



Triduum Sacrum

The Three Sacred Days

Maundy Thursday
Good Friday
The Great Vigil of Easter

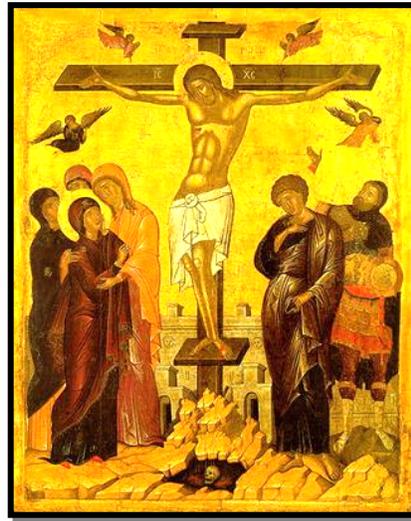
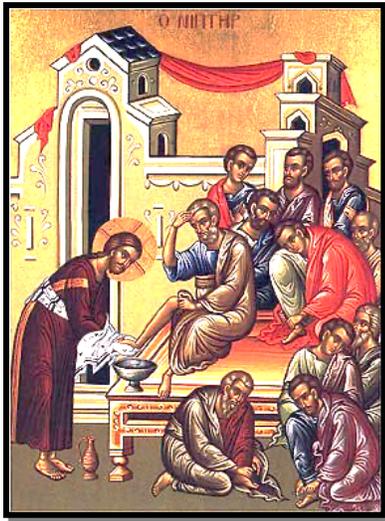
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Deacon: Ned Perwo

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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.

Maundy Thursday

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

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

PRELUDE

Deacon Ned Perwo

Beautiful Savior

-Arr. Paxton

Please be in prayerful silence as our worship begins with the prelude.

*CONFESSION AND INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism. Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Silence is kept for reflection. The congregation is invited to kneel as they are able.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION

Addressing the penitent, the pastor may lay both hands on the penitent's head.

Cling to this promise: the word of forgiveness I speak to you comes from God.

Name, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Response: **Amen.**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are written below the notes.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.
Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's Supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

A reading from Exodus, chapter 12.

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand;

and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt

that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals;

on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116 (Antiphon sung by all. **Bold** verses chanted by all.)

of sal - va - tion

I will take the cup of sal - va - tion and call on the name of the Lord.

tone: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN

¹I love the Lord, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,

²**for the Lord has given ¹ ear to me**
whenev- ¹ er I called.

¹²How shall I re- ¹ pay the Lord
for all the good things God has ¹ done for me?

¹³**I will lift the cup ¹ of salvation**
and call on the name ¹ of the Lord. R

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the Lord
in the presence of ¹ all God's people.

¹⁵**Precious in your ¹ sight O Lord,**
is the death ¹ of your servants.

¹⁶O Lord, truly I ¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ¹ from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving**
and call upon the name ¹ of the Lord.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the Lord
in the presence of ¹ all God's people,

¹⁹**in the courts of ¹ the Lord's house,**
in the midst of you, ¹ O Jerusalem. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

A reading from First Corinthians, chapter 11.

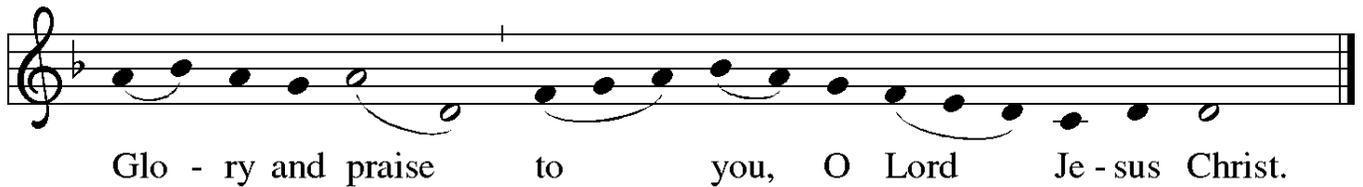
²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting Five



*GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

The story of the Last Supper in John's Gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

The holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 13. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord — and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

SERMON

Pastor Mary

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Thee We Adore, O Savior

ADORE TE DEVOTE



1 Thee we a - dore, O Sav - ior, God most true,
 2 O true re - mem - brance of Christ cru - ci - fied,
 3 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God,
 4 Je - sus, by faith we see thee here be - low;



thy glo - ry clothed in bread and wine a - new;
 the bread of life to us for whom he died;
 cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleans - ing blood:
 send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so:



our hearts to thee in true de - vo - tion bow,
 lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind,
 in - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 some - day to gaze up - on thy face in light,



in hum - ble awe, we hail thy pres - ence now.
 be thou the sweet - ness we were meant to find.
 the hope and peace which from thy pres - ence flow.
 blest ev - er - more with thy full glo - ry's sight. A - men.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274; tr. Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844–1889, and James R. Woodford, 1820–1885, alt.
 Music: ADORE TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; Processionale, Paris, 1697

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

A brief silence.

Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer, especially the hospitalized...

those in rehab...

those recovering from surgery, hospitalization, illness, or injury...

those anticipating surgery...

those undergoing treatments or testing...

those in hospice...

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors, especially...

At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

[Presiding Minister]

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*PEACE

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

MEAL

OFFERING

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During these three holy days, we have time to reflect on the Gifts we have received through Grace and Mercy. Hopefully we can take this time to recenter our faith and strengthen our connections to our community through use of our time, talents and treasures. Micah 6:8 says, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God".

~The Stewardship Team~

Please pass the Friendship Registers at this time.

OFFERTORY

Deacon Ned

Go to Dark Gethsemane
Arranged by William Barnett

*OFFERTORY SONG

Seed That In Earth Is Dying



Seed that in earth is dy - ing grows in - to ears of grain.
Seed that in earth is dy - ing ris - es to bear much fruit.



Grapes that are crushed in the ves - sel turn in - to gold - en wine.
Christ, as we meet at your ta - ble, give us the bread of life.



God, through this mys - ter - y grant us faith in our deep - est
Lord, we do thank and a - dore you! Un - ceas - ing praise of the



dark - ness, life in our night and death.
a - ges ris - es from night and death.

Text: Svein Ellingsen, tr. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh
Music: SÅKORN SOM DØR I JORDEN, Harald Herresthal
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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW Setting Five

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

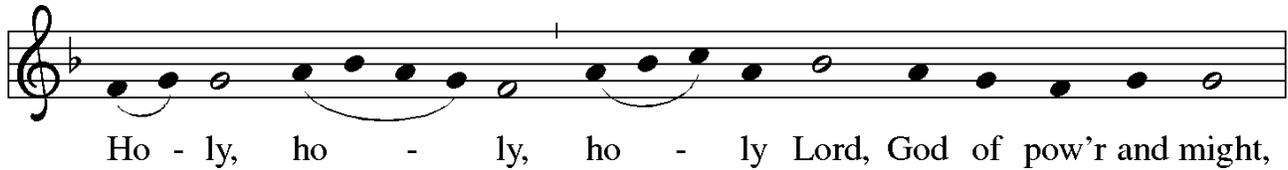
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

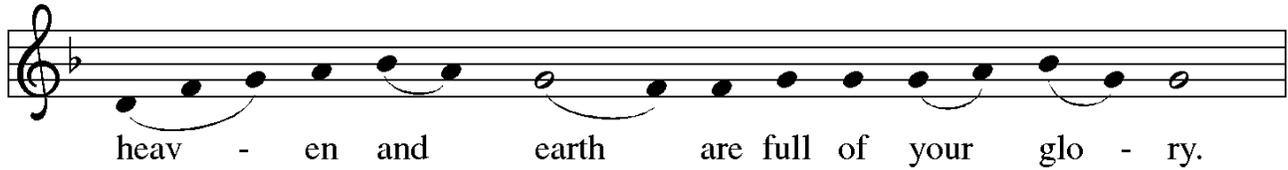
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

