



Holy Trinity
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Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Celebrating our 140th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 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 Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

PRELUDES

Fantasia in g minor BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß from

(1685-1750)

Orgelbüchlein, BWV 622

David Higgs, *Organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Wash me through and through (1980)

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

Peter Hallock

(1924 - 2014)

Part III

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the watchmen in the night.

Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

With the Lord there is plenteous redemption, he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Give me the joy of your saving help again, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Wash me through and through 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

Be Thou My Vision “Slane”

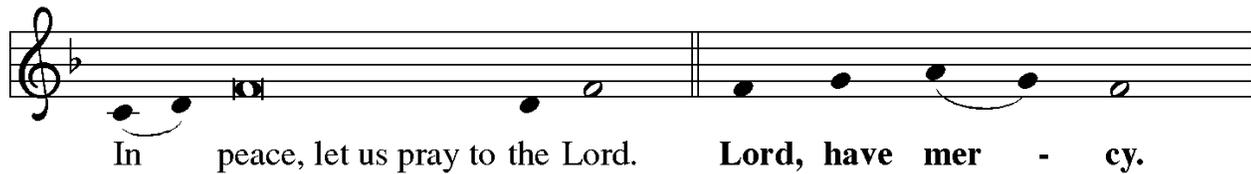
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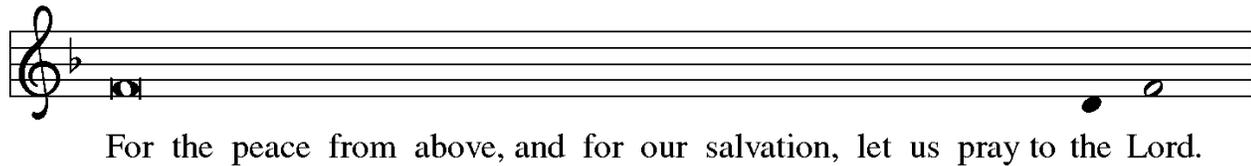
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

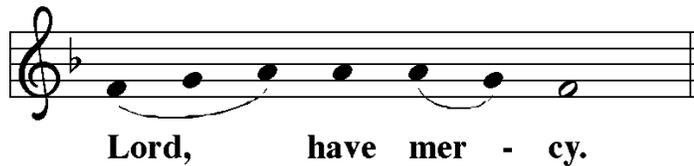
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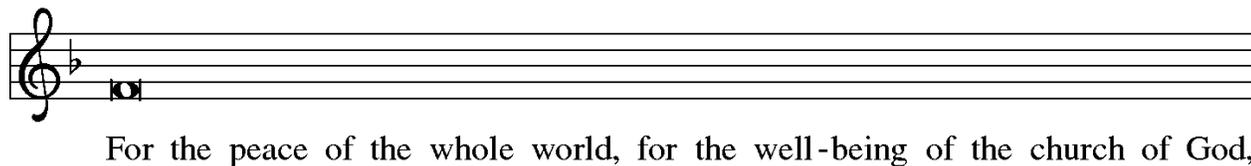
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



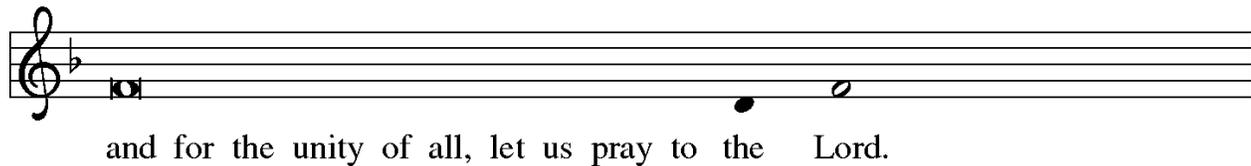
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



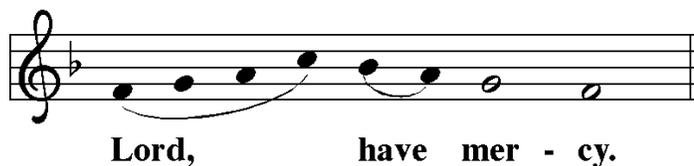
Lord, have mer - cy.



