



Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 9, 2025
First Sunday in Lent
Celebrating our 146th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 am

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.

Connection Card

The Connection Card insert gives you a direct connection to the leaders and ministry at Holy Trinity. Ask questions, share prayer requests, and find out more about the ministry here. Please return the top portion in the offering plate or to an usher.



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INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

PRELUDE

Elegy

Brenda Portman
(b. 1980)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days "Consolation"

ELW 319

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

(10:30)

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.

We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

(10:30)

Please stand or sit as you are able.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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)

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Text: Psalm 51:10, 12

Gwendolyn Emory-Owings

(b. 1948)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Lord, open my mouth, so I may sing Thy praises.

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The first reading for the First Sunday in Lent is recorded in Deuteronomy, the 26th Chapter.

¹ “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: 91:1-2, 9-16

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain (“R”).



Psalm 91:11

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- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- ² you will say to the LORD, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.” **R**
- ⁹ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,
- ¹⁰ no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.
- ¹² Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. **R**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶ With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 10th Chapter.

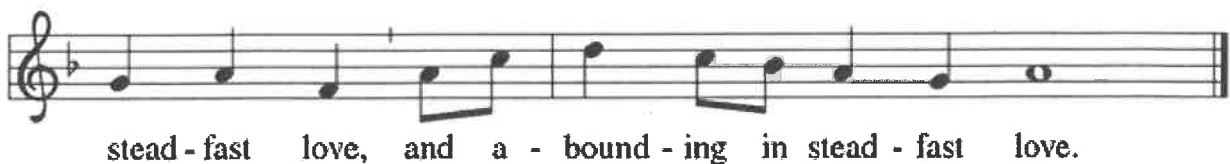
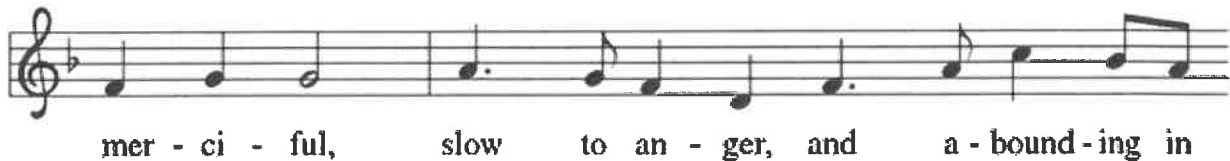
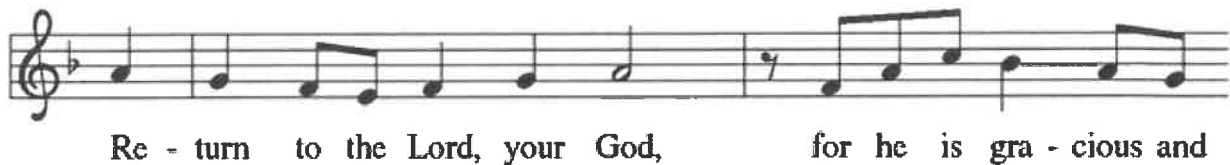
^{8b} “The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’ ”

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me “Sojourner”

ELW 325

APOSTLES CREED

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

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

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

PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. Watch over all your children, especially Wyatt and Jonathan. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... . God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life, especially local artists, Mickey Harmon and Jordan Celotto, and Hildegarde Heidt who we remember through today's flower dedication. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING



(8:30)

THE SOLO

Feet o' Jesus

Text: Langston Hughes (1901-1967)

Florence Price
(1887-1953)

Michael Teti, *tenor*

At the feet o' Jesus,
Sorrow like a sea.
Lordy, let yo' mercy
Come driftin' down on me.

At the feet o' Jesus
At yo' feet I stand.
O, ma little Jeus,
Please reach out yo' hand.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Go Down, Moses

African-American Spiritual
Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
(1925-2023) (1916 – 1999)

Tim Flynn, *bass*

When Israel was in Egyp' land: (*Let my people go*)
Oppressed so hard they could not stand: (*Let my people go*)
Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egyp' land, Tell ol' Pharoah, Let my people go.