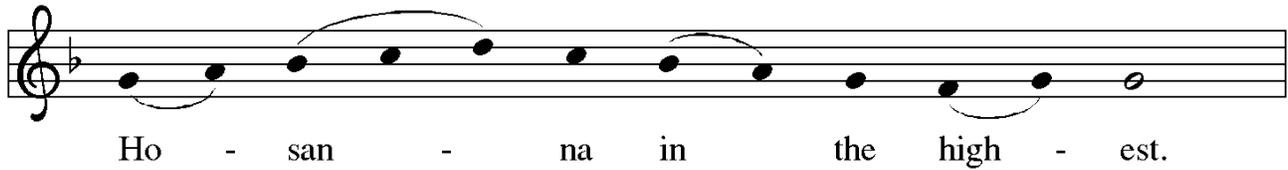
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



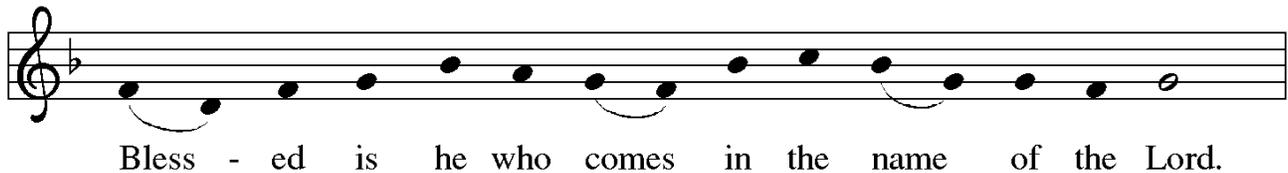
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



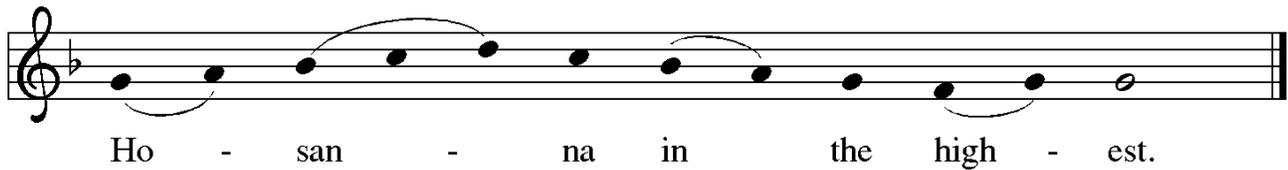
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

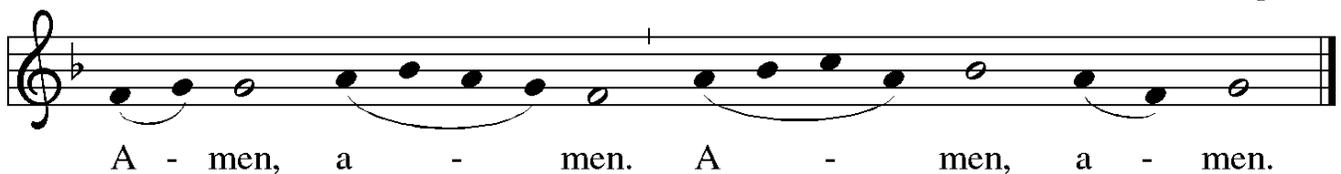
He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

ELW Setting Five



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done,
On earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the
time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the pow'r, and the glo - ry are
yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Text: Lord's Prayer, tr. International Consultation of English Texts
Music: Plainsong

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

All baptized Christians who believe the Lord is truly present in this sacrament are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communicants file forward from the center aisle. They receive the consecrated host, then choose either a prefilled cup of consecrated red wine or consecrated white grape juice from the tray held by Communion assistant. Communicants place used glass in separate tray and then return to their seats by the side aisles. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting Five

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. A - men.