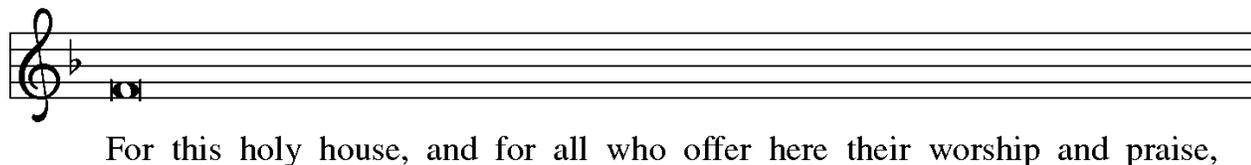
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



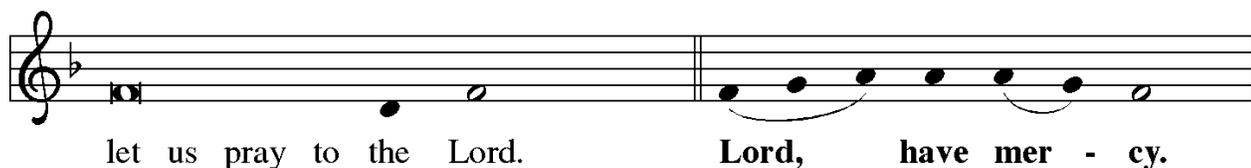
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



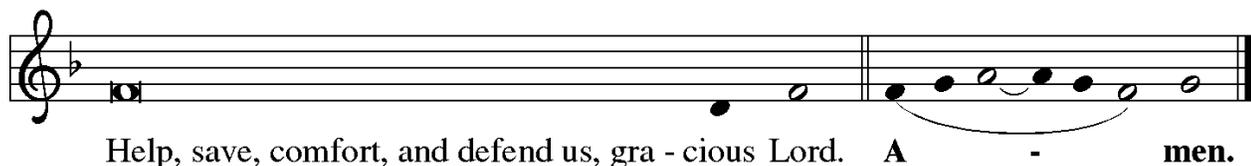
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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. Lee M. Miller, II

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday in Lent is recorded in Isaiah, the 43rd Chapter.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,

who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,

they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸Do not remember the former things,

or consider the things of old.

¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

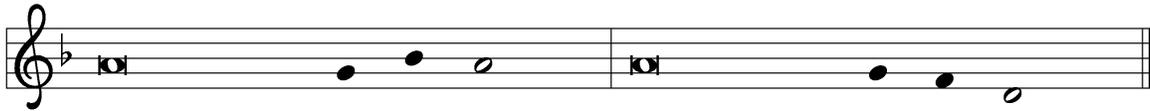
to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126

The congregation will sing responsively the bold-faced type.



¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with | shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done
great | things for them.”

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

The second reading for today is recorded in Philippians, the 3rd Chapter.