"Thus spoke the Lord," bold Moses said: "Let my people go!
If not I'll strike your firstborn dead!" (*Let my people go*)
Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egyp' land, Tell ol' Pharoah, Let my people go.

No more shall they in bondage toil, (*Let my people go*)
Let them come out with Egyp't's spoil, (*Let my people go*)
Go down, Moses, 'Way down in Egyp' land, Tell ol' Pharoah, Let my people go.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Gracious Provider,

**you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.**

**As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart "Hillert"

ELW 186



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

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

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

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

...

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

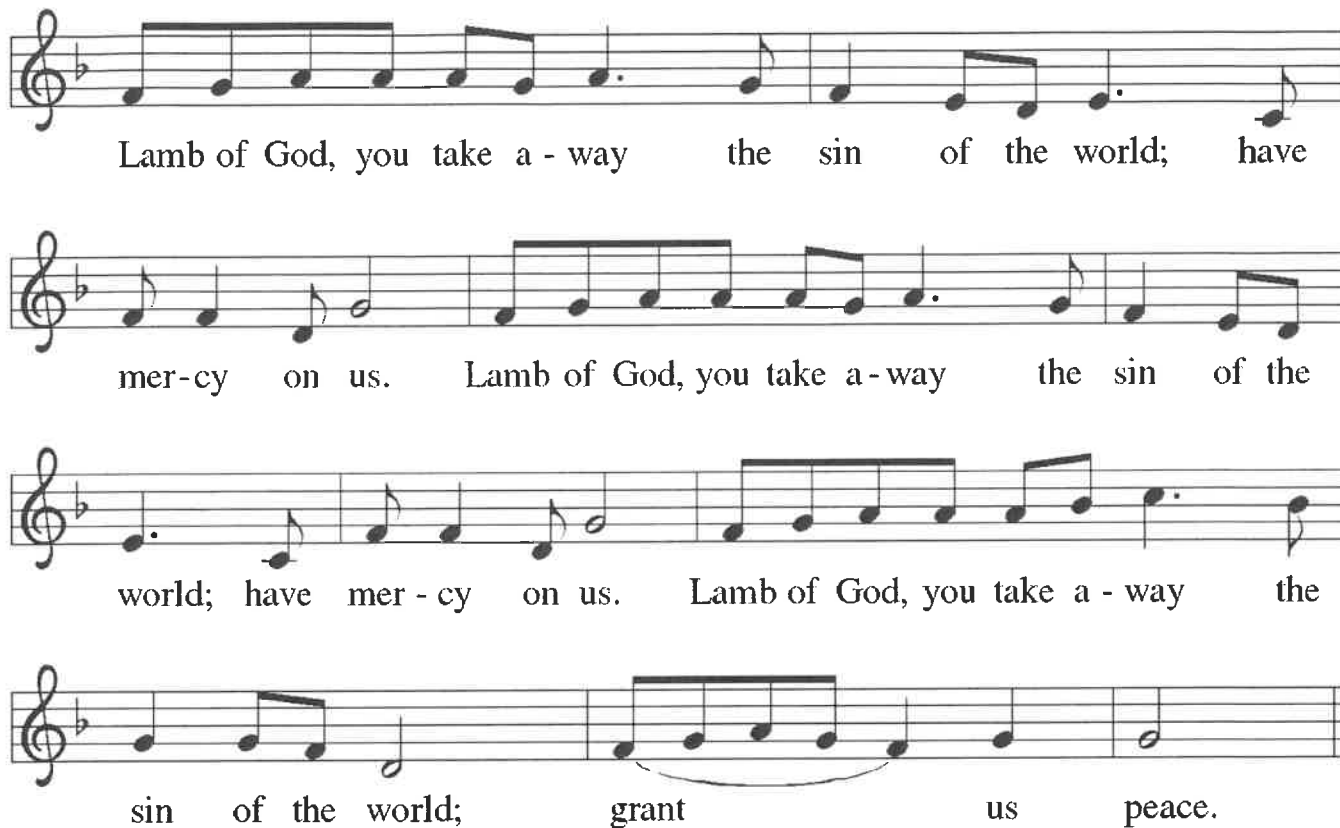
With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

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.

