



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, March 31, 2019  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Celebrating our 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Holy Trinity!*

*Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's 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](http://www.facebook.com/holytrinitybuffalo)*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

## **VOLUNTARY**

Herzlich tut mich verlangen Op. 122, No. 9 & 10

Johannes Brahms  
(1833-1897)

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **INTROIT (10:30)**

*Wash me through and through* (1980)

Text: Psalms 130 and 51, Book of Common Prayer, 1976

Peter Hallock

(1924 - 2014)

Part II

For there is forgiveness with you, therefore you shall be feared.

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

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Wash me through and through and from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

**Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

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

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows.**

**Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*God Loved the World* “Rockingham Old”

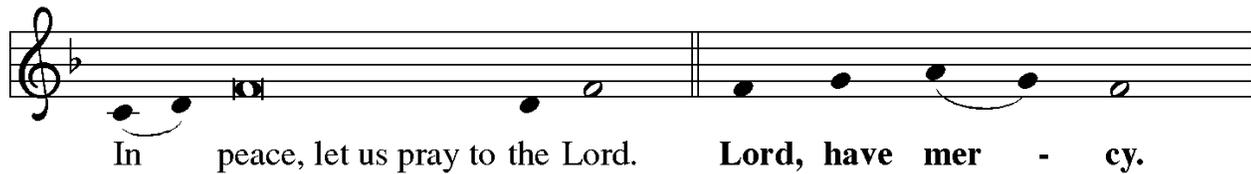
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## **GREETING**

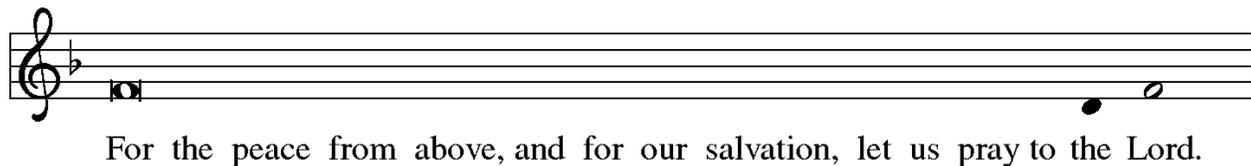
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

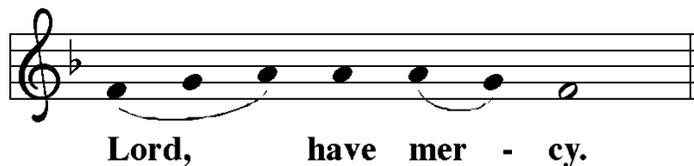
# KYRIE



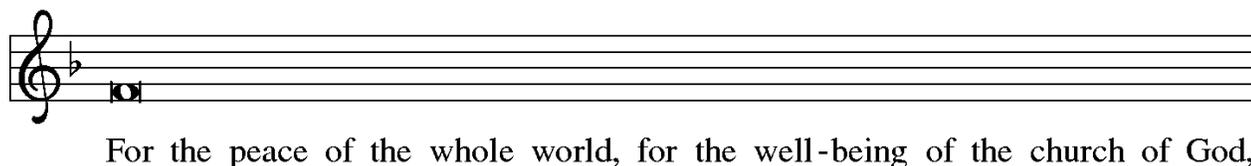
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



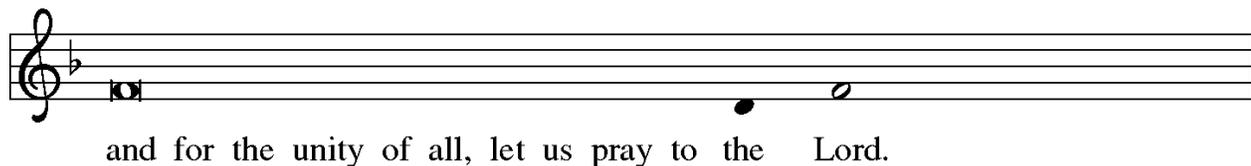
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



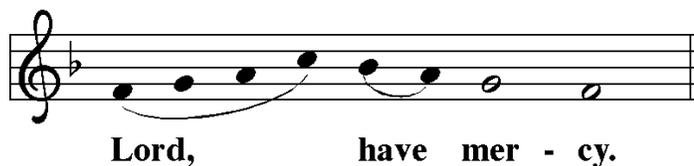
Lord, have mer - cy.