Paul writes: ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

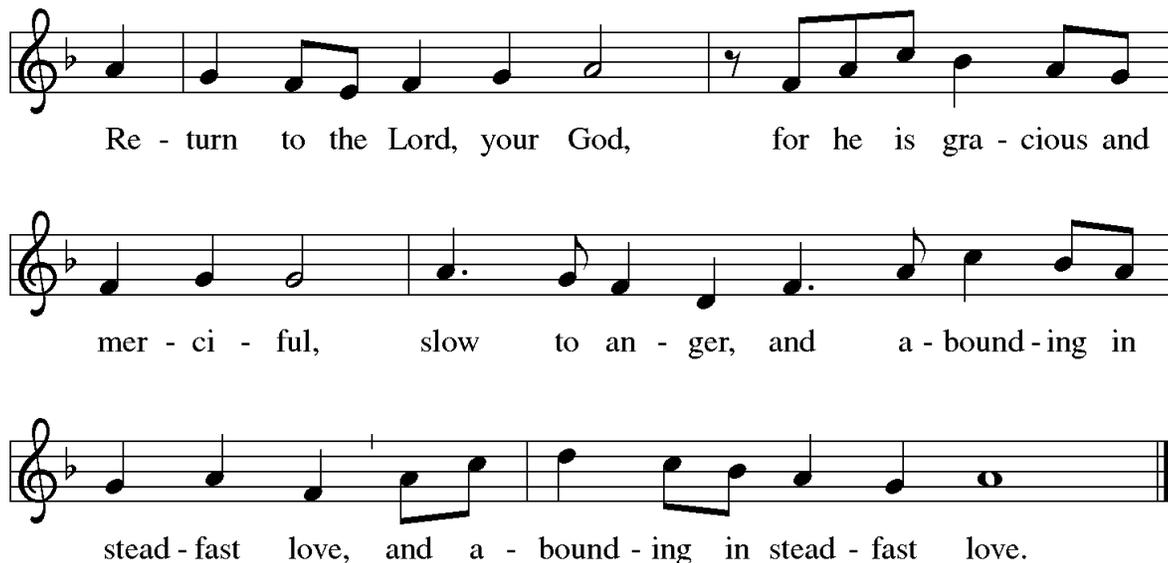
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to Saint John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

The gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

Please stand, if able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song is Love Unknown “Rhosymedre”

LBW 94 (vs. 1-4, 7)



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!

DEDICATION OF ORGAN CONSOLE

In Honor of Mr. James Bigham, Holy Trinity Organist & Choirmaster
from 1977 - 2017

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 resurrection and new life, inspire your church to reconsider what makes us holy. When we focus on our own piety or others' sin, show us Christ's faithfulness. Strengthen the ministries of the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Resurrection, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Wherever destruction by flood, famine, or fire has devastated land and lives, cause green shoots to spring up, giving hope and vision for your promised future. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Where nations are embroiled in chaos and unrest, cut a clear path for your people to follow. Lead us in ways of reconciliation, and foretell the new things you prepare. We pray especially for all men and women serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Wipe away the tears of those who weep under the burdens of hard labor and despair. Restore them, and bring them into the joy of your presence. 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.

Permeate this world with the sweet perfume of Christ's anointing. Fill your people with such gratitude that it spills over into service of those who are poor or in any need. 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 Robert and Sean. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany those for whom death draws near. Bring us with all your saints to receive the abundance of heavenly glory through the covenant Christ sealed in his death and resurrection. 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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

The Lord is the Everlasting God

Kenneth Jennings

(1925 - 2015)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has is not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the
foundations of the earth?
It is God who sits above the circle of the earth, who stretches out the heavens like a
curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in.
To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes and see: Who created these?
God who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name: not one
is missing.
Have you not know? Have you not seen?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, who does not
faint or grow weary; whose understanding us unsearchable.
God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those
who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up with the wings like eagles,
They shall run, not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Have you not heard? Have you not known?

