

Text: Edmund Spencer (1552–1599)

Daniel Gawthrop

(b. 1949)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day,  
Didst make thy triumph over death and sin:  
and having harrow'd hell,  
didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win:  
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,  
being with thy dear blood clean wash'd from sin,  
may live for ever in felicity.  
And that thy love we weighing worthily,  
may likewise love thee for the same again:  
and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,  
with love may one another entertain.  
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought,  
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

# **The Order of Worship**

**10:30 a.m.**

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.*

*We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.*

*We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.*

*We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.*

*Visitors interested in membership may talk with a Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office or indicate on the 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 AND WELCOME**

*Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

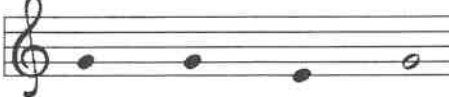

## **THE ENTRANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*



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

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

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

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

*The Easter Proclamation*  
from the "Exultet"

Plainsong, Mode III

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

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

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

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

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

*(Please stand as you are able.)*



Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also with you.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- P: Oh, how wonderful the condescension of your loving kindness! Oh, how inestimable the goodness of your love,  
C: **that to redeem a slave you delivered up your Son!**
- P: O necessary sin of Adam that is wiped away by the death of Christ!  
C: **O happy fault that was worthy to have so great a Redeemer!**
- P: The holiness of this time puts to flight the deeds of wickedness;  
C: **washes away sin;**
- P: restores innocence to the fallen,  
C: **and joy to those who mourn;**
- P: casts out hate;  
C: **brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.**
- P: Therefore, on this day of grace, receive, O holy God, this morning sacrifice of praise; which the Church lays before you in the solemn offering of the candle.
- The Christ candle is lit.*
- C: **We sing the glories of this flame, the brightness of which is not diminished, even when its light is divided and borrowed.**
- P: We, therefore, pray to you, O Lord, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the evil of our time and be mingled with the lights of heaven.  
C: **May the Holy One who is the morning star find it burning, that morning star which never sets, that morning star which, rising again from the grave, faithfully sheds light on all the human race.**

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

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## **YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Easter Affirmation*

Harriet Willoughby  
(b. 1960)

Avery Best, *percussion*  
Kristen Pomietlarz, *piano*

Christians, welcome Easter Day!  
Christ our Lord rose from the grave!  
Join together to proclaim:  
Christ has died! Christ has risen!  
Christ will come again!  
Christ has died! Christ has risen!  
Christ will come again!  
Alleluia, Amen!

## **THE GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*Canzona per sonare* No. 3

Giovanni Gabrielli  
(1557-1612)

Holy Trinity Brass Ensemble

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## **THE GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter

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

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P:** The Gospel of our Lord

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

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

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

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

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

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

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

**THE SERMON**

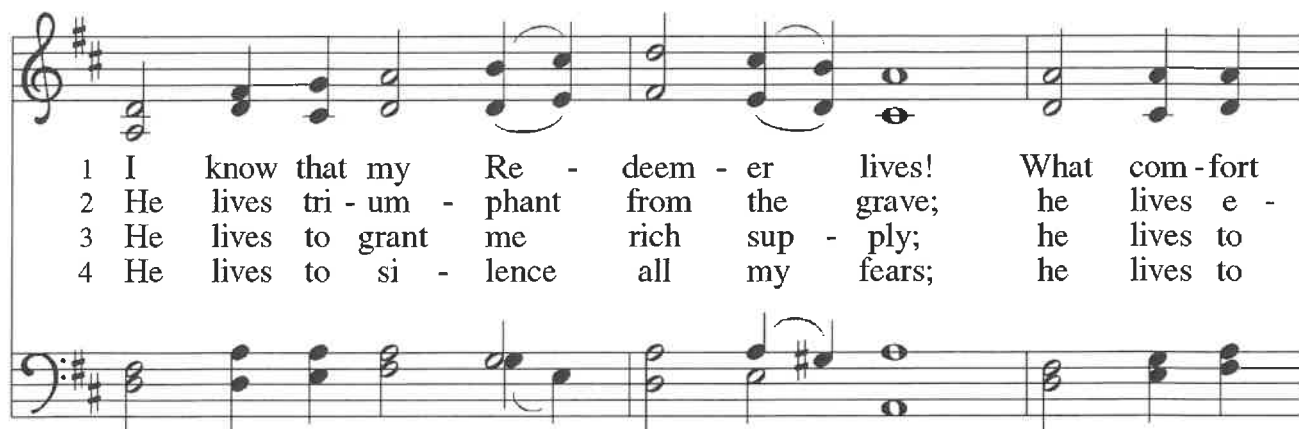
The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

