



Triduum Sacrum

The Three Sacred Days

Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
The Great Vigil of Easter

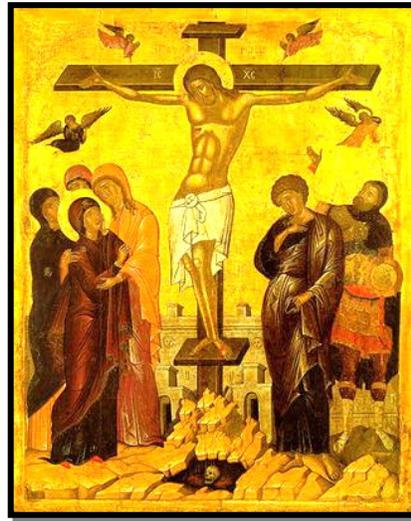
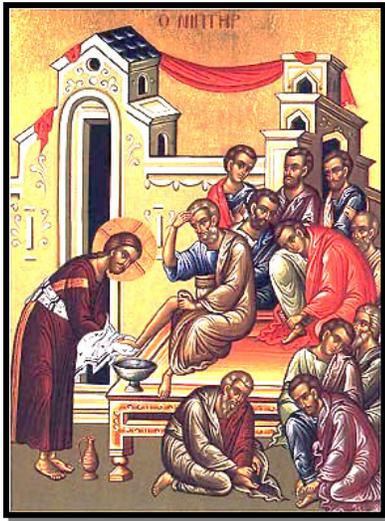
April 2, 3, & 4, 2026

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Deacon: Ned Perwo

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The liturgical year is a great and ongoing proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through this yearly cycle the various aspects of the one Paschal mystery unfold. The Easter Triduum holds a special place in the liturgical year because it marks the culmination of the yearly celebration in proclaiming the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Latin word *Triduum* refers to a period of three days and has long been used to describe various three-day observances that prepared for a feast day through liturgy, prayer, and fasting. But it is most often used to describe the three days prior to the great feast of Easter:

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil.

Just as Sunday is the high point of the week, Easter is the high point of the year. The meaning of the great feast is revealed and anticipated throughout the Triduum, which brings the people of God into contact – through liturgy, symbol, and sacrament – with the central events of the life of Christ: the Last Supper, his trial and crucifixion, his time in the tomb, and his Resurrection from the dead. The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates all things until they are subjected to him. During these three days of contemplation and anticipation the liturgies emphasize the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross, and the sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist, by which the faithful enter into the life-giving Passion of Christ and grow in hope of eternal life in Him.

LAMENT: PRELUDE TO JOY

Resurrection
To be raised up again
To be lifted up again.
This word presumes
that first, something has been brought low.
To be lifted up,
one must first be in the dust,
humbled.
To be raised up,
one must first be low.

We often think that the low times
in life are to be avoided,
that the dark night of the soul
is to be fled,
and swiftly!

But in the three days in the tomb
newness was knit together
and the risen Christ stepped forth.
In the darkness of the womb
a new being is formed,
limb to limb.
In the dark night of the soul,
a new creation is struggling
to come to light from captivity.

Our songs during such times
are songs of lament.
We do not cease from singing,
for singing is holy.

We still sing, but we sing darkly;
we sing mournfully, for what has been,
for what is not yet,
we sing gravely, for what is dying.
But always we sing our songs of lament expectantly,
for God has lifted up the lowly,
God has lifted the downtrodden
from the dust.

—From *Glory into Glory* by Susan Palo Chervien

Good Friday

Service of Tenebrae

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the Passion narrative, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") was the name given to the medieval predawn morning prayer celebrated by monks during the last three days in Holy Week. In recent centuries, this monastic liturgy—despite its early morning light imagery—was transferred to Wednesday evening in Holy Week. In the monastic practice, it was a service of prayers and readings from scripture. As the light began to dawn, the candles used for reading were gradually extinguished, so that at the end of the service, the rising sun provided the necessary light for reading and singing.