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

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

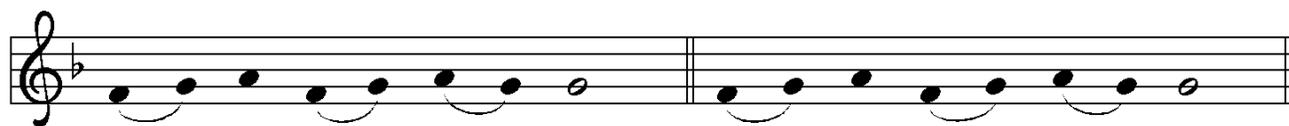


not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

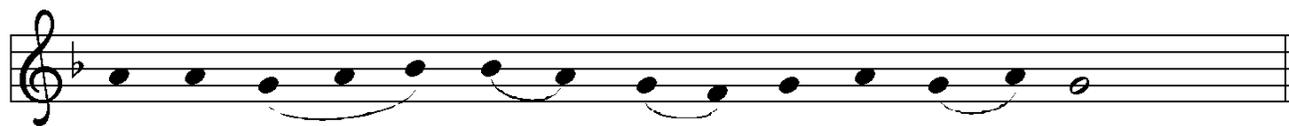
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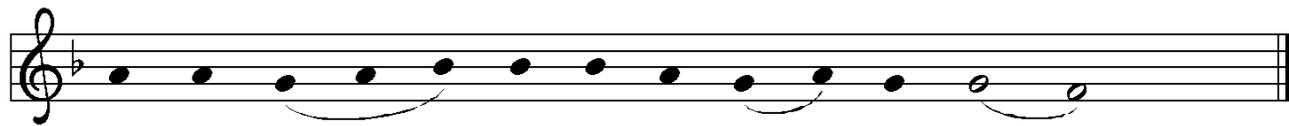
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