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. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord. Communion is received by "intinction" - you will be offered the wafer (gluten-free is available) and you dip the wafer into either the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice).

Pre-filled communion cups are also available for those who prefer less physical contact. People who do not receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Please advise an usher if you would like the pastors to bring communion to you in your pew.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

This is My Prayer from *Songs of Heaven and Sky*

Text: Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)

Gwyneth Walker

(b.1947)

Michael Teti, *tenor*

This is my prayer to thee, my Lord-
Give me the strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows.
Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service.
Give me the strength never to disown the poor or bend my knees before insolent might.
Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles.
And give me the strength to surrender my strength to Thy will with love.

(10:30)

Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks

Text: Psalm 42: 1-3

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is a thirst for God yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me, "Where, where is now thy God?"
My tears have been my meat day and night.

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 Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

**Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

We invite congregation members to share this holy meal with people who are unable to worship in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar to guide you. Please take a bulletin with you to be able to easily share today's scripture and prayers with the meal.

THE BENEDICTION

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey "Llangloffan"

ELW 326

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

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.*



Stewardship – Near

The following Community Organizations will be supported by
Holy Trinity through the Halley Fund this year:

Big Big Table Community Cafe
Church of Mission of Help Counseling
Friends of the Night People
Journey's End
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center
Lutheran World Relief
Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation
Reconciling Works
Refugee Partnership Fund
Lutheran Charities
Ambulance for Zimbabwe (Synod Initiative)

MUSIC NOTES

American Guild of Organists - Women Composer Sunday

The service begins with **Brenda Portman**'s (b. 1980) *Elegy* which won the Twin Cities AGO Composition Competition in 2016. Following a decade of successes in performance competitions, and now with her compositions increasingly in demand, Brenda Portman has established a well-respected dual career as both a concert organist and composer. She serves as the Resident Organist at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she is also the Executive Director of the church's renowned Organ Concert Series. She is the Organ Instructor at Xavier University in Cincinnati, and also teaches organ and piano privately.

Holy Trinity choirs love singing the music of **Gwyneth Walker** (b. 1947). On Ash Wednesday we heard her setting of *Steal Away*. This morning, Michael Teti, *tenor* makes his Holy Trinity solo debut singing *This is My Prayer* from *Tagore: Songs of Heaven and Sky*. Walker was born in New York to a Quaker family and grew up in New Canaan, Connecticut. She began her first efforts at composition at an early age and went on to receive BA, MM and DMA degrees in Music Composition from Brown University and the Hartt School of Music. She taught music for fourteen years at Hartt School of Music, the Hartford Conservatory and the Oberlin College Conservatory, and then moved to a dairy farm in Vermont and went to work as a full-time composer. In 1988, she helped found the Consortium of Vermont Composers and later became the director of the organization.

The Chancel Choir sings the Robert Shaw and **Alice Parker** (1925-2023) setting of *Go Down, Moses*. A master of American choral music, Parker wrote arrangements of hymns, folk songs and spirituals used in concert halls and churches countrywide. For two decades she also worked with the most prominent American chorus of her day, the Robert Shaw Chorale, collaborating with Mr. Shaw on hundreds of works. "She wasn't about professional choirs," he added. "She was focused on getting everybody singing. She would go into the church for an hour or two, and have people singing hymns."

For Ms. Parker, singing served a deeper purpose than simply providing pleasure. In a 2022 interview with Newmusic USA, Ms. Parker said:

"When we sing something perfectly lovely together, not necessarily the B minor Mass or something that needs a lot of rehearsal, but a hymn, or a folk song, or a children's song, we sing it together, and it really clicks, and you have this marvelous feeling of brotherhood in the room."

