



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Our worship at Trinity
follows the church's
ancient form.

Everything you need for
worship is in this bulletin.

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All who trust that
Christ is present in Holy
Communion are invited to
receive Him with us today.

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Please silence your cell
phone.

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Our AED is mounted on
the wall in the stairway
next to the baptismal font.



At Trinity, we welcome
all LGBTQ+ people as
full participants in our
common life. We're proud
to proclaim this publicly in
our city and wider church
as a Reconciling in Christ
congregation.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 7:30 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

We gather in silence.

PRELUDE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Mark C. Jones



Please stand in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 462 - Now We Join in Celebration

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel or be seated. An extended silence is kept for reflection.

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.

You are invited to come forward using the center aisle and kneel or stand around the altar rail for the laying on of hands. You may also choose to remain in your seat for a time of meditation.

The pastor, laying both hands on each person's head, addresses each in turn.

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

*The person responds: **Amen.***

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

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.

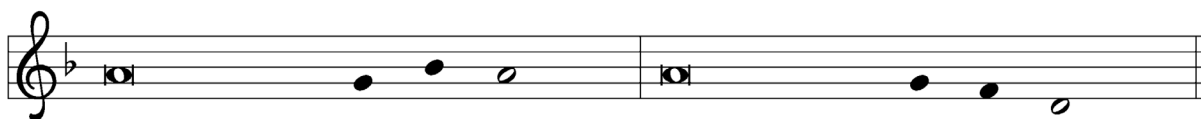
After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

The psalm will be chanted alternately between the choir and the congregation.



I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
for the Lord has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.

How shall I re- | pay the Lord
for all the good things God has | done for me?
I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the Lord.

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

Precious in your | sight, O Lord,
is the death | of your servants.

O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the Lord.

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

in the courts of | the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.

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.

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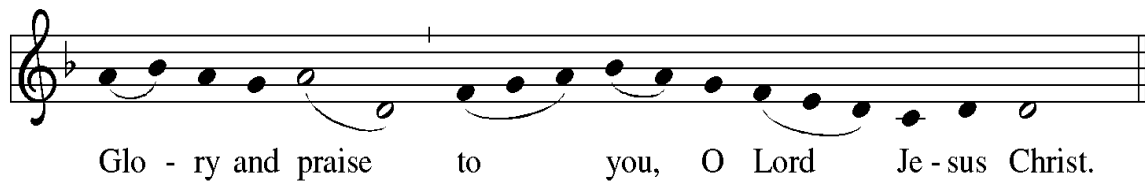
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The gospel acclamation is sung by all and repeated after the verse.



*I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another just as I have loved you. (John 13:34)*

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 John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

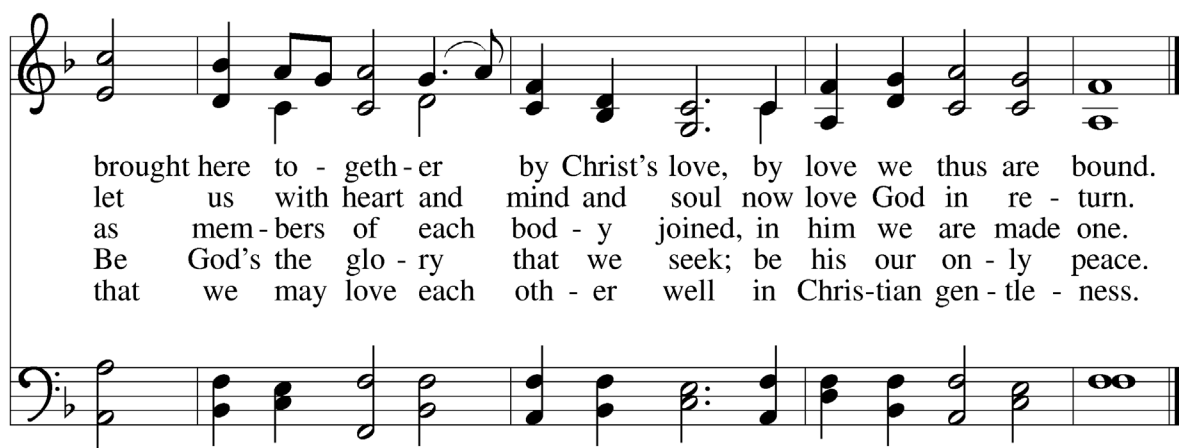
SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW 359 - Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

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Be seated.

FOOTWASHING

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us.