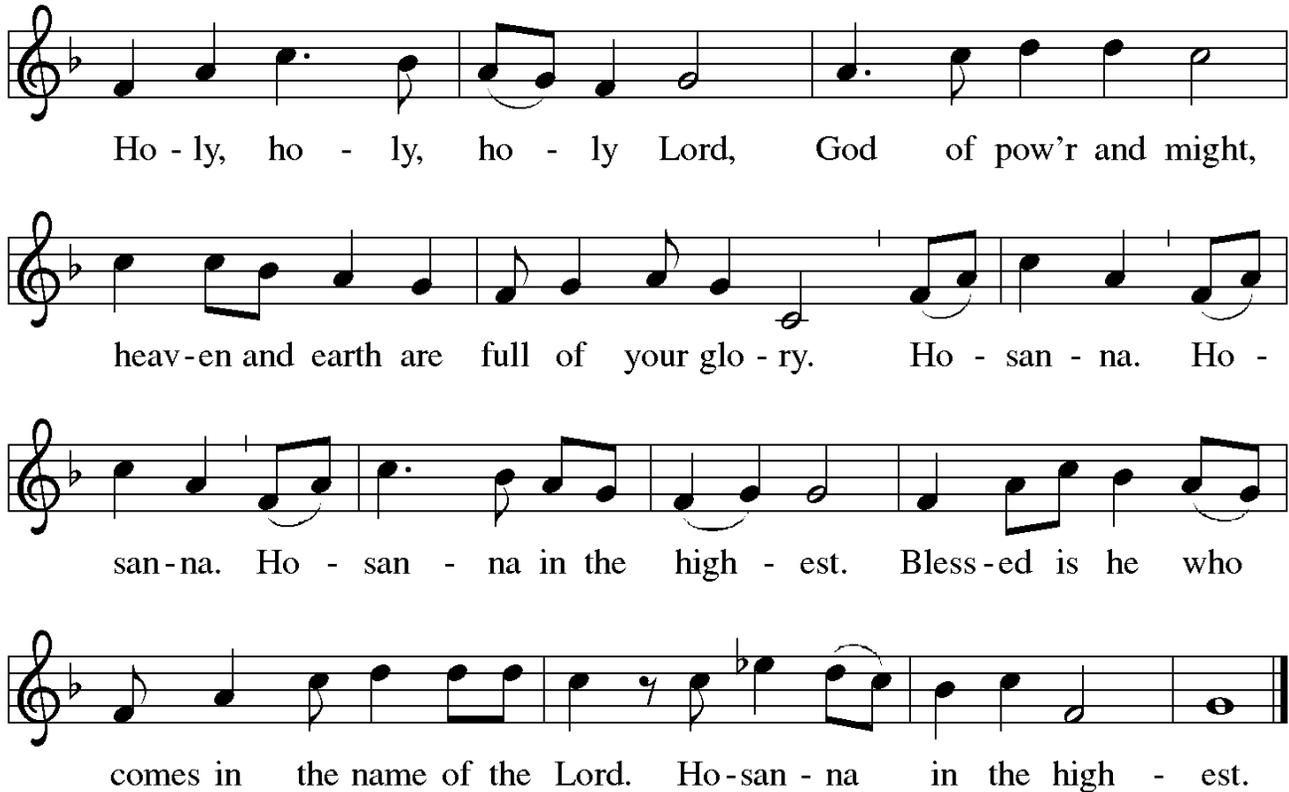


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.**

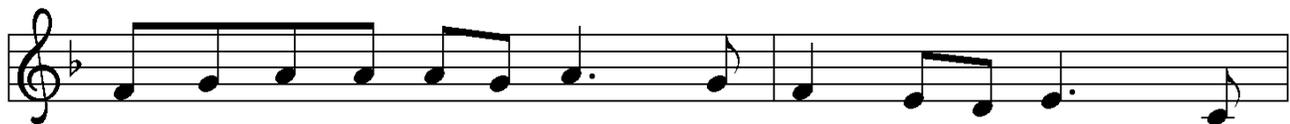
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

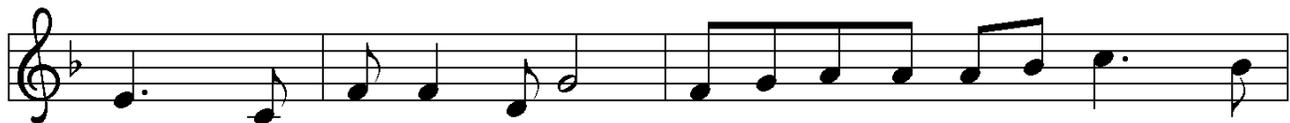
AGNUS DEI



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

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.

COMMUNION MOTETS

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland
(1879 – 1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Os Justi

Anton Bruckner
(1824 – 1896)

The just mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice. The law of his God is in his heart, and his steps do not slip. Amen. 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.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again

James Bigham
(b. 1945)

God be with you 'till we meet again. With His sheep securely fold you: by His counsels guide, uphold you; with His sheep securely fold you: God be with you 'till we meet again.

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

Lead On, O King Eternal "Lancashire"

ELW 805

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Fugue in g minor BWV 542

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

David Higgs, *Organ*



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

MUSIC NOTES

James Bigham, Organist/Choirmaster, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

A native of South Carolina, James Bigham holds an undergraduate degree in English from Erskine College and the Artists' Diploma from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where he was a student of Alexander McCurdy. Previously he had studied organ with Frederick Swann. Mr. Bigham received the M.S.M. degree from the School of Sacred Music of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where his major teacher was Robert Baker. He then spent a year abroad studying with George Thalben-Ball of the Temple Church in London and with Michael Schneider in Cologne. He continued his studies with McNeil Robinson in New York City throughout his career. Mr. Bigham's piano study was with Dr. David Phillips of the University of South Carolina.

Organist-Choirmaster at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo from 1977-2017, James Bigham has been acclaimed for his performances as organ soloist with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in its concerts at Holy Trinity Church under Peter Perrett, Semyon Bychkov, Jorge Mester, Clark Suttle, Julius Rudel, Raymond Harvey and many other conductors. He has played concertos also with the San Jose and Charleston Symphonies, has performed recitals and conducted workshops in many parts of the country, and has recorded two CD's for Gothic Records.

Shortly after arriving in Buffalo, Mr. Bigham was instrumental in re-establishing the parish's well-known concert series. Since then many area premiers and notable performances have occurred in collaborations between the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Concert Choir of Holy Trinity Church; most notably the Vaughan Williams *Sanctum Civitas*, the Lloyd Webber *Requiem*, a fully staged Mendelssohn *Elijah*, the Berlioz *Messe Solennelle*, the complete Bach *Christmas Oratorio*, the Mahler *8th Symphony* etc. etc.