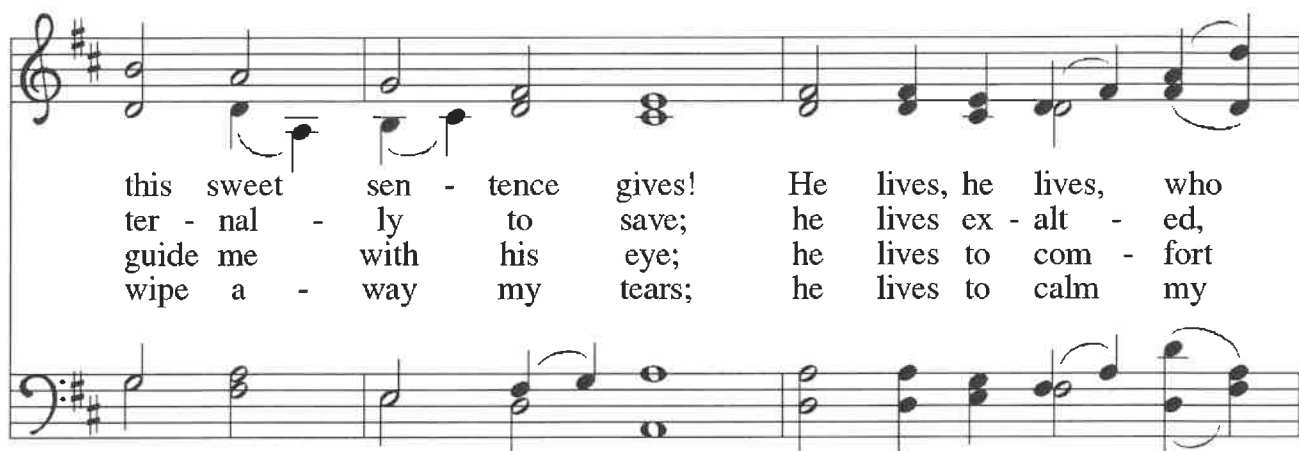
# THE SERMON HYMN

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

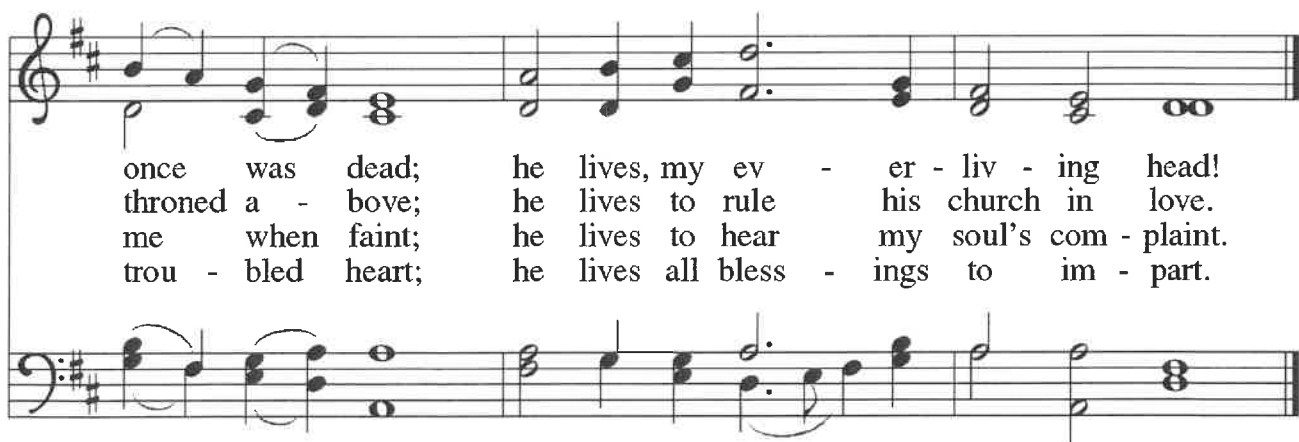
ELW 619 (vs. 1-3, 8)