In the service presented here, the extinguishing of candles has been placed within musical selections and a paraphrase of the Passion narrative. With this form within the Good Friday Liturgy, fourteen candles are used. Following each section, two candles are extinguished. Today's liturgy culminates in the Easter Vigil tomorrow evening.

Asterisk () indicates that worshipers should please stand as able.*

*Congregational responses are printed in **bold** typeface.*

Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices during the worship service.

The worship livestream begins 10 minutes before the service.

GATHERING

WELCOME

The Rev. Mary V. Farnham

MUSIC FOR TIME OF REFLECTION

Deacon Ned Perwo, organ Mark Donellan, oboe Christina Restine, flute Paul McCullen, clarinet
Elizabeth Lee, cello

Meditation

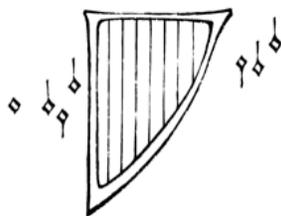
By Cécile Chaminade

Andante

By Tomaso Albinoni

Beautiful Savior

Arranged by David Cherwien



***GREETING**

Pastor Mary

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light.

But all who do what is true come to the light.

Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

***THE LENTEN CANDLES: DAY OF DARKNESS**

Jim Hindman

Today is Good Friday.

**A day of pain,
a day of suffering,
a day of death.**

One by one the Lenten Wreath candles have been extinguished.

Tonight, the Paschal Candle burns, and the forces of darkness and evil threaten to overwhelm it.

Yet it still will be called upon . . .

**to weather the taunts and spittle of insolent people,
to face the governors and kings in midnight courts,
to wear the crown of thorns,
to carry the cross of our sin.**

And it will do so victoriously,
without calling down ten thousand angels.

It will still love and call out,

Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.

And it will say to its neighbor,

Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise.

And even though it shall die, it shall rise again and shine in greater glory for . . .

the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor Mary

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon Your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross; strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His passion; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

The Holy Trinity Choir & Chamber Ensemble

Deacon Ned Perwo, organ

Eric McLaughlin, piano

Mark Donellan, oboe

Christina Restine, flute

Paul McCullen, clarinet

Elizabeth Lee, cello

Jim Hindman, narrator

Denise Clayton, acolyte

Jeff Clayton, acolyte

☞ **Song texts are located on page 16 of the worship booklet.** ☛

Instrumental Prologue: Colors of Grace

The first pair of candles are extinguished.

Take My Yoke Upon You

A Servant's Song: The Basin and Towel

The second pair of candles are extinguished.

Take My Yoke Upon You

Lesson 1: Service

Underscore 1: The Cup

The third pair of candles are extinguished.

A Shadow Fell on Sharon's Rose

The fourth pair of candles are extinguished.

Take My Yoke Upon You

Lesson 2: Obedience

Underscore 2: The Crown of Thorns

The fifth pair of candles are extinguished.

O Gentle Jesus

The sixth pair of candles are extinguished.

Take My Yoke Upon You

Lesson 3: Humility

Come to the Cross: The Cross

The seventh pair of candles are extinguished.

Lesson 4: Forgiveness

Colors of Grace: Epilogue

Due to the solemn nature of this service, please refrain from applause.

TIME OF REFLECTION

***BIDDING PRAYER**

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for Christa & Yehiel, our bishops, for Mary, our pastor, for Ned, our deacon, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Finally, let us join hearts and pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask as we pray the prayer of his heart:

**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.

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

A period of silence is kept.

Worshippers may come forward, as directed by ushers, to stand or kneel and pray before the rough-hewn cross.



