

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Palm Sunday
March 25, 2018

Celebrating our 138th Anniversary
Holy Communion – 8:30 and 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 people; welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We believe that our openness will allow us to grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

*We invite our guests as well as members to fill out the blue sheet,
found inside your bulletin, and place in the offering plate.*

*Using a smartphone? While we ask you to please silence your ringer,
feel free to check-in, post, tweet or instagram
your experience today using the hashtag #PowerofTrinity.
Friend us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/holytrinitybuffalo*

INTRODUCTION

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

VOLUNTARY

Valet will ich dir geben BWV 735

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the words of a reformation hymn, let us confess our sin before God.

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able (10:30)

Out of the depths I cry to you;

O Lord God, hear me calling. Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling. Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs. Without it I am nothing. Amen.

In God alone, in God we hope, and not in our own merit. We hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the ✠ Word. Praise God for grace and mercy!

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Weather permitting, the congregation is invited to process outside following the cross and clergy for the Palm Sunday Gospel Procession.

THE PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they

brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields.

⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

THE THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor “Valet Will Ich Dir Geben” ELW 344

Refrain



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



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



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

Refrain



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

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling 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 God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, 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.

ANTHEM (8:30)

God in Mine Eternity

Alan Bullard

Traditional Hebridean

(b. 1947)

God to enfold me, God to surround me, God in my speaking and God in my thinking.

God in my sleeping, God in my waking, God in my watching and God in my hoping.

God in my like, God in my lips, God in my soul, God in my heart, God in mine eternity.

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

MOTET (10:30)

Hosanna to the Son of David

Orlando Gibbons

(1583 – 1625)

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the King of Israel, blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens.

(You may be seated for the reading of the Passion of the Christ.)

*The assembly is invited to participate in the Passion by reading aloud the **BOLD** text together.*

¹As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” He answered him, “You say so.” ³Then the chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate asked him again, “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.” ⁵But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

⁶Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. ⁷Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. ⁸So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” ¹⁰For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. ¹²Pilate spoke to them again, “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” ¹³They shouted back, “**Crucify him!**” ¹⁴Pilate asked them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “**Crucify him!**” ¹⁵So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

¹⁶Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began saluting him, “**Hail, King of the Jews!**” ¹⁹They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. ²⁰After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

²¹They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. ²²Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). ²³And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

²⁵It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. ²⁶The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." ²⁷And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "**Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days,** ³⁰**save yourself, and come down from the cross!**" ³¹In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

³³When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ³⁵When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "**Listen, he is calling for Elijah.**" ³⁶And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "**Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.**" ³⁷Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

⁴⁰There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

⁴²When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time.

⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

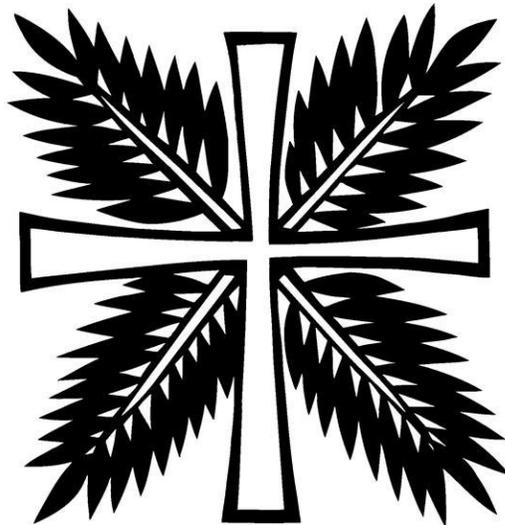
The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand as you are able.



