

# The Festival Service of Holy Communion

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

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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 Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Kristen Pomietlarz, organ

Exultate Deo
Text: Psalm 81

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Raise a song, sound the timbrel, the sweet lyre with the harp. Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day.

At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners Text: John Donne (1572-1631), Holy Sonnets

Williametta Spencer (b. 1927)

At the round earth's imagin'd corners, blow
Your trumpets, angels, and arise, arise
From death, you numberless infinities
Of souls, and to your scatter'd bodies go;
All whom the flood did, and fire shall o'erthrow,
All whom war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies,
Despair, law, chance hath slain, and you whose eyes
Shall behold God and never taste death's woe.
But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space,
For if above all these my sins abound,
'Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace
When we are there; here on this lowly ground
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good
As if thou' hadst seal'd my pardon with Thy blood.

Marco Galvani

(b. 1994)

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God, and may we love others with a sincere heart.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

As we are gathered into one body, beware, lest we be divided in mind.

Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease, and may Christ be in our midst.

#### My Master From A Garden Rose

**Eleanor Daley** 

Text: Gordon Ellsworth Young (1919–1998)

(b. 1955)

#### Erin Alexander, conductor

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.

Please stand as the choir processes into the sanctuary.

#### Victimae Paschali

ascribed to Wipo of Burgundy

11th Century, Plainsong Sequence, Mode I

(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.

#### 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.

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Text: Psalm 42: 1-3

(1525-1594)

Just as a hart desires to find a wellspring where from to quench his thirst, so my soul also longs for Thee, O Lord, who art our God.

#### His Light in Us

Kim André Arnesen

Text: Euan Francis Barclay Tait (b. 1968)

(b. 1980)

God's distant call flares in the night, so long expected, so longed for; and all my life, Christ called my name, and now at last I'll answer Him.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us, incarnate, fragile, our Lord appears, alleluia, alleluia! Eternal, so perfect, his cry of changeless love.

Alive, awake, His call is here: it is the crying of the Child; I know Christ's call, its hidden flame, it makes my spirit flare with hope!

Renewed, his hope, his light in us...

This root, this stem, this flowering love, this mustard seed, it grows to the greatest tree, the birds of souls have nested there. The light of the night now blazes at dawn!

You've lead me here, O little child, your being singing with God's life. The kingdom sings, it choirs with earth, all creation lives Christ's peace.

Renewed, his hope, his light in us...

## Earth Song

Text: Frank Ticheli

Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)

#### Erin Alexander, conductor

Sing, Be, Live, See...

This dark stormy hour, The wind, it stirs. The scorched Earth cries out in vain:

Oh war and power, you blind and blur. The torn heart cries out in pain.

But music and singing have been my refuge, And music and singing shall be my light.

A light of song Shining strong: Alleluia! Through darkness and pain and strife, I'll Sing, Be, Live, See...

Peace.

Alleluia from Psalmo Brasileiro

Text: Jorge de Lima (1893-1953)

Jean Berger (1909-2002)

Erin Alexander, conductor

Alleluia, alleluia, O Lord!

Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.

But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.

We have no cymbals for your praise, no harps to praise you, litanies for the mother of God.

Accept them, I implore you. I will dance and sing your praises!

Cymbals and the sounding harp I do not have.

But I'll make a fair procession for you, O blessed Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, O Lord!

# To the Music of the Harp

#### Kenneth Medema

Text: Psalm 92:2-4 (b. 1943)

# Joshua Corwin, *viola* Hope Wilk, *harp*

To the music of the harp and the psaltery, to the music of the lute and the lyre. How beautiful it is to give thanks, how beautiful it is to give thanks. To announce God's faithfulness each morning and declare God's kindness ev'ry night, Day and night, night and day, day and night.

And to sing an anthem to our God most high. Your works have made me glad, O Lord, I sing for joy when I think of the working of your hand, Day and night, night and day, day and night.

Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God born of His Spirit, washed in the blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. Sing, O sing of my redeemer, with his blood he purchased me. On the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me free. Day and night, night and day, day and night.