When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;

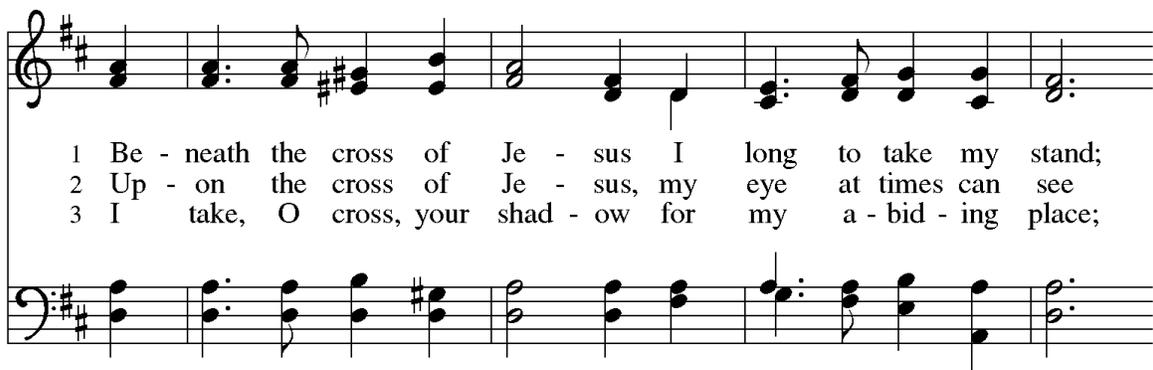
now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;

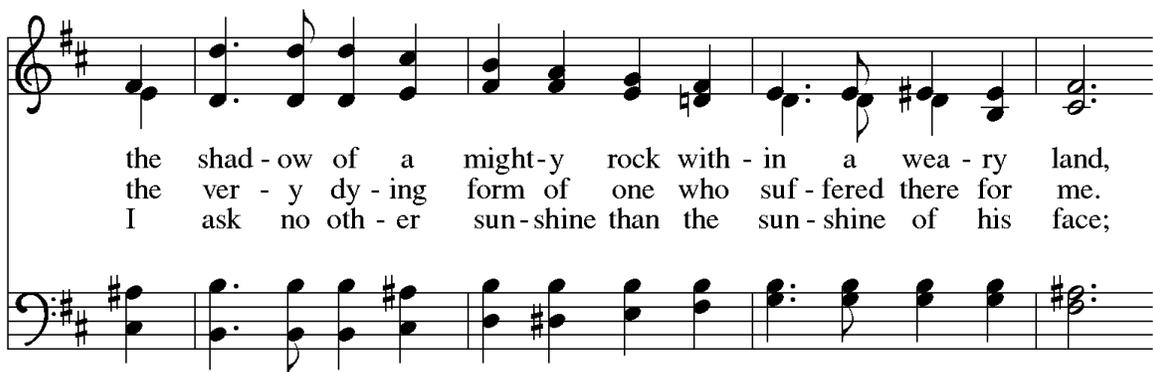
Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite
 Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612;
 arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

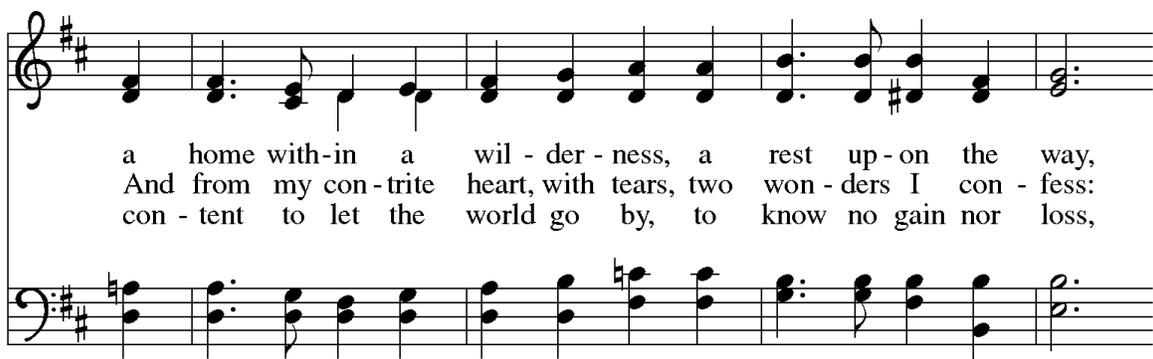
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up-on the way,
And from my con-trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 7/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 7/4 time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain