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



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



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

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

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

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

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



## PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day and all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.... God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we give thanks for the people we honor through today's flower dedications, especially today's choir and musicians, the gift of wonderful children and family and loved ones who have died and gone before us, including James Casson. God of Grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

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

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

## **THE OFFERING**

### **THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*O Clap Your Hands*

Text: Psalm 47, 1-2, 5-8

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872–1958)

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.  
For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.  
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.  
For God is the King of all the earth:  
sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding.  
God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

*(Please Stand as you are able.)*

## **THE PRAYER AT THE OFFERING**

Let us pray together.

**Risen One,**

**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**

**May the gifts that we offer here**

**be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**

**through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**

**Amen.**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW 884

“Old Hundredth”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

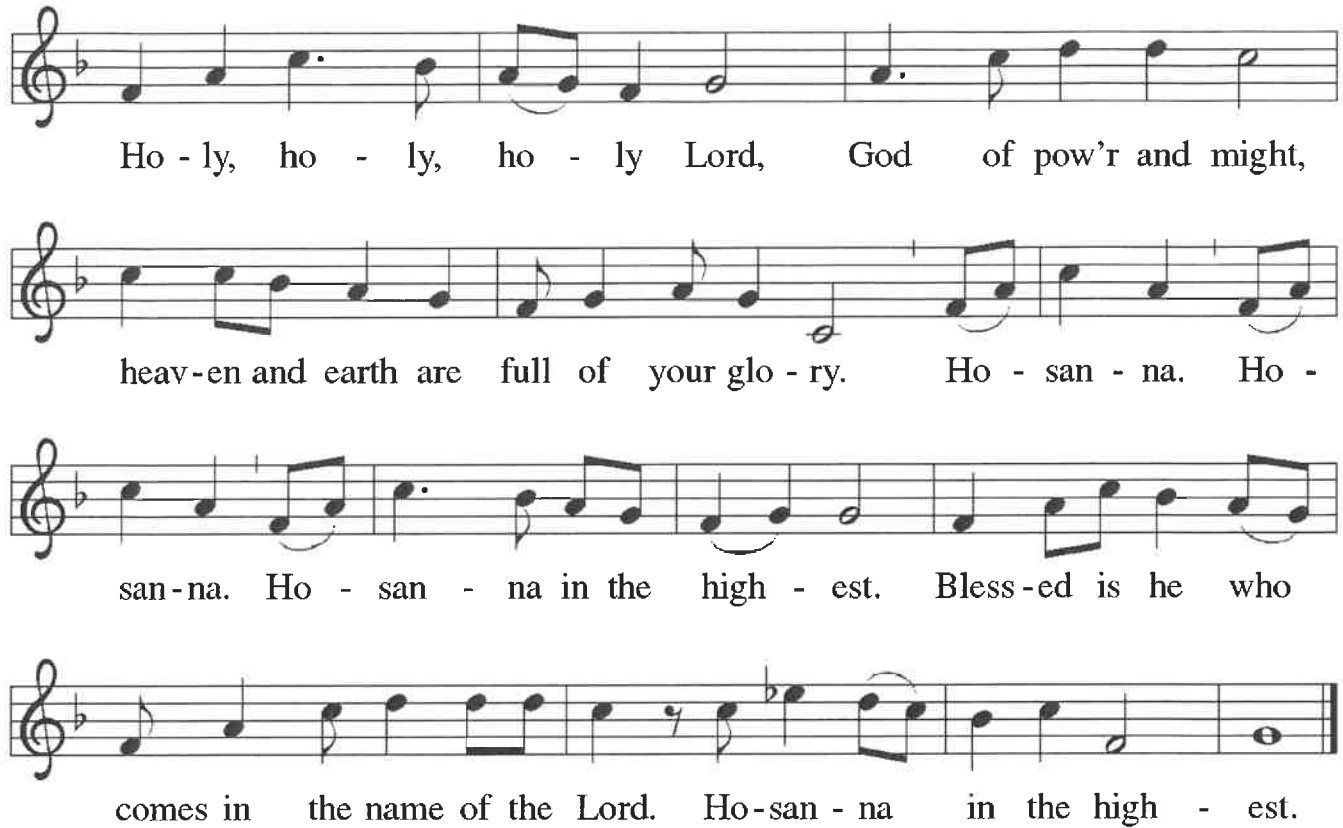
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THE PROPER PREFACE**