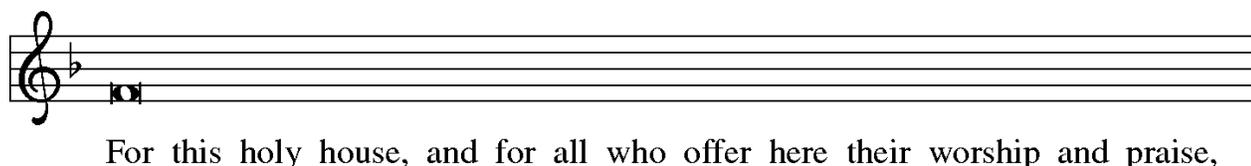
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



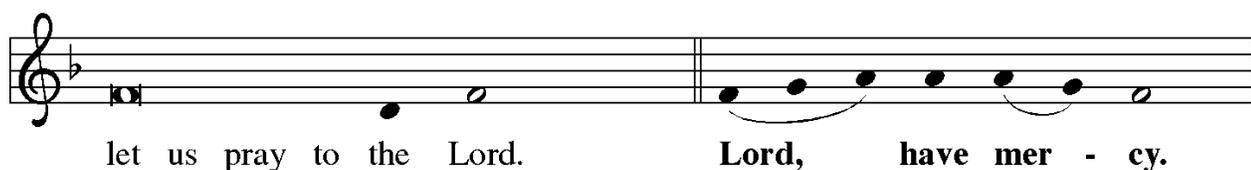
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



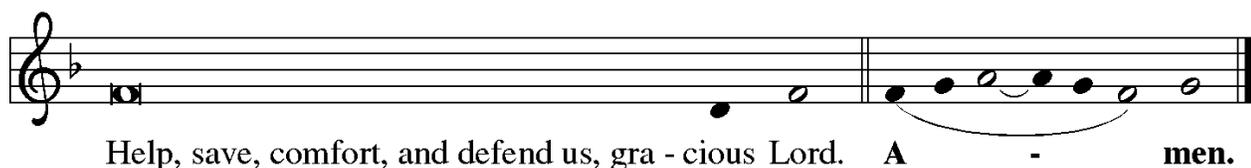
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.



## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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.*

## **A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

### **FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12**

The first reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is recorded in Joshua, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup>While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup>On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup>The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The second reading for today is recorded in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

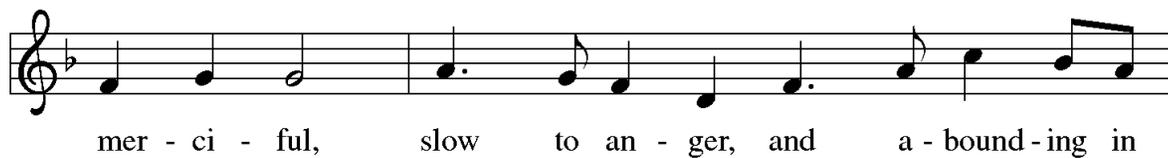
<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup>“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

*Please stand, if able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Our Father, We Have Wandered* “Herzlich Tut Mich Verlangen” ELW 606

**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**

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

God of abundant grace, guide your church to look upon people as you look upon them, with compassion and as deserving of mercy. Shape us to be worthy ambassadors of Christ. Strengthen the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bestow dignity on migrant and seasonal farm and factory workers. When the time comes for them to leave jobs, provide new ways for them to make a livelihood. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Inspire musicians and poets to point to your unfathomable beauty and creativity. Enhance our vision of your holiness through their works. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Protect and preserve all people who look to you to be their hiding place. Be their respite from trouble, and give them hope. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Erase the pain of trauma and the shame and stigma of social contempt. Change the hearts of those who bully or mistreat others, and heal broken relationships. We pray for all those we now name out loud, and those we remember in our hearts... . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

For all of us, the young and young at heart. For your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Madison. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Invite your whole company of saints into eternal, joyful feasting. When we question your abundant mercy, soften our hearts to receive the gifts of faith and love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

**(8:30)**

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*Ave Verum Corpus*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(1756 – 1791)

Jesus, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the cross thy sacred body, for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with thy body broken, now and in death's agony.