We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

ORGAN MEDITATION

Le Banquet Céleste (The Celestial Banquet, 1928)

Oliver Messiaen

This piece about the Holy Eucharist has two themes: the first, slow, sustained, far away, mysterious, representing most of all the love God has for us by sacrificing his Son; the second, a melody played by the feet like "drops of water," representing Christ's blood "that was shed for us for the remission of sins."

BLESSING OF NEW CHALICES

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart these chalices to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe,
for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift;
you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children;
and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice and joy.

Send your blessing on these chalices which we set apart today;
may all who receive the cup of blessing
be sustained by your grace and power.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ,
to the unity of the holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Ubi Caritas

Ola Gjeilo

The Trinity Choir Julianne Michalik Maggio, piano

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Amen

Where charity and love are, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Amen

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life

and the host of this meal.

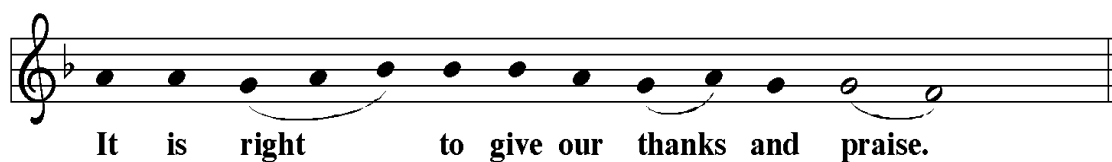
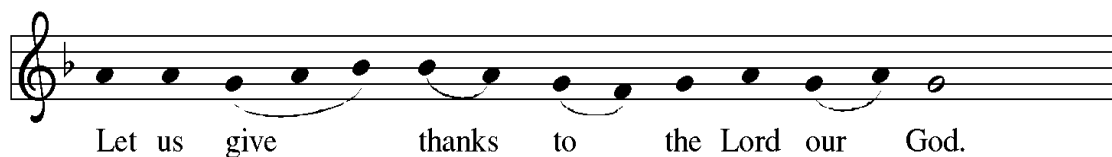
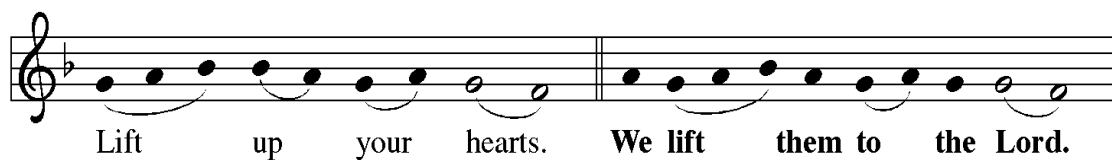
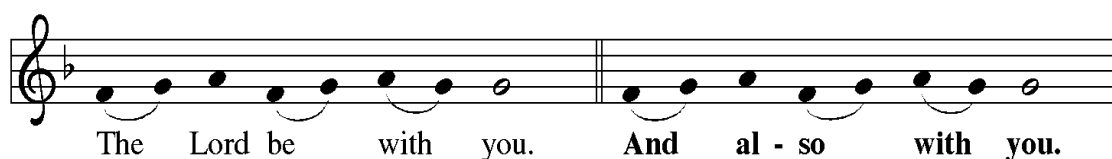
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

DIALOG



PROPER PREFACE

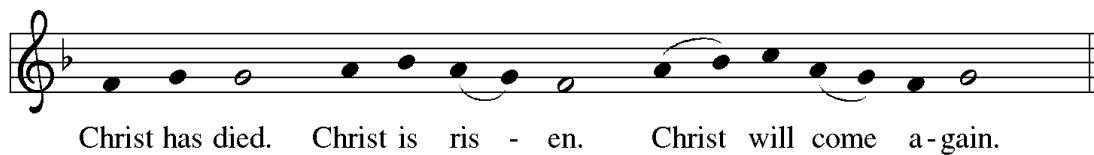
It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

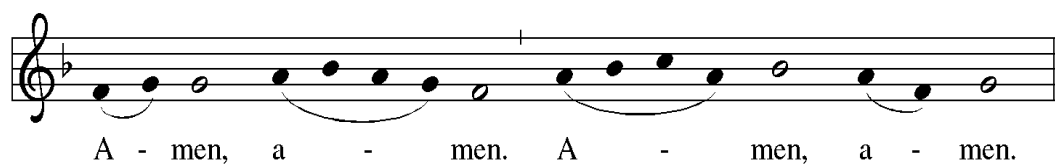
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