During Mr. Bigham's tenure, the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation gave a world class double organ of 155 ranks with a five manual (main) console. In addition, a highly innovative chapel organ was added, as well as a superb Steinway concert grand for the nave. Mr. Bigham retired in 2017 after overseeing the complete chancel organ rebuild and installation of the Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ by the Parsons Pipe Organ Builders of Canandaigua, NY.



David Higgs, Chair, Eastman School of Music Organ Department

American organist David Higgs serves as the chair of the organ department at the Eastman School of Music. Professor Higgs earned his B.M. and M.M. at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, with a Performer's Certificate following from Eastman. He was on the faculty at Manhattan from 1983–1986 and was Associate Organist of Riverside Church in New York, where he also conducted the Riverside Choral Society. He then moved to the San Francisco area to join the faculty of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. In 1992, Mr. Higgs moved to Rochester, NY, where he joined the faculty at Eastman. He is now the chair of the Organ and Historical Keyboards Department, and continues to serve as a professor of organ while maintaining an active international performance schedule. His students have won prizes in prestigious international competitions, and hold important positions in leading academic and religious institutions. Mr. Higgs has recorded for Delos International, Pro Organo, Arsis, Loft, and Gothic records.

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From Justin Pomietlarz, AGO Recital, November 2018, *adapted*

It was a blustery morning on Sunday, January 19th, 2003. Not accustomed to driving in blizzard-like conditions, I was asked if I could drive the “Fredonia crew” up to Buffalo for Sunday rehearsal and service. I really didn’t know much about Holy Trinity Church, though many of my friends over the years had sung there. And as I subsequently became more aware of the bigger picture, many of the influential people - high school teachers, college professors, colleagues - those who were shaping my life - also had sung there. And - there were always these background stories that all seemed too large to be real. Tales of grand concerts, big services, parades around the church, even bigger parties in some secret Summer Street garden... I quickly agreed to drive - I just had to see all of this for myself, and thus I attended my first Service at Holy Trinity.

You might recall the old 1980 and 1990’s ads from “tape” manufacturer Memorex. There’s the proverbial guy sitting cross legged in an easy chair with a lamp beside him, looking dead ahead at his hi-fidelity sound system, his hair flying straight backwards, the lamp shade about to become unhinged from its mount, as if the wind coming from the stereo was blowing 35 knots. The hook - “Is it real or is it Memorex?”

That was my epiphany experience. After Service, dumbfounded I went humbly to meet the legend behind the organ. With his gentle handshake, the 747-like console behind him, I was greeted with something like, “Oh Chaaaald (with no apparent diphthong), welcome to the Main Street Opera House. Did you enjoy the Service?”

Well - if you haven't yet accepted you ought to profess yourself a repentant sinner, by the time the *chamade*'s finished their triumphant fanfare, one - out of fear alone, might beg forgiveness before the great high priest himself might come straight through the chancel windows to take you home.

“Glad to hear chaaaald. I reckon the mayo’ could hear the Service down at City Hall.”

I tell this silly anecdote as my Jimmy story is everyone's Jimmy story. Whether you were an avocational singer, a paid “lead singer,” a member of concert choir, a member of the congregation, or just a guest in the Church - we were all elevated to a new place through Jimmy's incredible vision, artistry, complexity of orchestration, and excruciating detail. When you attended a Service at Holy Trinity in Buffalo, New York, you also attended a Service at the Riverside Church, at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue, attended a performance at the Metropolitan Opera, and took classes at the Curtis Institute all rolled into one hour-and-fifteen minute Service. Well - maybe - more like an hour-and-a-half. But who needs to worry about time when the likes of Fred Swann, Robert Baker, and McNeil Robinson seemingly sat on the bench with him.

Where it all came from, one can hardly imagine. As I would turn pages for Jimmy's pre-service each week - Handel Concertos, any of the Schübler 18-great Bach Chorales - insert “virtuosic organ repertoire,” Jimmy would be carrying on a full dialogue while I was trying not to miss a note. “Chaaaald, can you believe all those people left the house last night at 4:30 in the mornin’? I mean for - real! Brian was still washin’ dishes when I got up at 5:30 to go to Church!”