**(10:30)**

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

text: unattributed (adapted)

Arr. Sarah Quartel

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations,  
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing.  
It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?  
While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.  
And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm and to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heav'n and Earth, how can I keep from singing.  
I lift my eyes, the crowd grows thin; I see the blue above it,  
and day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.  
The peace of love makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
all things are mine in love and joy! How can I keep from singing

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.**

**Amen.**

# OFFERTORY

## *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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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.

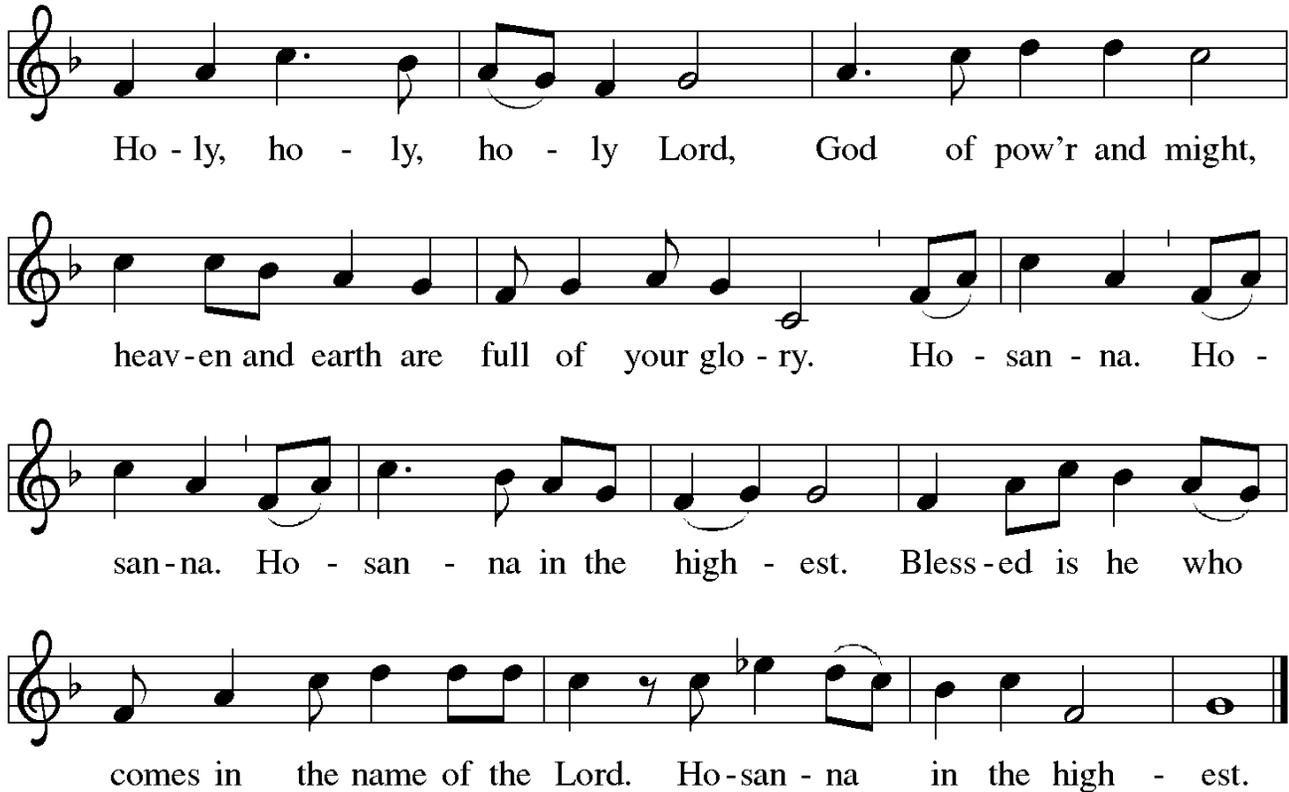
# DIALOGUE

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, 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.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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.**

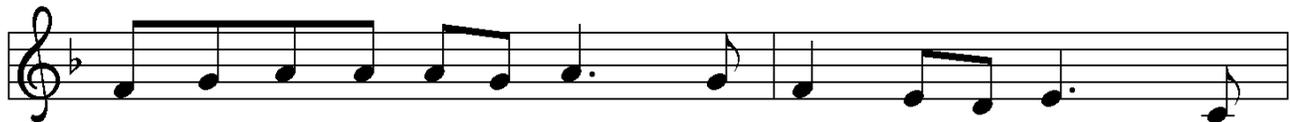
## LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

**Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

# THE COMMUNION

(10:30)

*Candidates for Communion Celebration  
will receive the Eucharist at the rail with their immediate families  
followed by a prayer with Pastor Miller.  
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 & 10:30)**

*Wondrous Love*

Paul Christiansen  
(1914 – 1997)

Roger VanDette, *tenor*  
Holly Holdaway, *mezzo-soprano*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, that Christ should lay aside His crown for my soul!