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, March 9, 2025 – First Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 pm Piano recital (MC)
- 3:00 pm Buffalo Choral Arts Society Concert (MC)

MONDAY, March 10, 2025

- 9:30 am Bible Study (FR)
- 6:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous (RH)
- 7:00 pm Buffalo Niagara Choirs rehearsal (CH)

TUESDAY, March 11, 2025

- 12:00 pm Women at the Well (FR)
- 1:00 pm Explore Buffalo Tour
- 7:00 pm Executive Meeting (CR)

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2025

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (CR)
- 6:00 pm Vocalis Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, March 13, 2025

- 9:00 am Property Meeting (FR)
- 10:00 am Watercolor Class (RH)
- 6:00 pm Lenten Supper and Study/Choir Dinner (RH)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir with Westminster Choir Rehearsal (MC)

SUNDAY, March 16, 2025 – Second Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 am Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 am Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR)
- 10:30 am Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour (RH)

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 am the announcer and reader is Todd Kroening. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Rowan Leiser.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Sally Pellnat. Reader is Ron Leiser. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matt Brown, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Dave Pellnat. Communion Assistant is Ron Leiser. Chancel Care member is Vicki Oliver. Acolytes are Adrianna Wareham, Avery Best, Henry Flynn, Tony Lizauckas and Clayton Best.

Collection Counters are Doug Alderdice, Linda Horton and Sue Spindler.

The flowers on the altar are given
In Loving Memory of Hildegarde Heidt from Paul Biesinger.

Council Member Sally Pellnat will be at the entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

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



Clyde Terry would like to thank everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers. He appreciates all of your support.



2025 Lenten and Easter Worship

Lenten Supper and Study (Thursdays 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10)

6:00 pm Soup and bread supper and discipleship conversation
“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” God’s words to Isaiah are God’s words to us. We find wholeness and strength when we ground ourselves in our source of life and live as God created us to live, with authenticity and integrity. During this series, we’ll consider the life we are already living by God’s grace, as individuals and as a congregation, and discuss how we can embody that life more authentically.

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir
10:30 am Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

Maundy Thursday, April 17

12:00 pm Holy Communion/stripping of the altar
7:00 pm Holy Communion/stripping of the altar/Chancel Choir

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 pm Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:30 am Festival Service of Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Team
10:00 a.m. Pre-service music
10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with
Choir/Brass/Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANT SALE: Order forms for the annual plant sale fundraiser are now available! Copies are available on the tables outside the church and chapel or by calling the church office. **Important dates: Sunday, March 30: Deadline to hand in order form with payment. Saturday, May 17: Pickup (11:30am-12:30pm) and planting of church grounds.**

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help with the organization and distribution of the plant orders starting around 9am on May 17. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Jen Yap, Elizabeth Vihnanek or the church office.

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available and can be found on the tables at the entrance ways. Feel free to take one.

THE HT CARES TEAM is hosting a Life Transition Part 2 Workshop on Saturday, March 29 from 8:30am –2:00pm. This workshop will include information on handling the stages of grief, managing funeral home and cemetery preparations, and elder life real estate concerns. A suggested donation of \$5 is payable at the door. Join us for this important conversation. Please register by using the QR code or calling the church office. We look forward to seeing you for this important conversation.



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, May 18 at 12:30pm in the Church Office Conference Room. Those who would like to join will be received into membership on Sunday, June 1. If you have questions or would like to attend this engaging class, please contact the church office at 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. We have tentatively scheduled the class for Saturday, May 10, from 9:00am - 12:00pm in Redeemer Hall, and the tentative date for them to receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 18, at the 10:30am service. These dates will be firmed up over the next few weeks. 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 or 716-886-2400.

MEMORIAL BRICK Dedications are available. Our fountain terrace is the space on our north lawn alongside Main Street and provides a gathering space for the community all around us. Memorial Bricks may be reserved and dedicated in the memory of, or honor of, a loved one. Order forms for the bricks may be found on the tables at the entrance ways or by calling the church office.