How beautiful it is to give thanks, how beautiful it is to give thanks. To announce God's faithfulness each morning and declare God's kindness ev'ry night, day and night, night and day, day and night.

How beautiful it is to give thanks, how beautiful it is to give thanks. And to sing an anthem to our God most high. To the music of the harp and the psaltery, to the music of the lute and the lyre and the harp!

#### HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### **Buffalo**, New York

Celebrating our 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# The Resurrection of Our Lord Festival Service of Holy Communion April 20, 2025 | 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.

#### 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 AND WELCOME

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### THE ENTRANCE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Please stand as you are able.

The Crucifer and Cantor bearing the paschal candle lead the procession into the darkened church.

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



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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is a good and joyful thing 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, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.

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

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

This, indeed, is the day in which the shadows of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness.

This is the day in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin.

This is the day in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph.

For it would have profited us nothing to be born had we not also been redeemed.

Oh, how wonderful the condescension of your loving kindness! Oh, how inestimable the goodness of your love, that to redeem a slave you delivered up your Son!

O necessary sin of Adam that is wiped away by the death of Christ!

O happy fault that was worthy to have so great a Redeemer!

The holiness of this time puts to flight the deeds of wickedness; washes away sin;

restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn;

casts out hate;

brings peace; and humbles earthly pride.

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.

We sing the glories of this flame, the brightness of which is not diminished, even when its light is divided and borrowed.

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.

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.

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;

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

Sing Out with Joy!

Mark Patterson

(b. 1969)

# Erin Alexander, *conductor*Tony Lizauckas and Avery Best, *percussion*

Refrain: Sing out with joy, sing out with joy! Christ the Lord is risen!
Sing out with joy, sing out with joy!
Jesus is alive!

Clap your hands, shout for joy! People lift your voice and sing; now He lives forevermore. Christ has won the victory! *Refrain* 

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia; He is risen indeed. Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia; He is risen indeed. *Refrain* 

Sing out with joy, He is alive! He is alive!

#### THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

I Hear Music in the Air

Carl MaultsBy

Text: Based on the Spirituals I Will Trust in the Lord and Up Above My Head

(b. 1949)

Treble Voices of the Chancel Choir

Up above my head, I hear music in the air.

There must be a God somewhere.

Up above my head, I hear praying in the air.

There must be a God somewhere.

Up above my head, I hear singing in the air.

There must be a God somewhere.

Please stand as you are able.

#### THE GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of our Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

# THE PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS THE FESTIVAL PROCESSION

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today "Easter Hymn"

**ELW 365** 

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)

#### PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving and those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts....

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

#### THE PEACE

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

The congregation may be seated.

#### THE OFFERING



#### THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

#### Trinity Te Deum

Text: attributed to Nicetas of Remesiana (c.401-450)

Ēriks Ešenvalds (b. 1977)

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud: the Heav'ns, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heav'n and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;

The Father of an infinite Majesty; thine honourable, true and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ, thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,

thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,

whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

Holy, holy, holy.

Please stand as you are able.

#### THE PRAYER AT THE OFFERING

Let us pray together.

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Make yourself known to us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

#### THE OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "Old Hundredth"

**ELW 884** 

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.

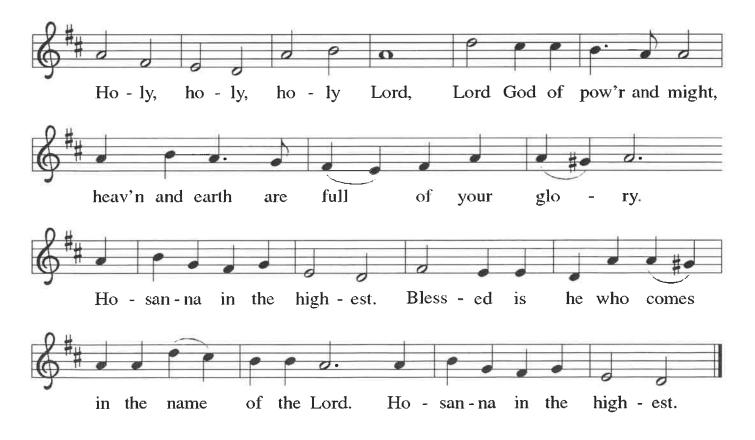
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### THE PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

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

#### THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



#### 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.

. . .