Wait - what are you talking about???

Darn it - I missed the page turn!

Jimmy's influence goes far beyond the grey stone walls of 1080 Main. The laughs, the tears, the concerts, the services, even the parties - we are all better people because of what he gave us - himself, his passion, his desire to bring us closer to whatever God is, for each of us. No one could ever say it better than Jimmy's partner, Brian - no matter if things went well or things didn't go as planned, "Jimmy always made music."

That is the legacy we celebrate today, to be forever marked by the engraving on our heroic Margaret L. Wendt Memorial Organ - the instrument we have because of Jimmy. May all who play or sing in this place be reminded of the incredible legacy that was given to each of us, in this most special and sacred place.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

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 Bigham 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 (MC)

MONDAY, April 8, 2019

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

12:00 p.m.	Women at the Well (FR)
3:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise After School Program (FR)
6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (FR)
6:30 p.m.	Community Music School (CH)

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2019

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (CR)
6:00 p.m.	BNYC Rehearsal (MC)
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Evening Worship (CH)
7:30 p.m.	Catechesis Course (FR)

THURSDAY, April 11, 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 12, 2019

4:30 p.m.	BNYC Festival (RH)
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SATURDAY, April 13, 2019

9:00 a.m.	BNYC Festival/Concert (MC)
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SUNDAY, April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Nursery (SS)
11:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (FI)
12:00 p.m.	Confirmation (FR)
2:30 p.m.	Worship to Go at Wedgewood

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

SUNDAY FORUM –Today we welcome Kate Fowler PhD, director of “It Happened to Alexa.” Programs begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

THE 60TH 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.

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 22nd and lasts 22 weeks. Contact Sheila Richards-Perez @ ada.srperez@gmail.com for more information.*

LUTHERAN CHARITIES awards dinner will be held on Friday, May 3 at 6:00pm at Greenfield Manor. Tickets are \$50 per person. Please call the church office by April 17 to reserve a seat.

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. Pick up will be Saturday, May 18 between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

CONCERT: Join us today for the Three Choirs Festival 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.

FROM HOMICIDE TO HEALING: The National Action Network is putting out a special call to action for the community to recognize and support the family members of homicide victims at this Healing and Prayer Service. Acknowledgement of the victims' life and legacy will be made. It will be held on Saturday April 20 from 12-2:00pm at Antioch Baptist Church (1327 Fillmore Ave, Buffalo). Please see the posters on bulletin boards or contact Pat Ulrich if you have questions.

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 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.



***Day “Buy” Day Thanksgivings
April 2019***

*April To the Glory of God and with Thanks to Pastor Lee,
Pastor Brenda, Nurse Judy and All for prayers during
my recent surgeries by Judy Kroll*

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.



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)
4/11 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

The announcer is Barb Wozniak. Lay reader is Clyde Terry. Altar guilds are Doreen Griebel and Kathy Szakmary. Ushers are Jim Dunnigan (captain), Ryon Fleming, Herb Hough, Charmaine Kaltrider, Kurt and Mary Kaufmann, Joe and Martha Kryszczuk and Juan Perez. Greeters are Sue Biesinger and Paul and Millie Nikischer. Communion Assistants are Ron Leiser, Peter Bergenstock, Gabriel Behrens and Emma Crissey. Worship Assistants are Gabriel Behrens, Emma Crissey, Alex Rojek, Ethan MacDonald, Justin Rojek, Nathaniel Wareham, Natalia Bavaro and Sofia Atlas. Collection counters are Joe Kryszczuk, Martha Kutas and Uli MacDonald.

The flowers on the altar are given In Honor of my daughter Leah Behrens' birthday on April 1 by Thomas Johnson.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Robert and Sean Mann.

Council member Teddy Bradley 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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