## **COMMUNION MOTET (10:30)**

*O Living Bread, Who Once Didst Die*

Percy Whitlock  
(1903 – 1946)

O living bread who once didst die, and lay thee down in rocky tomb; within my heart forever lie, and shed thy brightness o’er its gloom. O precious blood! So freely shed, sweet pledge of pardon from above: speak to my heart so cold and dead, and wake it into life and love. O sacred food! O cleansing tide! Fill all my soul with love divine: thou who didst my life redeem: come to my heart and make me thine. Amen.

*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.

**Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, † bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

**Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*  
“How Can I Keep From Singing”

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**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.*



### ***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings March 2019***

*March 8 International Women’s Day and Women’s March –  
Buffalo/WNY by Vicki Ross*

Now you can honor special events and special people in your life!  
Send us a Day Buy Day Form with a check made payable to  
Holy Trinity for \$25 for each event you wish to honor.  
Proceeds will go toward the Education Committee and help sponsor the  
Confirmation Camp for youth here at Holy Trinity.

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (CH)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion w/Communion Celebration (MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m.	Festival Rehearsal (MC)

### **MONDAY, April 1, 2019**

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study (FR)
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### **TUESDAY, April 2, 2019**

3:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise After School Program (FR)
5:30 p.m.	WELCA/Needlers (FR)
6:30 p.m.	Community Music School (CH)

### **WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2019**

7:30 a.m.	Brewed Faith at Spot Coffee
6:00 p.m.	BNYC Rehearsal (MC)
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Worship (CH)
7:30 p.m.	Catechesis Course (FR)

### **THURSDAY, April 4, 2019**

12:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship (CH)
12:30 p.m.	Lenten Lunch (RH)
6:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir (CH)
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir (MR)
7:00 p.m.	AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **FRIDAY, April 5, 2019**

6:00 p.m.	Family Game Night (RH)
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### **SATURDAY, April 6, 2019**

10:00 a.m.	Genealogy (FR)
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### **SUNDAY, April 7, 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (CH)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday Forum (FR)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion/Jimmy Biggam Sunday(MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m.	Faith In Action Meeting (FR)
4:00 p.m.	Three Choirs Festival

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 Madison Day participating in our “Welcome to the Table” Communion Celebration today.

SUNDAY FORUM – There is no program today. Next week we welcome Kate Fowler PhD, director of “It Happened to Alexa.” Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION of The Rev. John Buerk on May 27: We would like the congregation’s help in sending “*Sixty cards for Pastor Buerk’s 60 Years of Ministry.*” Please see the display table near the pass-thru entrance for your envelope and instructions. Thank you for helping make his 60 years of Ordination a special event.

“BY HEART” ADULT CATECHISM COURSE – Join us Wednesday evenings in Lent at 7:30pm in the Fellowship Room for a five-week series on Luther’s small catechism. Our course uses videos with topics led by current Lutheran teachers, preachers, and bishops, and introduces us to the themes in the catechism. This is a great series for those who are new to the Lutheran understanding of Christianity, or for those who would like to think a little deeper about what it means to be Lutheran. No prior Bible Study experience necessary.

ORGAN DEDICATION: Join us on Sunday, April 7, as we honor former organist and choirmaster James Bigham at the 10:30 service. The console of the mighty Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ, which he helped to mold and shape into the instrument it is today, will be dedicated in his honor. There will be special musical offerings to celebrate Jimmy's legacy. The Organ Prelude and Postlude will feature internationally renowned organist and Chair of the Eastman School of Music Organ Department, Professor David Higgs.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Preparations are underway and registration is now open for the 2019 season of Porter Farms' CSA program! Individual shares are \$350 & family shares are \$450. *Take advantage of their \$20 Early Bird discount by April 15 for your best value! Season begins in June 22<sup>nd</sup> and lasts 22 weeks. Contact Sheila Richards-Perez @ [ada.srperez@gmail.com](mailto:ada.srperez@gmail.com) for more information.*