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 has risen. Christ will come again.

. . .

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

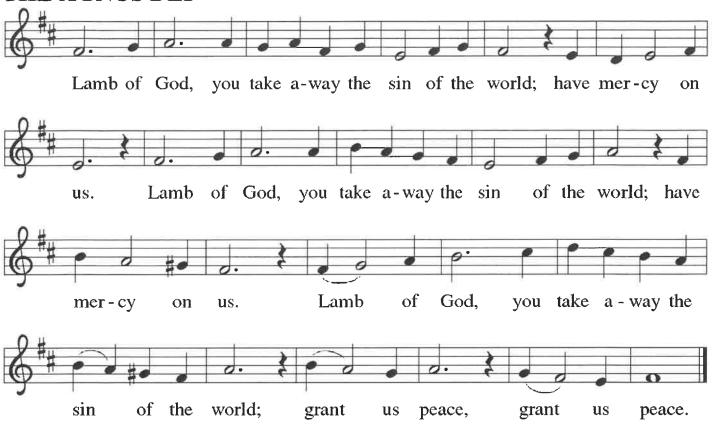
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



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. 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.

#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Menuet from Suite of Eight Dances

Charles Moïse Léon Salzedo (1885–1961)

Hope Wilk, harp

#### The Earth Is Risen

Text: Samuel Longfellow (1812-1892); altered, G. Walker

(b. 1947)

Now the earth is ris'n again from the Winter's bond and pain.

Bring we leaf and flow'r and spray to adorn this Easter, this holy day.

(The earth is risen, risen, risen, risen...)

Once again the word comes true. All the earth is born a-new.

Now the coldest days are o'er, and light and gladness as before.

(The earth is risen, the word comes true. All the earth is born a-new.)

How our hearts leap with the spring! How our voices soar and sing!

Life has triumphed over death, and beauty rises, sings on ev'ry breath.

(Sing, my soul! O sing, my soul!)

Change, then, mourning into praise. With loudest voices anthems raise.

All our fears and griefs shall be lost in immortality (in immortality).

How our hearts leap with the Spring! How our spirits soar and sing!

For now, beyond the depths of pain, all the earth is risen, all the earth is risen.

Christ our Lord is risen again, risen again!

# When Mary Thro' the Garden Went Op. 127, No. 3 Charles Villiers Stanford Text: Mary Coleridge (1861–1907) (1852–1924)

When Mary through the garden went, there was no sound of any bird, and yet, because the night was spent, the little grasses lightly stirred, the flowers awoke, the lilies heard.

When Mary through the garden went, the dew lay still on flower and grass, the waving palms above her sent their fragrance out as she did pass. No light upon the branches was.

When Mary through the garden went, her eyes, for weeping long, were dim. The grass beneath her footstep bent, the solemn lilies, white and slim, these also stood and wept for him.

Traditional Spanish Easter Carol
Arr. Clarence Dickinson
(1873–1969)

#### Nicole Brendel, soprano

In Joseph's lovely garden the Lord Christ's tomb was made, and there His broken body to rest was gently laid. A great rock strongly sealed it, that death might have full sway; but God sent down His angel, to roll the stone away. When dawn was faintly breaking across the garden fair, three women entered weeping, bearing spices rare. Then spake the guardian angel, in shining raiment bright, "He whom ye seek is risen, and death is vanquished quite!" O angel of the garden, descend to us today, and comfort all our sadness and drive death's fear away. We all are sorrow laden, speak to our hearts we pray, "He whom ye love is risen, and lives with Christ always!" O Jesus, blest Redeemer, all praise to Thee we bring; no power of death could hold Thee, our Saviour, Lord and King! As Thou hast ris'n all glorious, may I one day arise, o'er sin and death victorious, in Thy blest paradise.