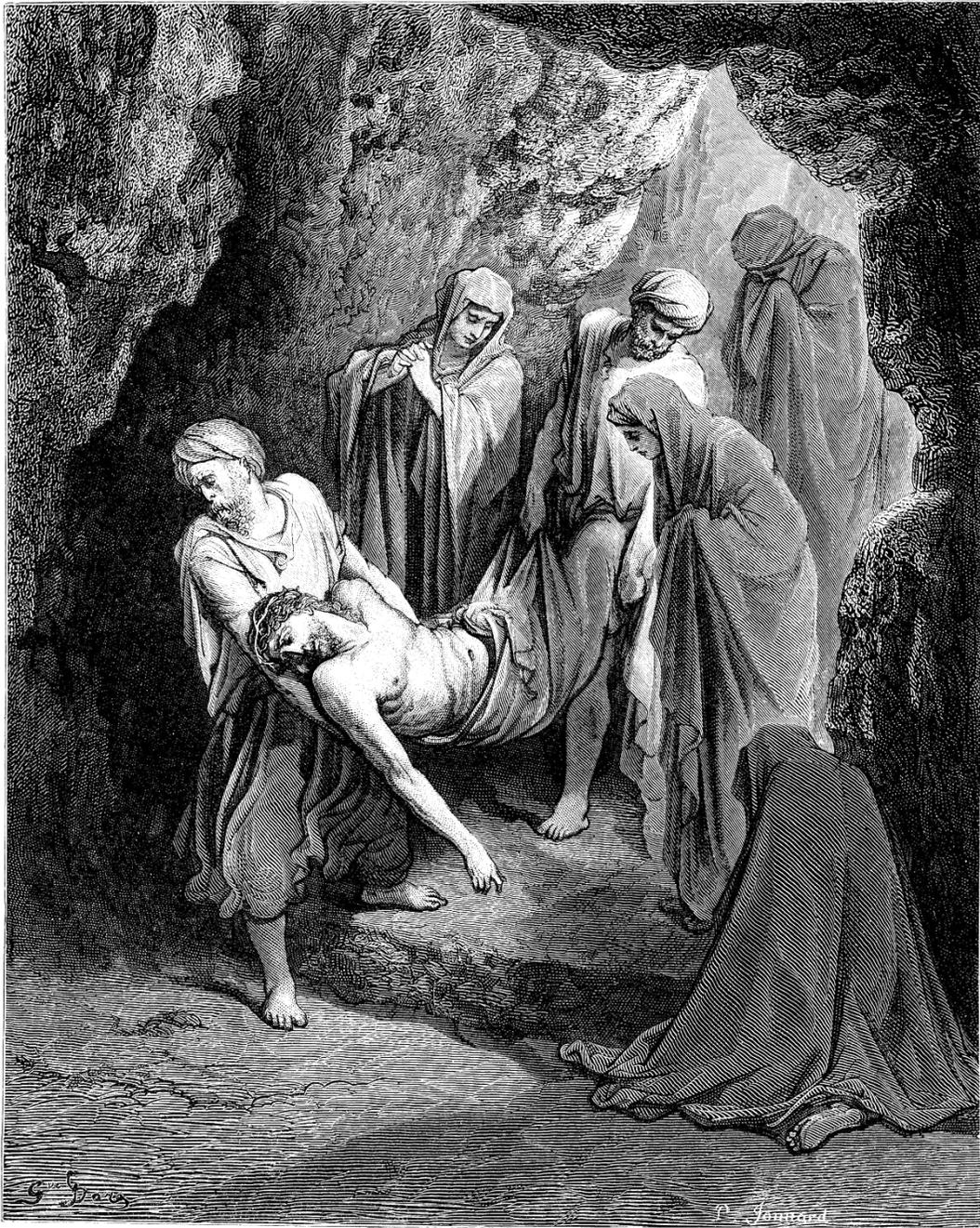
Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

A bell tolls 33 times; one toll for every year of Jesus' life. The Paschal Candle is carried out of the sanctuary.