My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

7 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

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 INTERCESSION

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Bless all who call upon your name. Unite your church in bearing witness to the gospel. Pour your love into our hearts, and inspire us to pour out our lives in service to your world. Strengthen all communities of faith including the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the world. For palm trees and figs. For trees with leafy branches. For olive groves and gardens. For mountains and hillsides, valleys and canyons. For places affected by rising sea levels or depleted water sources. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. For peace among all, especially those who honor Jerusalem as holy ground. For all who hold positions of authority and power. For all who suffer oppression, and for all men and women who serve in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need. For those who have suffered betrayal. For those who live in poverty. For those who have no voice or power. For the forsaken and forgotten. For those who are in crisis, and for those who are ill especially Sue Fayle. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. For those preparing for baptism or confirmation. For musicians, altar guilds, ushers, and all who lead us in worship. For those who serve our community through food pantries, homeless shelters, clothing banks and especially today the Buffalo City Mission. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all of us, those young and old, your daughters and sons, including the children of our congregation and especially Avery, Zachary, Ethan and Erica. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving, we remember all who have been obedient to your will and all who have died in faith. Bring us with them into your glory, to dwell with you in life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

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

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

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING (8:30)

O for a closer walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

(1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

MOTET AT THE OFFERING (10:30)

Christus Factus Est

Anton Bruckner

(1824 – 1896)

Christ was made obedient for us, obedient even unto death on the cross! Wherefore hath the Lord exalted Him, and given to Him a great name. That is highest, higher than all great names.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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 al-so 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



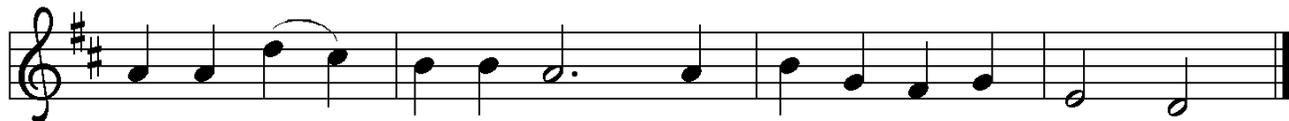
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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

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, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

(10:30)

Candidates for Communion Celebration

will receive the Eucharist at the rail with their immediate families

followed by a prayer with Pastor Maynor.

Communion then continues with the congregation.

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 to the communion rail (or to the presiding minister if the communion rails are not in place) and kneel or stand at the next available place at the rail. 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. 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. All are welcome to the table of our Lord.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION (8:30)

Wondrous Love

American Folk Hymn

Arr. Eric H. Thiman

What wondrous love is this, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul. To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Holy Trinity Chapel Choir

MUSIC AT COMMUNION (10:30)

Matthäuspassion (St. Matthew Passion)

Johann Sebastian Bach

BWV 244: Part II, No. 49 and 50a-e, *sung in English*

(1685 - 1750)

Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*

Roger VanDette, *tenor*, as Evangelist

Timothy Flynn, *baritone*, as Pontius Pilate

Julie Tunstall, *flute*

Shannon Levine, *cello continuo*

Aria, soprano: *Aus Liebe will mein Heiland sterben*

In love my Savior now is dying, of sin and guilt He knoweth naught.

To His cross I would be flying, lest of sin the heavy thought still upon my soul be lying.

Recitative, Evangelist: But they cried out yet the more and shouted:

Chorus: *Laß ihn kreuzigen!* Let Him be crucified!

Recitative:

Evangelist: When Pilate had seen that he could not prevail, but that rather there might be a riot, he took water, and washed his hands before them all, and said:

Pilate: I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man; see ye to it.

Evangelist: Then did all the people answer him, and said:

Chorus: *Sein Blut komme über uns und unsre der.* His blood be on us and on our children!

Recitative:

Evangelist: Then released he Barrabas to them, but Jesus did he scourge, and then he delivered Him, that they might crucify Him.

Please stand as you are able.

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane "Gethsamane"

ELW 347

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall
for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30 Service.
All are welcome.*

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Communion Celebration
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (FI)
- 2:00 p.m. BNYC and Boston's Children's Chorus Concert (MC)

MONDAY, March 26, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Devotions and breakfast (CH)
- 6:00 p.m. Seder Meal (RH)

TUESDAY, March 27, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Devotions and breakfast (CH)

WEDNESDAY, March 28, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Devotions and breakfast (CH)
- 6:00 p.m. BNYC Rehearsal (MC)

THURSDAY, March 29, 2018

Maundy Thursday

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Devotions and breakfast (CH)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 8:45 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)

FRIDAY, March 30, 2018

Good Friday

- 7:00 a.m. Morning Devotions and breakfast (CH)
- 10:00 a.m. Flowers Delivered
- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with full choir (MC)

SATURDAY, March 31, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Easter lily set up (MC)
- 11:00 a.m. Acolyte/Choir Rehearsal (MC)

SUNDAY, April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday

- 8:30 am Festival Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast (RH)
- 9:45 a.m. Pre-service music (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion w/Choir and Brass

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to all our children sharing in today's Communion Celebration for the first time: Avery Best, Zachary Flynn, Ethan McKinney and Erica Sampman.