It is indeed right ...

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

## THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew

to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead  
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

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

On the day you raised him from the dead  
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,  
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued  
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.  
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly  
banquet.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in  
your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

**Amen.**

## THE AGNUS DEI



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

*(The congregation may be seated.)*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## *Invitation to Communion*

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

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

## COMMUNION ANTHEMS

### *Sound the Trumpet*

Henry Purcell  
(1659–1695)

Amie Adams, *soprano*  
Nicole Brendel, *soprano*  
Shannon Levine, *cello*  
Justin Pomietlarz, *Kuck-Kaufmann harpsichord*

Sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet, sound the trumpet!  
Sound, sound, sound the trumpet till around  
You make the list'ning shores rebound.  
On the sprightly hautboy play  
All the instruments of joy  
That skillful numbers can employ,  
To celebrate the glories of this day.

### *On the Nature of Daylight*

Max Richter (b. 1966)  
arr. Gerry Brazell  
ad. Kristen Pomietlarz

Joshua Corwin, *viola*



*Light of a Clear Blue Morning*

Dolly Parton (b. 1946)

Arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Carolyn Lansom, *mezzo-soprano*

Amie Adams, *soprano*

Nicole Brendel, *soprano*

Erin Alexander, *mezzo-soprano*

It's been a long dark night, And I've been waiting for the morning.  
It's been a long hard fight, But I see a brand new day a-dawning  
I've been looking for the sunshine 'cause I ain't seen it in so long  
Everything's gonna work out fine. Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay.

I can see the light of a clear blue morning. I can see the light of a brand new day.  
I can see the light of a clear blue morning.  
Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay.

*O Sacrum Convivium*

Peter Matthews

(b. 1944)

O sacred banquet!  
in which Christ is received:  
the memory of his passion is recalled:  
the spirit is filled with grace:  
and the promise of future glory is given to us,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

## THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Hallelujah*  
from *Messiah* HWV 56

Georg Frideric Händel  
(1685-1759)

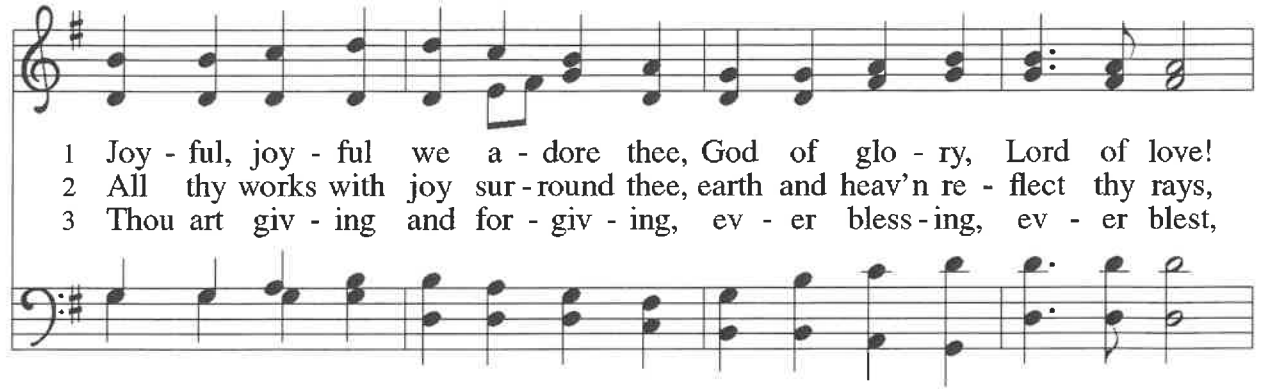
Mark Filsinger, *trumpet*  
James Francisco, *trumpet*  
Andrew Ziemba, *timpani*