The Triduum culminates tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. with the Great Vigil of Easter.

∞ **Special Thanks To Our Musicians** ∞

The Holy Trinity Choir

Deacon Ned Perwo, organ

Eric McLaughlin, piano

Mark Donellan, oboe

Christina Restine, flute

Paul McCullen, clarinet

Elizabeth Lee, cello

Colors of Grace Text

Take My Yoke Upon You

Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace.
Are you weak and heavy laden, are you lonely and distressed?
Come and bring your every longing, Come and I will give you rest. O I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace.
Come and bring your sorrows, lay them at my feet.
Bring to me your burdens, I will set you free.
Take my yoke upon you, Come and learn from me. Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace.
Take my yoke upon you. I will give you peace.

A Servant's Song: The Basin and Towel

What wondrous love is this? What wondrous love is this?
When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
Jesus washed their feet with teardrops, Christ in mercy knelt down.
Taking up a tattered garment, Jesus laid aside His crown.
There before His own creation, Jesus took a servant's place,
gently washed their feet with teardrops and he bathed their hearts with grace.
Come, all pilgrims, to the table, all those weary from the road.
Jesus waits to give you comfort; He will wash you pure as snow.
At the end of every journey, Jesus waits with fond embrace.
He will wash your feet with teardrops. He will bathe your hearts with grace.
Christian, will you be a servant, kneeling in the Savior's place,
washing feet with mercy's teardrops, bathing hearts with heaven's grace?
Jesus, wash our feet with teardrops. Jesus, wash our hearts with grace.

Take My Yoke Upon You

Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me.
Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace.

A Shadow Fell On Sharon's Rose

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power.
Your redeemer's conflict see. Watch with Him one bitter hour.
A shadow fell on Sharon's Rose in dark Gethsemane,
and evening fell as hard as stone beneath the olive trees.
A bitter wind began to blow as Jesus prayed at night alone.
Father, Father, Father, let Thy will be done.
A petal fell from Sharon's Rose as Love embraced the thorn.
For Jesus there was no repose, no shelter from the storm.
A bitter wind began to blow as Jesus drank the cup alone.
Father, Father, Father, let Thy will be done.
Father, Father, Father, let Thy will be done.
Come to dark Gethsemane. Kyrie eleison.

Take My Yoke Upon You

Take my yoke upon you, come and learn from me.
Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace,
give you peace.

O Gentle Jesus

O gentle Jesus, wounded for me, surely you have borne my griefs.
O tender Jesus, you are the great I Am, yet you became as nothing
to become the Easter Lamb.
O tender Jesus, suffering for me, climbing to dark Calvary.
O gentle Jesus, you are the Word of Life,
yet you in silence die to give me voice on high.
O lovely Jesus, O Lamb of God, You choose to face death's dark abyss
to plant the rose of hope therein, to plant the rose of hope,
its fragrance pure leads us on to heaven's bliss.
O gentle Jesus, wounded for me,
bleeding, dying on the tree.
O gentle Jesus, you are the great I Am,
Yet you became as nothing to become the Easter Lamb.

Take My Yoke Upon You

Take my yoke upon you, come and learn of me.
Take my yoke upon you, I will give you peace,
give you peace.