GIVE + APP: Introducing the Give+ App, a new way to share your offering without cash or checks. Simply go to the App Store on your phone or tablet and search and install "GivePlus Church". Click on "Find Churches Near Me" and select Holy Trinity. You can click on Give Now for a one time gift or create your own account. Follow instructions to complete your gift. Detailed instructions can be found on the tables in the entrance ways. Look for the Give + Church flyer.

SUNDAY FORUM (ADULT ED): There will be no program today or Easter Sunday. Sunday Forum returns April 8 when we welcome Cathleen Allen, House Manager for Kevin Guest House on Ellicott Street in the medical campus. This is the original Hospital Hospitality House in the country. Learn of the history and mission of this welcoming home for patients and their families. Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

SEDER MEAL: Please join us as we gather together for a Passover Seder on Monday, March 26 at 6:00pm in Redeemer Hall. This is a wonderful Holy Week experience for families and we hope you can be with us. Please make your reservation by calling the church office or filling out the reservation forms located on the tables in the entrance ways and return to the church office.

LYO PLANTS: It's that time of year again for the Annual LYO Plant Sale. Order forms may be obtained from the church or chapel entrance ways, from any LYO member, from Pastor Brenda or by calling the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, March 25 and pick up will be Saturday, May 19 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

TOUR OF HOMES: Want to volunteer to help show off our beautiful church? HT will be included on the Linwood Tour of Homes this year. The tour is Sunday April 29th from noon until 5pm. Scripts and information will be provided. If you're interested in helping serve as a docent and can volunteer for a few hours that day, please contact Angela Keppel at 716-471-9074 or akepps@gmail.com

SUPPORT OUR HAITI MISSION TEAM on Sunday, April 29 from 1:00–4:00pm at Resurgence Brewing Co., 1250 Niagara Street. The Haiti Mission Team is holding a fundraiser to enable purchasing pews for the church on the Island of Ile a Vache. The goal is to raise enough for 20 pews at \$200.00/pew. The team will build these during the October 2018 mission trip. Event tickets are \$25.00 (includes food and a drink.) A basket raffle and door prize will also be held. If you would like to make a donation toward the raffle, ex. a basket filled with goodies, gift certificates, a painting, etc. see Kathy Crissey (807-9494) or Donna Leiser (868-3862). Don't miss this fun event!

*Although the Civil Rights Act of 1964 legally desegregated the South, discrimination was still rampant in certain areas, making it very difficult for blacks to register to vote. In 1965, an Alabama city became the battleground in the fight for suffrage. Despite violent opposition, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his followers pressed forward on an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, and their efforts culminated in President Lyndon Johnson signing the Voting Rights Act of 1965. You are invited to view the movie **SELMA** on Wednesday, April 11 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Room. A light supper will be served followed by a discussion. (RSVP: 886-2400 by 4/6.) Sponsored by the Racial Justice Team.*

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, please fill out the form located in the church and chapel entrance ways and mail to the church office. The cost is \$10.00 per plant.

HOLY TRINITY IS NOW ON AMAZON SMILE! When you shop at Amazon via Amazon Smile, 0.5% of each qualifying purchase will be donated to Holy Trinity. Amazon is **tripling the donation amount** to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12 - 31. Please use the link provided to shop Amazon Smile. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0746856>

OUR NEW COMMUNITY MEAL MINISTRY, "Community Table," will be serving a community dinner on Wednesday April 4 at 5:30. We will hold a brief evening devotion following dinner. We need volunteers to prep, cook, and serve these meals. Prep work will take place on Wednesday, April 4th at 2pm. Please see Pastor Brenda to sign-up or if you have any questions.