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.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

#### THE BENEDICTION

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

#### THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Hallelujah from Messiah HWV 56

Georg Frideric Händel (1685-1759)

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"

**ELW 836** 

#### THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **POSTLUDE**

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Please remain at your seat until the cross has returned to the chancel.

A joyous and blessed Easter to all!



#### **Acknowledgements**

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#### **Holy Trinity Chancel Choir**

Easter 2025

Justin T. Pomietlarz, conductor 2003

David Asch, bass 2024
Jon Barber, tenor 2023
Nicole Brendel, soprano 2022
Daniel Culross, tenor 2005
Timothy Flynn, bass 2002
John Georger, bass 2008
Sarah Haykel, alto 2023
Holly Holdaway, soprano 2005
Brian Ibsen, bass 2022
Stefanie Lizauckas, soprano 2005
Riley Nahlik, tenor 2023
Heidi Schneider, soprano 2017
Jennifer Yap, soprano 1998
Erys Yap, alto 2023

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**

Nathan Barnes, Mark Filsinger, James Francisco, trumpet
John Georger, French horn
Gerald Bacon, Diana Bley, Pim Liebmann, trombones
Joshua Corwin, viola
Hope Wilk, harp
Larry Dubill, percussion

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## **Worship Assistants**

Lead Crucifer
Timothy Yap

Lead Torch Bearers
Avery Best, Clayton Best

Missal Bearer Griffin Miller

Pastor's Crucifer Tony Lizauckas

Pastor's Torch Bearers
Maia Leiser, Killian Brown

Paschal Candle Henry Flynn

#### **Ushers**

Ron Leiser (captain), Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Marty Wright

**Communion Assistant**Sue Cosentino

Chancel Care Member Vicki Oliver



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)

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.

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Elizabeth Lochhaas, Jack Grabenstatter
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth H. Eckhert, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. James Marion Geiger, Helen Geiger,
and Ruth H. Geiger

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS**

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING: The Holy Trinity Property Committee will be hosting an Active Shooter Awareness session along with an Emergency Preparedness for Churches overview, on Sunday, April 27. This will take place following the 10:30 Service, in the main church. Once finished, there will be refreshments and light snacks available in Redeemer Hall. This event will last about 60 minutes. Dana Estrada will conduct the Active Shooter Awareness session. Dana is with the City of Buffalo, Citizen Services department. She is also affiliated with Niagara University. Pastor Steve Biegner, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Eggertsville, will provide us with an overview on Emergency Preparedness for Churches. This will be an important event for our church's safety, especially for those serving as

ushers. Thank you and we hope you make every effort to attend.

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 8 (please note date change). 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 scheduled the class for Saturday, May 10, from 9:00am - 12:00pm in Redeemer Hall, and the date for them to receive their First Communion on Sunday, May 18, 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 or 716-886-2400.

FELLOWSHIP FUNDRAISER: A fundraising initiative has been established to support Fellowship Coffee Hour in conjunction with Upstate Bottle Return located at 4730 Broadway St. Depew. We have 4 collection boxes located in the church for your convenience while attending services. Larger donations may be dropped off at Upstate. Just state that you are donating to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. A drive will be held on May 17 during the plant sale pick up. Additionally pick up at your home available upon request. Please contact Sally Pellnat for further information. (Note this is for returnable deposit cans and bottles only, not recyclables.) Go to <a href="https://upstatebottlereturn.com">https://upstatebottlereturn.com</a> for more information and locations.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: Does the current political/social/economic situation have you confused? anxious? angry? hopeful? Our next Bible Study will be Monday, April 28, when Dave Ulrich will try to make some sense of the current trends and provide some historical parallels to the current events and trends. A series of probably three weeks is anticipated. Programs start at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Room. All are invited.

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a Cinco de Mayo coffee hour in Redeemer Hall, on May 4, after the 10:30 Service. Your favorite Mexican dishes and desserts will be available.

THE HT YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE has been working hard to offer a variety of youth events. 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 by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions or would like more information about the survey or youth events, please reach out to Christina Ruggeri (christina.ruggeri@holytrinitybuffalo.org).