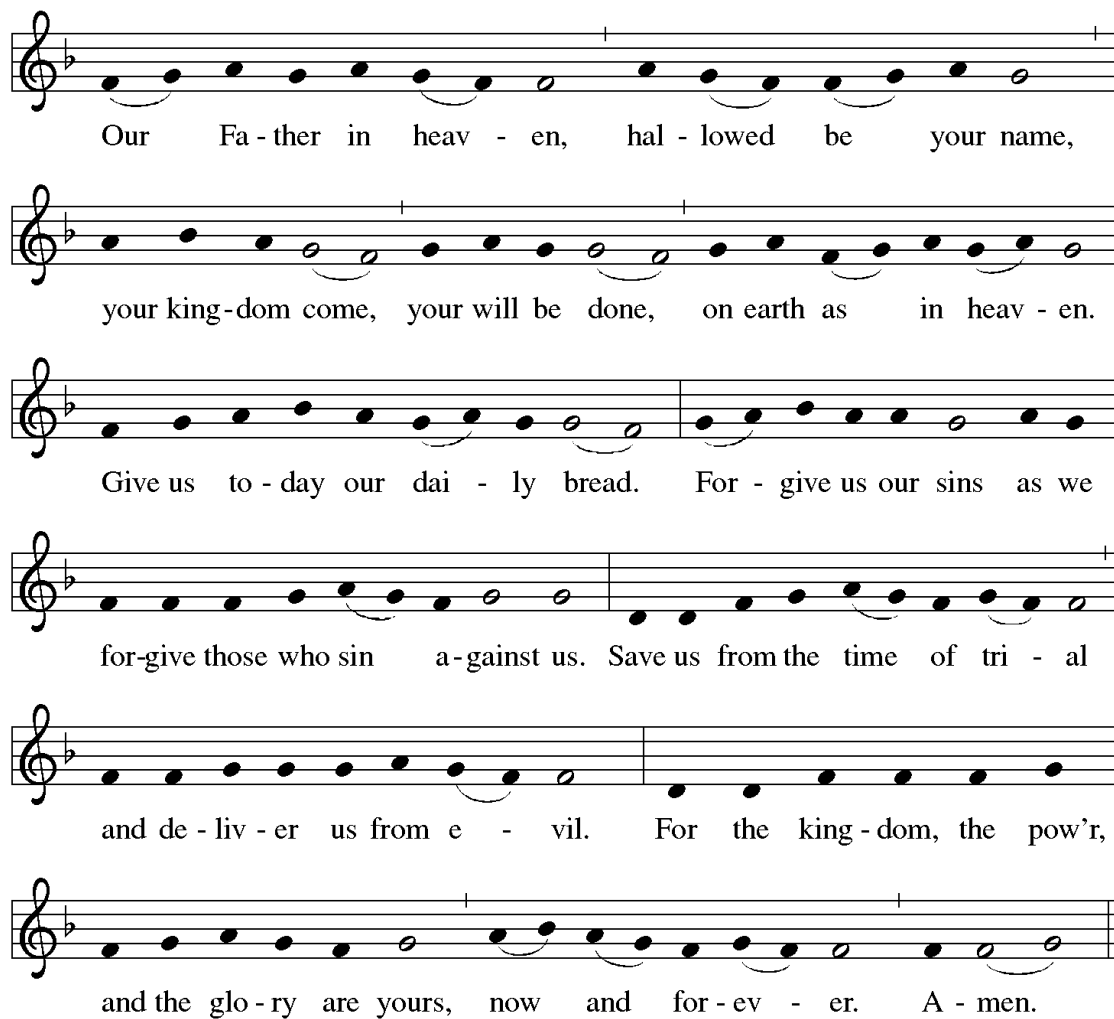


Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,..
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.



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.