LUTHERAN CHARITIES AWARDS DINNER will be held on Friday, May 2 at 6:00pm at Ripa's Italian Restaurant. Tickets are \$60 per person. Join us for this special event as we congratulate our own Jen Yap who will be receiving The Maji Award. **Please register and pay online by March 20** at www.wnyslutherancharities.org. Please call the church office with any questions.

Considering Matthew Shepard

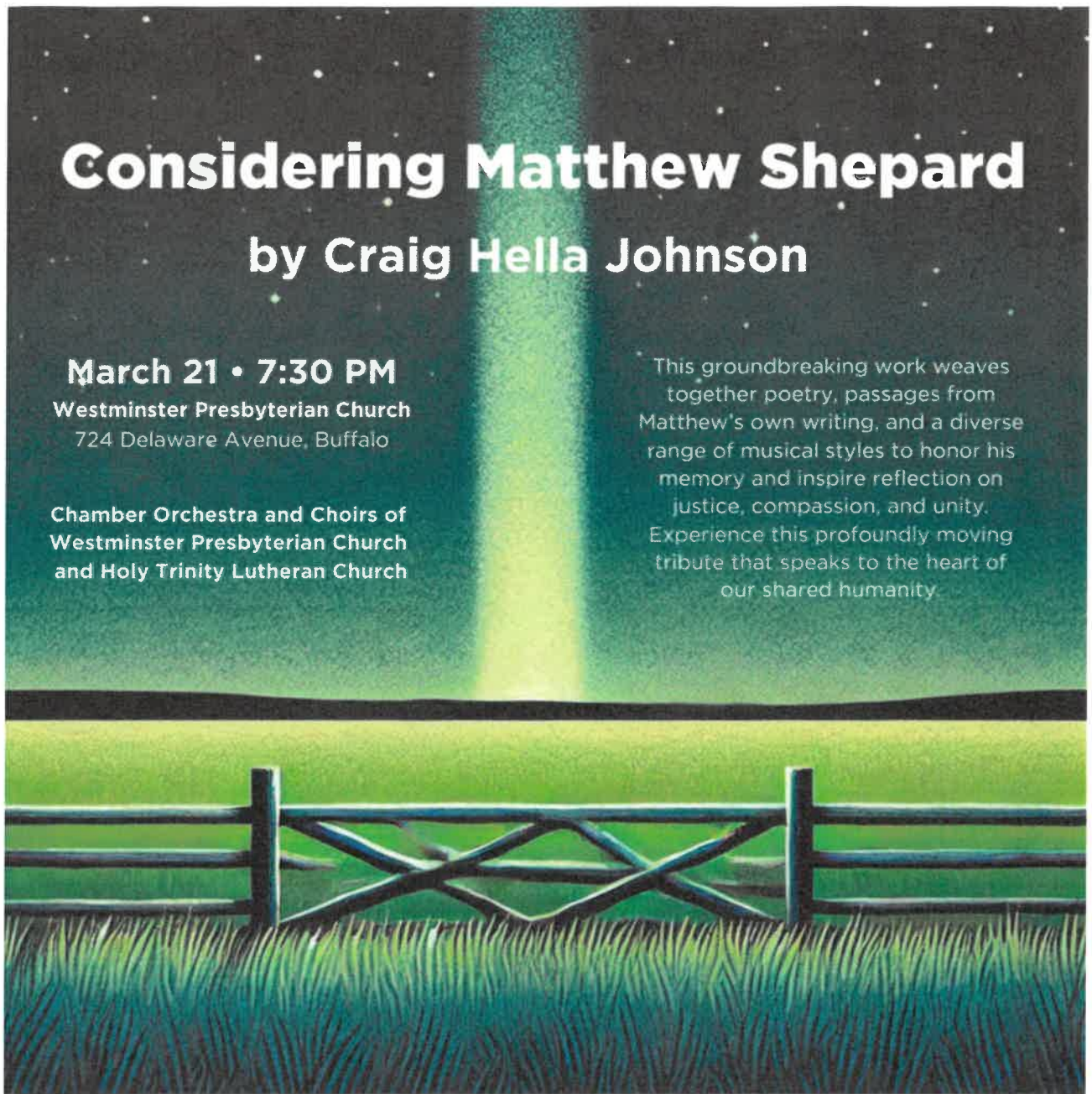
by Craig Hella Johnson

March 21 • 7:30 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church
724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo

Chamber Orchestra and Choirs of
Westminster Presbyterian Church
and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

This groundbreaking work weaves together poetry, passages from Matthew's own writing, and a diverse range of musical styles to honor his memory and inspire reflection on justice, compassion, and unity. Experience this profoundly moving tribute that speaks to the heart of our shared humanity.