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

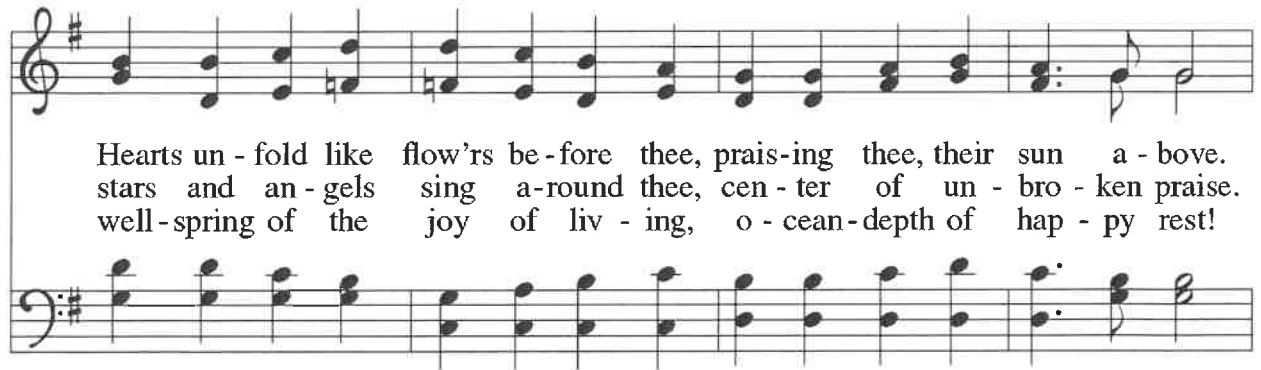
# THE CLOSING HYMN

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

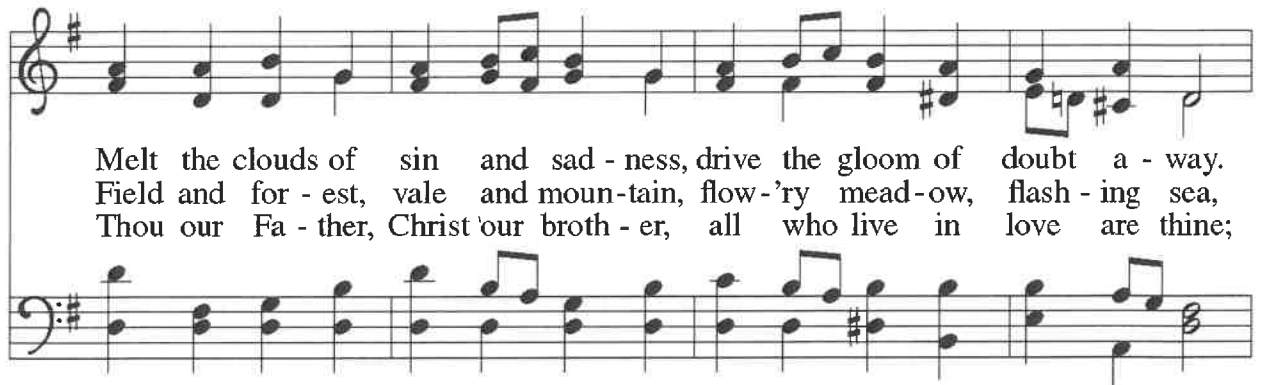
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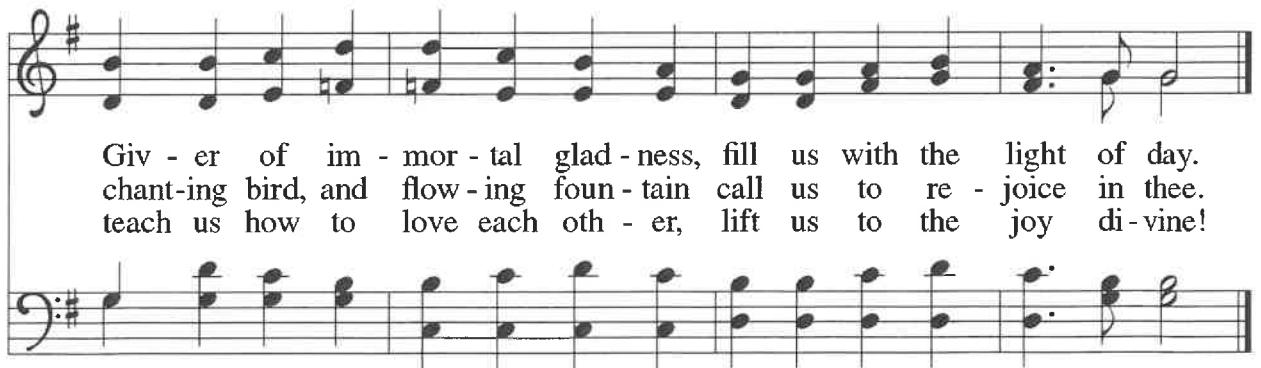
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