#### HOLY TRINITY MEMBERS CAN SAVE LIVES

# THE HT CARE TEAM IS SPONSORING A BLOOD DRIVE WITH CONNECT LIFE ON SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 FROM 9:00 am TO 1:00 pm (FELLOWSHIP ROOM)

To sign up, scan the QR Code or call 716-529-4270 OR visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org & enter sponsor code:001673



All May blood donors will receive a pair of flex tickets to a Bisons home game.

#### PICTURE ID WILL BE NEEDED

#### **GET THE FACTS:**

- 1 in 7 people entering a hospital needs blood
- Someone in the U.S. needs blood every 2 seconds
- 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 LIVES

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Sixteen year olds need parent permission slip
- Minimum weight 120 lbs
- Minimum age 17 (16 with signed parent permission form)
- Maximum age 75 if older, you may donate after medical history is taken at the donation site some donors are 90+
- When signing up, pick a time (15 minute intervals) give your full name, email, and phone number

#### See an HT Care Team member for more information:

Kathy Crissey-Biesinger, Linda Horton, Donna Leiser, Marilyn Miller, Millie Nikischer, Pastor Jeff, Pastor Rich, Barb Wozniak, Pat Ulrich

#### **FLOWERS**



The flowers at the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Gerrie Ann and John Schleifer by Lynn and Anthony Glieco; and

In Loving Memory of Lucian (Tom) Kutas for his birthday on Earth Day, April 22, by Marty Kutas; and

In Loving Memory of parents Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Claus and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schopp by Gwendolyn Schopp.

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:

My beloved, by Mary Kaufmann

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

Our parents and grandparents, Richard W. Bauchle, William and Emma Bauchle; Robert Klas, Shirley Klas and brother, Robert R. Klas by Paul and Karen Bauchle

Elaine Fuhlbruck by Paul Hoebel

Louis, Vera and Robert Hoebel by Paul Hoebel

Margarita, Raúl and Alicia Saona by Raúl and Karen Saona

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

John F. Schleifer, Jr. by Karen Schleifer

Walter and Doris Stroman, Marion Trier by Louise Ricchiazzi and Family

Our parents and grandparents by Pat and Dave Ulrich

Ruth and Michael Bloos by Heidemarie B. Kunz

Earl J. Kunz by Margaret, Sarah and Heidemarie Kunz

In loving memory of:

Sandra Walker by Thomas Johnson

Mabel and William Johnson by Thomas Johnson

Grandson, Dakota Jacob Lee, by Richard J. Lee

Mary Lou Clark by David and Sally Pellnat

Joan Pellnat by David and Sally Pellnat

Kenneth James by Ruth James

John Camilleri, Jr. by Ruth James

Our little angel, Jane Marie Sacal Girdlestone by John and Riza Girdlestone and Mary Rose Sacal Girdlestone (Mom, Dad and big Sister)

Our parents, Vi and Layton Leiser and Victoria and John Caffarelli by Ron and Donna Leiser

My parents Robert and Ruth Thomas by Gary Thomas

My brother Charles Thomas by Gary Thomas

My grandmother Ruth Simmons by Gary Thomas

Joan and Arthur Pellnat by Jim, Beth, Sara, Marissa and Maddi

Theresa "Grammy" Pomietlarz and all of our Grandparents by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomeitlarz

Donald and Irene Rice by Charles and Anna Marie Rice

John and Anna Mae Jones by Charles and Anna Marie Rice

Johnny, Dan, Josh and Daniel by John and Gail Camilleri

Rudolf and Elizabeth Rick, Martha Wicksell and Carol Higgs by

Martin and Helen Wright

Smith and Kathryn Wright and Donald and Myrtle Jones and Det.