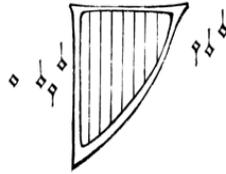
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Ave Verum Corpus
By W.A. Mozart

Ave, verum corpus
Natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
In Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death

Meditation on *Ubi Caritas*
Arranged by Charles Callahan



*SACRAMENTAL BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection.

May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

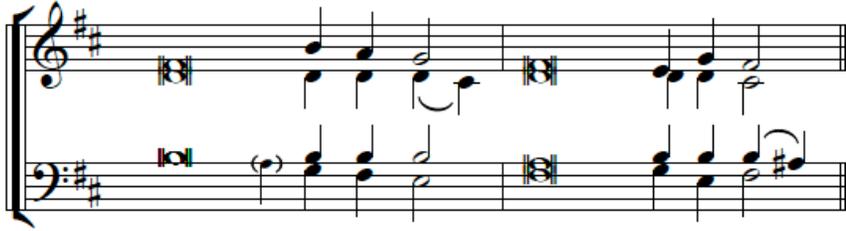
STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Worship concludes with the stripping of the altar. Psalm 22 is chanted by the choir.

After the chanting is complete, please depart in silence.



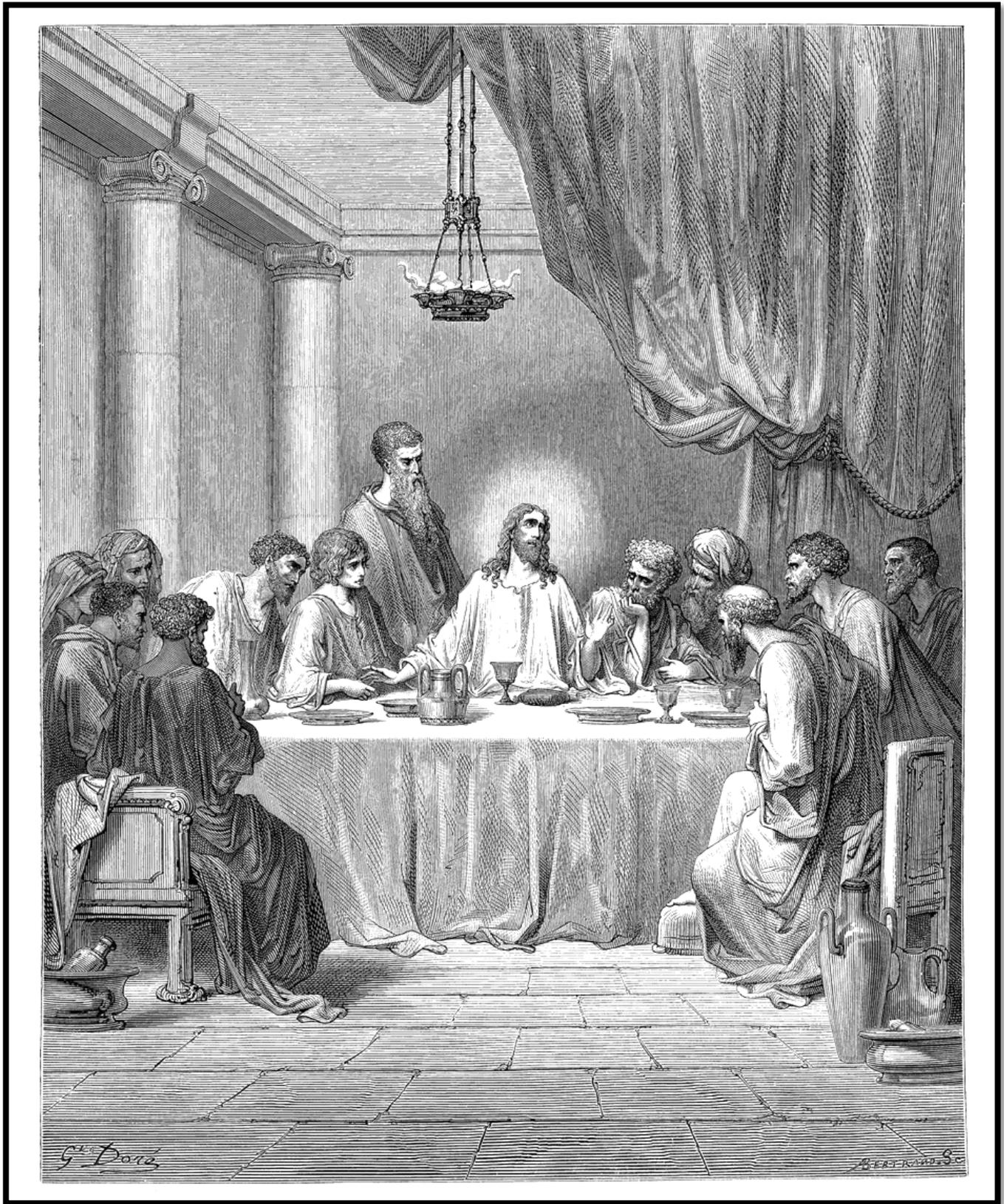
tone: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN



- 1 My God my God, ... why have [you] forsaken me*
and are so far from my cry, ...
and from the words of [my] distress?
- 2 O my God I cry in the daytime, ... but you [do] not answer;*
by night as well, ... but I [find] no rest.
- 3 Yet [you are] the Holy One,*
enthroned upon the [praises] of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers [put] their trust in you;*
they trusted and [you] delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and [were] delivered;*
they trusted in you and were not [put] to shame.
- 6 But as for me, ... I am a [worm and] no man,*
scorned by all, ... and des-[pised by] the people.
- 7 All who see me [laugh me] to scorn;*
they curl their lips and wag their [heads] saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the LORD; ... [let him] deliver him;*
let him rescue him [if he] delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me [out of] the womb,*
and kept me safe upon my [moth]-er’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever [since I] was born;*
you were my God when I was still in my [moth]-er’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me for [trouble] is near,*
and there is [none] to help.
- 12 Many young [bulls] encircle me;*
strong bulls of [Bashan] surround me.
- 13 They open [wide] their jaws at me,*
like a ravening and a [roar-]ing lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; ... all my bones are [out] of joint;*
my heart within my breast is [melt]-ing wax.
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- 15 My mouth is dried out like a potsherd; ...
 my tongue sticks to the [roof of] my mouth;*
 and you have laid me in the [dust of] the grave.
- 16 Packs of dogs close me in, ... and gangs of evildoers [circle] around me;*
 they pierce my hands and my feet, ... I can [count all] my bones.
- 17 They stare and gloat [o]-ver me;*
 they divide my garments among them; ... they cast [lots for] my clothing.
- 18 Be not far a-[way] O LORD;*
 you are my strength; ... [hasten] to help me.
- 19 Save me [from] the sword,*
 my life from the power [of] the dog.
- 20 Save me from the [li]-on's mouth,*
 my wretched body from the [horns of] wild bulls.
- 21 I will declare your [name to] my brethren;*
 in the midst of the congregation [I] will praise you.
- 22 Praise the LORD [you] that fear him;*
 stand in awe of him O offspring of Israel; ...
 all you of Jacob's [line] give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; ...
 neither does he [hide] his face from them;*
 but when they cry to [him] he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the [great] assembly;*
 I will perform my vows in the presence of [those] who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, ...
 and those who seek the [LORD] shall praise him:*
 "May your [heart live] forever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and [turn to] the LORD,*
 and all the families of the nations shall [bow] before him.
- 27 For kingship be-[longs to] the LORD;*
 he rules [over] the nations.
- 28 To him alone, ... all who sleep in the earth bow [down] in worship;*
 all who go down to the [dust fall] before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; ... my des-[cendants] shall serve him;*
 they shall be known as the [LORD's] forever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people [yet] unborn*
 the saving deeds that [he] has done.



*The Triduum continues tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m.
with the Good Friday service of Tenebrae.*

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS



Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists

Monday, April 6, 2026

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Friday, April 10, 2026

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

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**

Items of Interest and Information: click **NEWS**

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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