**FOOD PANTRY TEAM HELP NEEDED!** After many years of service (for which we are so grateful!!!) Earl Kunz has recently resigned and we are looking for new help. Our volunteer need is for someone who could be available one or two Tuesdays a month from approximately 10am -12noon. The person should be able to lift/move about 50 lbs. of non-perishable goods. Ex. canned goods, bags of rice, cartons of cereal and pasta, packages of frozen meats etc. A dolly is available for use. If you are able and feel called to help, please connect with Donna Leiser at 862-0606 or 868-3862. Thankyou!

**LYO PLANT SALE:** 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 24 and pick up will be Saturday, May 18 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**CONCERT:** The Greater Buffalo Friends of Music will be sponsoring a Three Choirs Festival at Holy Trinity, Sunday, April 7, at 4:00 pm, featuring the Amherst Central High School Concert Chorale (Justin Pomietlarz), the University at Buffalo Choir (Claudia Brown), and the St. Joseph Cathedral Choir (Tim Socha). The Amherst Concert Chorale will present works from their upcoming concert at Carnegie Hall. Kristen Pomietlarz and Tim Socha (St. Joseph Cathedral) will also feature works on The Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ. Free Will Offering, to benefit the Greater Buffalo Friends of Music.

ECUMENICAL AND INTER-FAITH OPPORTUNITY! *The 2019 Understanding Islam Series* will take place this year at Westminster Presbyterian on Tuesday nights from 6-8 PM, beginning with a \$7 supper followed by two brief presentations by a Christian and Muslim on the topic of the evening, with an opportunity for small-group discussion at the dinner tables and discussion in the large group. The theme on April 2 is: How we live our lives as Christians and Muslims with The Rev. Dr. Tom Yorty and Ms. Kathy Jamil presenting. Holy Trinity is proud to be a co-sponsor of the series. All are welcome!

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, the following dates are available: April 14 and June 30. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for these or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at [msmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:msmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

SEDER MEAL: Please join us as we gather together for a Passover Seder on Monday, April 15 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.



## Lenten and Easter Worship

### Wednesday Evening Worship at Holy Trinity

6:30 p.m. Mid-week Worship in Mansperger Chapel

### Thursday Lenten program at Holy Trinity

12:00 p.m. Worship in Mansperger Chapel

12:30 p.m. \$6 Lenten Lunch (includes sides, dessert and coffee and tea)

4/4 Crispy Chicken Bake

4/11 Meatloaf

### Palm Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

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

### Monday, April 15 – Friday, April 19

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

### Monday, April 15

6:30 p.m. Passover Seder Dinner

### Maundy Thursday, April 18

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion/stripping of the altar with Chancel Choir

### Good Friday, April 19

3:30 p.m. Family Service

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Chancel Choir

### Easter Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Fellowship Group

9:45 a.m. Pre-service music

10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion with Choir/Brass/Organ

At 8:30 a.m. the worship assistant is Ethan MacDonald. Altar guilds are Heidemarie Kunz and Gail Camilleri. Lay reader is Susan Bundt. Communion assistant is Susan Bundt. Ushers are Dave and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Lay reader is Sheila Richards-Perez. Altar guilds are Martha Kryszczuk and Martha Kutas. Ushers are Ron Leiser (captain), Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Kaci Kaltrider, Angela Keppel, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Greeters are Sue Biesinger and Paul and Millie Nikischer. Communion Assistants are Peter Bergenstock, Matthew Kinkade and Jennifer Carden. Worship Assistants are Matthew Kinkade, Jennifer Carden, Randi Jones, Sam Guzzino, Alex Cialone, Adam Hakansson, Eliana Perez and Oscar Guzzino. Collection counters are Ryon Fleming 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; and In Honor of Madison Day's First Communion by Michael and Janet Day.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Madison Day.

Council President Kurt Kaufmann will be at the Entrance Way to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

The flag flying on the flagpole has been dedicated In Honor of Ken James by Gail and John Camilleri.



Stewardship Thought of the Day

*It is a better thing to save souls for the Lord than to save treasures.  
He who sent forth his apostles without gold had not need of gold to form his  
Church. The Church possesses gold not to hoard but to scatter abroad and  
come to the aid of the unfortunate. St. Ambrose*

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