HEARTS AND HANDS MUSICAL RELIEF CONCERT: After Hurricane Maria caused overwhelming damage to Puerto Rico this past fall, a group of local musicians decided to hold a benefit concert to raise money for Disaster Relief. Please join them on Sunday, April 8 at 2:00pm at Holy Trinity for this benefit concert. Donations will be accepted at the concert. All funds raised will go to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response.

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE is in need of individuals to assist in event preparations. Please see Guy Huber on Sunday mornings or call him at 597-4825 or you can call the church office at 886-2400 if you are interested in helping out.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE CSA 2018 Sign-Up is upon us! Consider becoming a ‘shareholder’ and purchasing your very own ‘share’ of weekly produce from Porter Farms located in Batavia NY. It’s picked fresh on Fridays and in your hands on Saturday morning. How’s that for fresh!! If you’re still on the proverbial fence, the Porter Family is now offering, for the first time in their farm’s history, a Small Share in addition to their traditional Full Share. This smaller share is intended to make CSA membership more manageable for individual vegetarians, couples, families with young children, and the like. Please contact Sheila Richards-Perez for more information at ada.srperez@gmail.com.



Music Notes

It has been humbling to prepare segments of Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion* for Services these past two weeks. The last time this music was sung here at Holy Trinity, the Chancel Choir had combined with the Fredonia Chamber Choir, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, and professional soloists from around the country under the direction of Dr. Gerald Thomas Gray, professor of choral music and conducting at SUNY Fredonia. Sadly, Professor Gray developed pancreatic cancer a year later, and was quickly taken from us. But he left us with profound memories, musical experiences, and an incredibly researched and detailed interpretation of Bach’s masterpiece. I have been reminded of the incredibly sophisticated detail of this work, and that no note or phrase can be left unturned, else the piece is not brought to life. As Holy Week and the Passion begins, it is hard not to think of my friend and colleague, and all that he gave us.

I would also like to thank all the musicians that made this possible these last two weeks. So much effort goes into making all of this possible – well beyond the 3-hour Thursday rehearsal. It is true professionalism and dedication that makes it seem so effortless. Thank you to Rebecca Torres, *violin*, Julie Tunstall, *flute*, Shannon Levine, *cello*, Maria Parker, *mezzo-soprano*, Mary Kay Atlas, *soprano*, Roger VanDette, *tenor*, and Tim Flynn, *bass*. You truly have enriched all of us with your musicianship. It is an honor to make music with you each week.

Lenten Worship at Holy Trinity



Palm Sunday, March 25

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Chancel Choir

Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Week Morning Devotions and Breakfast

Monday, March 26

- 6:00 p.m. Passover Seder Dinner

Maundy Thursday, March 29

- 7:30 pm Holy Communion/stripping of the altar/full choir

Good Friday, March 30

- 7:30 pm Tenebrae Service with full choir

Easter Sunday, April 1

- 8:30 am Festival Service of Holy Communion with Chapel Choir
9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship & Hospitality Group
9:45 am Pre-service music
10:30 am Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Nathaniel Wareham. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Heidemarie Kunz. Communion assistant is Peter Bergenstock. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Lay reader is Janet Marcia Archer. Altar guilds are Claire Carmer and Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Penny Brusio, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Beth Pellnat and Paul and Millie Nikischer. Communion Assistants are John Knipler, Ron Leiser, Justin Rojek and Natalia Bavaro. Worship Assistants are Madison Pellnat, Christian Johnson, Alex Rojek, Adam Hakansson, Justin Rojek and Natalia Bavaro. Collection Counters are Jeanette Kuck, Uli MacDonald and Gary Szakmary.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of John F. Schleifer, Sr., Gerry Schleifer, Anthony and Ann Glieco and Michael Glieco by Tony, Lynn and A.J. Glieco.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Avery Best, Zachary Flynn, Ethan McKinney and Erica Sampman.

Council Member Tom Kutas will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

The regular offering from our members on March 18, 2018 was \$6,853; weekly attendance was 210.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need,
the remainder is needed by others.*

– St. Augustine

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