Come To The Cross

Come to the cross. Kneel in its shadow.
Come to the lonely place where teardrops turn to grace.
Behold the dying Lamb of God. Behold the dying Lamb of God.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Come to the cross. Rest in the promise.
Come to the shattered throne where Jesus dies alone.
Behold the wounded King of kings, behold the wounded King of kings.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison,
Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Father, Father, Father, forgive them.
Father, Father, Father, forgive them.
Come to the cross. Come to the fountain.
Come to the windswept hill; the cross is waiting still.
Behold the swan of Calvary. Behold the swan of Calvary,
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Come to the cross.

The service continues with the Homily on **page 6** of the bulletin.

Announcements

LIVESTREAMING WORSHIP:

Wed. 7 a.m.; Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Visit our website for solutions to gather remotely,
including downloadable orders of worship.

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Livestream Worship: click **WORSHIP > LIVESTREAM**

Church Calendar of Events: click **EVENTS**

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THE NURSERY is located under the narthex (rear of the sanctuary) and accessed via the descending staircase. Nursery is available to all families who wish to use it; families are asked to supervise their own children--there is no designated nursery attendant. Video from the sanctuary can be viewed on the nursery TV. Turn it on using the TV remote, wait for it to boot up and select "HDMI 1" for the video feed. Audio from the sanctuary can be heard through the nursery speakers. Please do not adjust TV volume. Please note: children are **always** welcomed in worship!

GIFT GIVEN: Thank you, Pastor Mary, Youth & Family Ministry Team and Mary B., for helping make the Pysanky for Healing workshop a huge success! [Pysanky are Ukrainian Easter eggs.]

Thank you, Deacon Ned and John Theodor, for proposing the workshop to Council and getting the approval so quickly!

Please share this with Council also, as their hard work operationally allows us to work together to raise funds to help those in need.

Both workshop sessions were sold out with 18 enthusiastic attendees at each session. Registered Nurse Nathalie (a.k.a. Natasha) Halbout explained her upcoming mission to Ukraine to help wounded soldiers in the capital of Ukraine, Kyiv.

We generated \$2702 in funds going directly to medical supplies for the wounded. Our local teaching artist Jenny Santa Maria did a wonderful job educating us about the history of the Ukrainian Pysanka, the importance of this tradition, the powerful symbolism of the egg, and the technique to create a beautiful pysanka to pass along love and peace.

During some downtime Friday afternoon, Natasha shared stories from her last trip and showed me photos of her experience and the faces of the young men, only a few years older than my eldest son. These are the guys she lovingly visited daily and cared for. It was horrific but also heartwarming to see the power of love and compassion. Please keep them and Natasha in your prayers. *Thank you, Melanka Coppola*

LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE: Signing the friendship register tells us you were present and gives you a chance to provide or update contact info. Please share your e-mail address to receive on-line updates about HT happenings. Our Holy Trinity constitution requires that active confirmed members receive Holy Communion and make a “contribution of record” at least once every other year. Using an offering envelope from the pew ensures that your gift is properly credited. Visitors, please sign the friendship register, phone or email us!

BREAK-THE-FAST IS BACK AND ALL ARE INVITED!



Please join the celebration in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter on Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. RSVP on the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall on the kiosk or scan the QR code and tell us what favorite hot or cold appetizer you'll bring to share. *No desserts, please.*

(All platters should be brought to the church kitchen by 7 p.m. before worship begins.) Many thanks for participating in this special evening as we begin the Easter season. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

THE CHURCH OFFICES will be closed on **Easter Monday, April 6.**

WEDNESDAY 7 A.M. WORSHIP on April 8: A Service of the Word will be led by Matthew di Clemente, part of our HT community and also a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Perth Amboy. Pastor Mary is on vacation Easter week.

EVANGELISM COLLEGE CARE BOXES: Should church friends wish to contribute nonperishable items, please note “general donation” on item or bag along with your name. (See list of food suggestions below). Bring items to church when you come to worship or during the week when the office is open.