Michael Phillips and Thomas Phillips by Martin and Helen Wright
William, Eleanor, Carol and Nancy Wolf by The Patricola Family
George and Della Diehl by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange
Richard and Mary Sullivan by John Sullivan and Cynthia Lange
Our grandparents Jacqueline and Jerauld Holcombe by Dylan and Ryan
Scavone

In loving memory of:

Dave Grabenstatter by his wife Nanc and son Eric

Randall F. and Marie Smith by Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones

Randall E Smith by Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones W. Dana and Elizabeth Jones by Kevin, Helen, Ann Marie and Randi Jones

Melissa Renee by the Thomasula Family

Ken James by Ruth James

John Camilleri, Jr. by Ruth James

The Bonnell Family by loving daughter and sister, Janet Bonnell

Cornelia Land by neighbor, Janet Bonnell

Rev. Ralph and Maxine Loew by Make and Janet Day

William A. Emms by Gary Volante

Francis and Suzanne Volante by Gary Volante

Schleifers before us, Ethel Mae, John Sr., John Jr., and Gerrie by the Schleifer-Schneggenburgers

My parents, Clifford and June Hehr, by David Hehr

William Bradley, Sr. by the Bradley Family

William Bradley, Jr. by the Bradley Family

Phillip Timothy Bradley by the Bradley Family

Thedralyn Bradley by the Bradley Family

Woy G. Cruz by Thomas Johnson

#### *In honor of:*

Our grandchildren, Ella Hope, Hannah Grace and Walker James by Paul and Karen Bauchle

Helen and Martin Wright by Kristen, Matthew, Avery and Clayton Best Pat Lonergan by Carol Griesmann and Peter Bergenstock

Sister Donna Font by Thomas Johnson

Harlene Howard by Thomas Johnson

Grandchildren of Dr. Richard J. Lee

My children and grandchildren by Claire Carmer

# In honor of:

Our loved ones by Ron and Donna Leiser

Our granddaughter, Felicia, by Dave and Mary Linda Schmidt

Holy Trinity's Choristers and musicians by Justin, Kristen and Lillian Pomietlarz

Tim and Karen Taylor, Kyle Taylor, Cameron Taylor by Martin and Helen Wright

Matt and Kristen Best, Avery Best, Clayton Best by Martin and Helen Wright

Steve and Ana by the Thomasula Family All HT Staff by Doug Alderdice James Day family by Mike and Jan Day Jennifer Domanski family by Mike and Jan Day

#### In Thanksgiving:

For the blessings of Alexander and Emily by Mary Kaufmann

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Dan & Betsy Barberree - Pastor Jeff's mom and step-dad

In loving memory of loved ones by: Carol Alderdice, Claire Carmer, Jim and Norine Dunnigan, Pam and Neil Kattermann, David Schopp, Sue Spindler

#### THE FESTIVAL PROCESSION

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today "Easter Hymn"

**ELW 365** 



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Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

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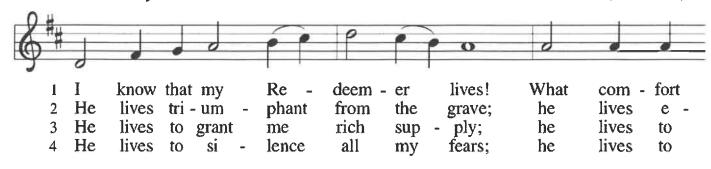
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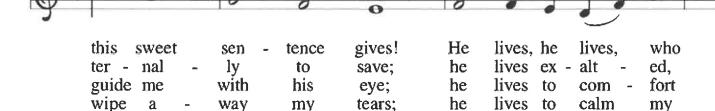
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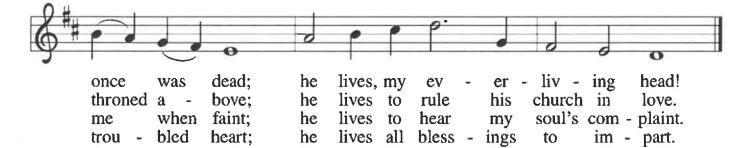
#### THE SERMON HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives! "Duke Street"

ELW 619 (vs. 1-3, 8)







- 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.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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#### THE CLOSING HYMN

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee "Hymn to Joy"

**ELW 836** 



- 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, praising 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;



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

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

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#### For CARDIAC EMERGENCIES:

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

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