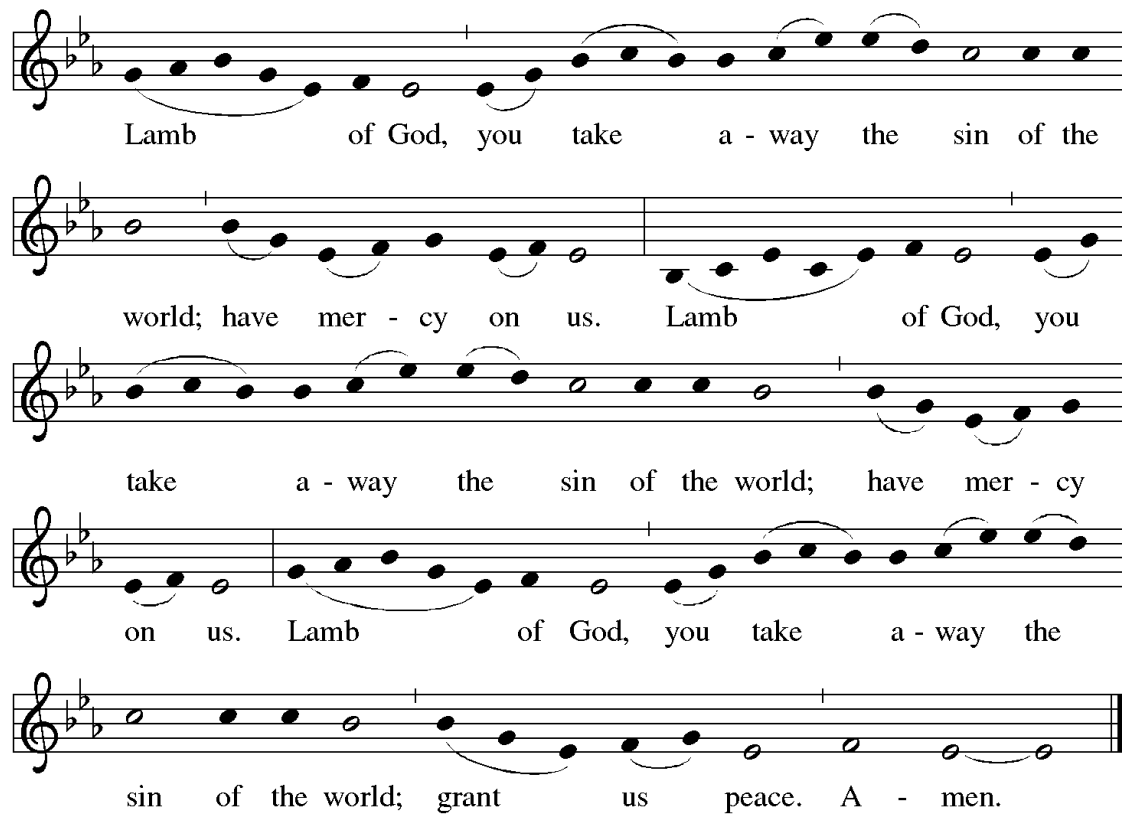
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Be seated.

COMMUNION CANTICLE



DISTRIBUTION

All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.

When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.

Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

Please stand in body or spirit.

TABLE 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

Lord, I Cry to You - Psalm 88

Zebulon M. Highben

Ben Hoover and Peter Graf, cantors

We depart in silence.

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Leaders in Today's Liturgy

Presiding Minister: Pr. Hans E. Becklin

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Lector: Steve Welz

Communion Assistant: Vickie Unruh

Greeter: Mike Faust

Ushers: Jeff & Pam Wasmuth

Altar Guild: Anita Dolak, David Himes, Amy Reinsel, Amy Stewart-Himes, Avery Mazur, Raye Watson and Donna Osborne

Thank you to Ralph and Vickie Unruh, who have gifted Trinity with the new silver pouring chalices that we dedicate today. Due to their design, these chalices will be far easier to pour and receive from. With them, we can continue our long tradition of receiving the blood of Christ from a shared cup in a sanitary manner.

Holy Week Continues

Tomorrow, **Good Friday**, we'll gather at 12:05 PM for worship—with scripture, preaching, and song all focused on the scandal and glory of the cross. In keeping with ancient tradition, the Eucharist is not celebrated on this day and Trinity's bells are silent.

Easter Sunday (March 31): Join us for a very special Eucharist as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord at 10 AM.

SURPRISE! Intergenerational Easter Egg Hunt after Easter Sunday Worship

In the past, our hunt was for young children; older youth hid eggs full of candy and small gifts. This year, the eggs will also contain surprises for older youth and adults. We will gather in the Hintz Room after worship to begin the hunt together. (Please wait for Deaconess Deborah to join you.) Spectators are welcome, but you may just want to join the fun.

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Broadcast Schedule for March on Comcast Channel 190

Sundays

6:00 PM World Views:
World Hijab Day
6:30 PM Music From Trinity:
Soli Deo Gloria (Part 1)
7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service
5:00 PM Music From Trinity:
Soli Deo Gloria (Part 1)
5:30 PM World Views:
World Hijab Day

Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.