Parents/Guardians: To start your student’s box, please place any favorite snacks that you know your student will enjoy in a bag marked with the student’s name & your contact info.

Those wishing to make monetary donations should make checks out to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church* with *College Care* on the memo line and drop in the offering plate or mail to the church.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR DONATION:

PLEASE NOTE: NO GLASS, LIQUIDS, HEAVY/BULKY OR PERSONAL ITEMS

Home baked cookies or brownies packaged in plastic bags or in clear plastic containers (available in HT kitchen)

Snack sized fruit cups, pudding, applesauce, individual packs of chips, pretzels, peanut butter/cheese crackers, cookies, goldfish, popcorn, raisins, granola bars, protein bars, instant microwaveable items like mac 'n cheese, Ramen noodles, etc.

Packaged tuna or chicken

Lifesavers, candy, gum

Sat., April 11: Drop off home baked goods in the church kitchen by 10 a.m.

Sun., April 12: Boxes packed and shipped!

Please contact: Lisa Valsamedis at lisavalsamedis@gmail.com/908-305-3918 with any questions.

UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS:

April 12 - Hosted by Linda Fieros and Lisa Troccoli to benefit the Ecumenical Giving Garden.

April 19 - Hosted by Evangelism to kick off the Sight & Sound trip to see *Joshua*, October 24, 2026.

STEWARDSHIP TO HOST MINISTRY FAIR - APRIL 25 & 26:

Please join Stewardship the weekend of April 25th to recognize and honor the ministries which strengthen our congregation. Representatives from each ministry will highlight how we can be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to our care. Learn how you can use your talents to make our faith family even stronger! **Gather after 5 p.m. worship on April 25 for beverages, refreshments and conversation, and again during 'coffee hour with a twist' on April 26.** We look forward to seeing you!

MINISTERIUM HANDBELL FESTIVAL Hosted by Holy Trinity, Sun., April 26, 4 p.m. Participating groups are the Holy Trinity Ringers, Manasquan UMC handbells, Manasquan HS handbells, the Holy Trinity Choir, and brass players from Ocean County College. Come, enjoy!

"CHURCH MERCH" COMING SOON! Holy Trinity -shirts, polo shirts, hoodies and more will be available for sale in the upcoming weeks. Watch for the announcement of the store opening.

541 HT INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS! Way to go, Holy Trinity! Spread the word! You can officially follow us @holytrinity_squan. Please email any photos you'd like to submit for posting to instagram@holytrinity-elca.org.

MANASQUAN MINISTERIUM FOOD PANTRY: *Hop to it!* Things have been hopping at the Pantry with Easter preparations now in place. Our shoppers would like to replenish chicken broth, cream soups and tuna. Other shelves routinely emptied are those for dish and laundry detergents and toiletries, items not available from Fulfill. Thank you for thinking of us as you do your own grocery shopping. Of course, any donation is always greatly appreciated. Monetary donations and gift cards for Aldi or ShopRite are also of great use for pantry volunteers to purchase cheese, fresh produce and other needed items. May you feel blessed in the hope that Easter brings.

Do you or someone you know need confidential assistance from our community food pantry?

Please call (732) 223-0898 to contact the ecumenical food pantry located on the lower level of Manasquan Presbyterian Church (South St. and Virginia Ave.).

{Or...do you need assistance and live in Brick or Point? Contact St. Thomas Lutheran Church Food Pantry at (732) 477-5533.



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*“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35).*

Since our founding over 100 years ago, Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church has striven to extend its welcome to include all people, offering holy hospitality through ministries of caring, compassion, service and social justice. As a continuation and natural outgrowth of our welcome to all who seek God’s love and grace, we are committed to affirming and embracing people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, races and ethnicities, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education. We are committed to eliminating racism in all its forms and to racial equity. As Jesus welcomed us, so we, as members of Holy Trinity’s faith family, are ever mindful to joyfully and unconditionally welcome all.

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