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



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



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

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata* from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor  
(1844-1937)

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



***A joyous and blessed Easter to all!***



## **Acknowledgements**

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

The pianos in the church are gifts to the glory of God given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kuhn  
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Gerrie Schleifer *(by her family);*  
and by S. Dwane Thomas, M.D and Paul and Judy Kroll

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Holy Trinity Chancel Choir  
Easter 2024

Justin T. Pomietlarz, *conductor* 2003

Amie Adams, *soprano* 2022  
Erin Alexander, *alto* 2021  
Jon Barber, *tenor* 2022  
Michael Blaschke, *tenor* 2015  
Ryan Blatz, *bass* 2023  
Nicole Brendel, *soprano* 2022  
Cristine Campana, *soprano* 1997  
Jennifer Carden, *soprano* 2019  
Daniel Culross, *tenor* 2005  
Colleen Flynn, *soprano* 2004  
Timothy Flynn, *bass* 2002  
Jamie Gangemi, *alto* 2023  
John Georger, *bass* 2008

Sarah Haykel, *alto* 2023  
Miley Heisler, *alto* 2023  
Holly Holdaway, *soprano* 2005  
Tyler Huk, *tenor* 2021  
Brian Ibsen, *baritone* 2021  
Carolyn Lansom, *alto* 2008  
Stefanie Lizauckas, *soprano* 2005  
Ryan Lockwood, *baritone* 2019  
Riley Nahlik, *tenor* 2023  
Kristen Pomietlarz, *alto* 2017  
Erys Yap, *soprano* 2022  
Jennifer Yap, *soprano* 1998

Each singer in the Chancel Choir makes a devoted personal commitment of time and musicianship to sing in this beloved ensemble. We honor them by recognizing the year in which they first came – sharing their voice, heart and spirit – to sing at Holy Trinity.

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



*Holy Trinity Instrumentalists*

*Trumpets*

Mark Filsinger, James Francisco

*French Horn*

John Georger

*Trombones*

Gerald Bacon, Diana Bley, Pim Liebmann

*Tuba*

Phil Rehard

*Percussion*

Andrew Ziemba

Avery Best

*Viola*

Joshua Corwin

*Cello*

Shannon Levine





### ***Worship Assistants***

Lead Crucifer ~ Timothy Yap  
Lead Torch Bearers ~ Maddie Brown, Morgan Leiser  
Missal Bearer ~ Avery Best  
Pastor's Crucifer ~ Erys Yap  
Pastor's Torch Bearers ~ Henry Flynn, Tony Lizauckas

### ***Ushers***

Jim Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Prudence Hollands,  
Charmaine Kaltrider, Mary Kaufmann and Joe Kryszczuk

### ***Information Desk***

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



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

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



## *Flowers*

The flowers at the altar are given  
To honor the dedication and long hours of rehearsal the choir and musicians give to  
provide us with today's glorious music;  
and  
In Loving Memory of my husband, James Casson and in thanksgiving for my wonderful  
children and their families from Noreen Casson;  
and  
In Loving Memory of deceased loved ones from the Schopp Family.