The Choirs of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church are combining to present the WNY premiere of the monumental contemporary oratorio *Considering Matthew Shepard*.

The performance will be Friday, March 21st at 7:30 pm,
at Westminster P.C., 724 Delaware Avenue.

The work *Considering Matthew Shepard* is a modern-day oratorio—told through music, poetry, and singing—that reflects on and responds to the devastating events that led to Matthew Shepard's heartbreaking death. His life and legacy are compassionately explored in this groundbreaking work by Craig Hella Johnson.



The HT Youth Ministry Committee has been working hard to offer a variety of youth events over the past few months. Attendance at these events has varied and we would like to hear from families about how we are/are not meeting the needs of our youth. Your feedback is important and will help guide this ministry forward. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us regarding the activities, scheduling, and communication of HT Youth events.

A graphic with a dark red background and a white wavy border. At the top center is the HT YOUTH logo. Below it, the text reads: 'Have youth in your life? We want to hear from you!' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath is the text 'Help shape Holy Trinity's Youth Ministry!' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the QR code is an icon of two speech bubbles, one solid and one dashed, with three stars inside the solid bubble. To the right is a QR code with the 'bitly' logo at the bottom right corner. At the bottom center is the URL 'bit.ly/HTYouthSurvey' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

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If you have any questions or would like more information about the survey or youth events, please reach out to Christina Ruggeri (christina.ruggeri@holyltrinitybuffalo.org).



RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

DONA NOBIS PAGEM

Presented by Buffalo Choral Arts Society
with chamber orchestra

Sunday, March 9th, 2025 at 3:00 PM
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
1080 Main St, Buffalo



Tickets \$20

Students and Veterans: \$10 at the door



An evocative concert that invites the audience to consider:
what is the true cost of war?



Tickets available at the door or at BuffaloChoralArts.org.



David Curtis: Music Director

Robert Hull: Accompanist

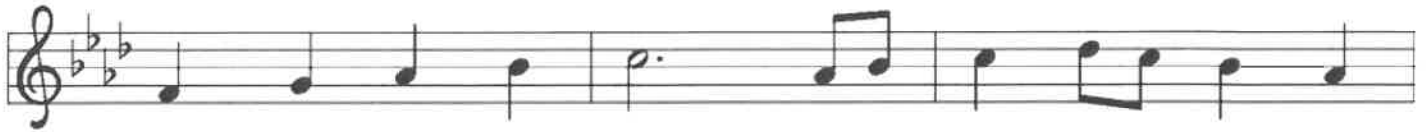
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days "Consolation"

ELW 319



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davissou, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

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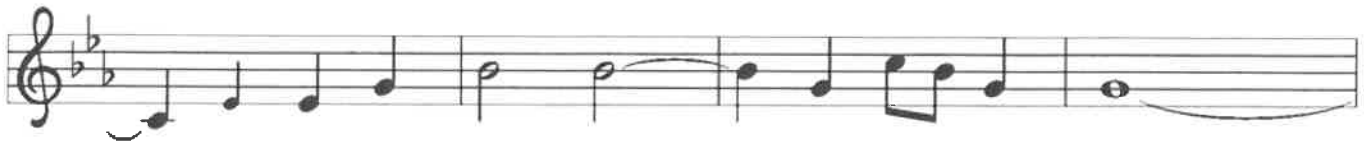
SERMON HYMN

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;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



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

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey “Llangloffan”

ELW 326



- 1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
- 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
- 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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Our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)
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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,
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