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

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

Parents and Grandparents by Pat and Dave Ulrich

My beloved by Mary Kaufmann

James and Elizabeth Manzella and Carl and Frances Kaufmann by Mary Kaufmann

George and Della Diehl by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange

Richard and Mary Sullivan by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange

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

Elaine Fuhlbruck by Paul A. Hoebel

Louis, Vera and Robert Hoebel by Paul A. Hoebel

Our mothers – Joan Pellnat and Mary Lou Clark by David and Sally Pellnat

Our parents, Robert and Mary Ann Schmidt and John and Victoria Caffarelli by Dave and  
Mary Linda Schmidt

Dakota Jacob Lee by Richard J. Lee

Carden and DeSabio Loved Ones by the Carden Family

Sandra Walker by Thomas Johnson

Mabel/William Johnson by Thomas Johnson

Margarita, Raúl and Alicia Saona by Raúl Saona

Carolyn, Henry, Robert, Carlton and David Hughes by Karen Saona

Our loving parents; Carl & Ann and Mabel & Harold by Pam and Neil Kattermann

All my family members by Alberta Matesick

William, Eleanor, Carol and Nancy Wolf by Linda Patricola

Dave Grabenstatter by his wife Nanc and son Eric

Walter & Doris Stroman and Marion Trier by Louise Ricchiazzi

Our parents and grandparents, Richard W. Bauchle, William and Emma Bauchle, Uncle

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

Bill Emms, Francis & Suzanne Volante by Gary Volante

Theresa "Grammy" Pomietlarz and all of our Grandparents by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz  
Earl J. Kunz by Heidemarie, Margaret and Sarah Kunz  
Ruth and Michael Bloos by Heidemarie Kunz  
Elaine E. Fuhlbruck by the Family  
Clifford and June Hehr by David Hehr  
My parents, Dr. Ralph Loew and Maxine Loew by Janet and Michael Day  
Kenneth James by Ruth James  
John S. Camilleri, Jr. by Ruth James  
The Rev. Dr. Lee M. Miller by Joan Miller  
Richard and Shirley Drenkhahn by The Rev. Rich Neal  
Frances Roberts by The Rev. Rich Neal  
Doris and Walter Stroman, Marion Trier and Frank Ricchiazzi by The Battaglia Family  
Kenneth James by Gail and John Camilleri  
John, Daniel, Josh and Dan by Gail and John Camilleri  
Melissa and Elaine by The Thomasula Family  
Our parents by Doug and Jayne Lloyd  
John F. Schleifer, Jr. by Karen, John III and Brad Schleifer

*In honor of:*

Helen and Martin Wright by Kristen, Matthew, Avery and Clayton Best  
Caleb, Ted, Gabe, Sam and Sophie Lee by Richard J. Lee  
Holy Trinity Staff by Doug Alderdice  
Our grandchildren, Ella Hope, Hannah Grace and Walker James by Paul and Karen Bauchle  
Holy Trinity's Choir Family by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz  
Our new pastors, Jeff Wilson and Rich Neal by Holly Holdaway, Daniel Culross and Carina Culross  
My grandson Wesley and my children Lauren, Brad and Matthew by Claire Carmer  
Our Family by Janet and Michael Day  
Andy Steven Ana by The Thomasula Family  
The caring helpers after my recent surgery by Elizabeth Vihnanek

*In Thanksgiving:*

For the blessings of Alexander and Emily by Mary Kaufmann  
For the lives of Betsy and Dan Barberree by The Rev. Jeff Wilson

*To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of*

Beloved son and brother, Randy Dean Goulet, by The Goulet Family

*In loving memory of loved ones by:* Carol Alderdice, Jim and Norine Dunnigan, Mark Peszko and David Schopp, Sue Spindler

## ***A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**PLANT SALE:** The annual **LYO plant sale ends today**. 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 and given to the church office. All orders are appreciated.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS:** Collection for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kit items ends today. Please place the items near the display at Kahler's Korner located near the Church office.

**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 at [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org). Please call the church office with any questions.

**NO COFFEE HOUR:** A well-deserved break is in store for the kitchen crew, therefore, there will be no coffee hour next Sunday, 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 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.

**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.

**CRISIS SERVICES:** For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Mr. Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

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