

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

March 24, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.



Palm/Passion Sunday

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

Service of Word and Sacrament

In the bulletin: The asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses. At the sign of the cross (✠), you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

✠ GATHERING ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Fanfare

John Cook

*Greeting

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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*Choral Introit

Entrance Into Jerusalem

by Wes Cameron

***Proclamation Gospel: Mark 11:12**

On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶The disciples told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming dominion of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

***Blessing of Palms**

You are invited to raise your palms.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise and thank you, O God,
for reaching out to redeem us
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Those who lined the streets of Jerusalem long ago
acclaimed him as Messiah and King;
welcoming with palm branches in their hands.

We pray your blessing on the palm branches we hold.
May we also acclaim Jesus as Messiah and King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life.

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn No. 344 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

***Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you for this day, O God -
for all it recalls,
for all it means,
for all it says to us.

We see Jesus riding into Jerusalem -
to a welcome yet also rejection,
to celebration yet also crucifixion,
to a crown but also a cross.

May this day lead us to -
a deeper understanding of your kingdom,
a greater awareness of your love,
and a clearer sense of your purpose.

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Choral Anthem

Make Way!

by Russell Nagy

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early church saw as important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:9-16

To be read responsively.

⁹Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors,
a dismay to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.
I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is accomplished and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others, we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.

A reading from Philippians.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -

slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Passion of the Lord: Mark 14:1-15:47

1: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

3: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him;

2: for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

3: ¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them.

- 1: ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give Judas money.
- 2: So he began to look for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

1: On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, at evening Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said

3: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

1: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?"

3: Jesus said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me.

2: For the Son-of-Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son-of-Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

1: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body."

3: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it.

1: Jesus said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

2: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

1: And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written,

2: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

3: Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

1: Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

3: But Peter said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

1: And all of them said the same.

3: They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."

Hymn No. 347

Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 1)

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r; your Redeemer's conflict see.
Watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

2: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated.

1: And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

2: And going a little farther, Jesus threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

3: He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

1: Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?"

2: Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

3: And again Jesus went away and prayed, saying the same words.

2: And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him.

3: He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son-of-Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

1: Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

2: Immediately, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders.

3: Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

1: So when Judas came, he went up to Jesus at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him.

2: Then they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.

3: But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

2: Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit?

3: Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

Hymn No. 347

Go to Dark Gethsemane (verse 2)

**Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned; oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs his soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear
the cross.**

3: They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled.

1: Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire.

2: Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none.

1: For many gave false testimony against Jesus, and their testimony did not agree.

3: Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, ⁵⁸"We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'"

2: But even on this point their testimony did not agree.

1: Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

2: But Jesus was silent and did not answer.

Hymn No. 351

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (verse 1)

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

- 1: Again, the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"
- 2: Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son-of-Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'"
- 3: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? ⁶⁴You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"
- 1: All of them condemned him as deserving death. ⁶⁵Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophecy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

Hymn No. 351

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (verse 2)

How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn; how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn! Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

- 3: While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servants of the high priest came by.
- 1: When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."
- 2: But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt.
- 3: Then the cock crowed.

- 2: And the servant girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them."
- 3: But again he denied it.
- 1: Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."
- 2: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about."
- 1: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."
- 3: And he broke down and wept.

Hymn No. 351

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (verse 3)

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love to thee.

3: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

2: Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "You say so."

3: Then the chief priests accused him of many things.

1: Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

3: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

2: Now at the festival Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked.

3: Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection.

1: So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. ⁹Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

2: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over.

3: But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas for them instead.

1: Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

2: They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

3: Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?"

2: But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"

1: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Hymn No. 353

Were You There (verse 1)

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified
my Lord?**

3: Then the soldiers led Jesus into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.

2: And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him.

1: And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

2: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him.

3: After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

2: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

3: Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull).

1: And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.

2: And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

1: It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

Please stand.

2: And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left.

1: Those who passed by derided Jesus, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

3: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. ³²Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

2: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

Hymn No. 353

Were You There (verse 3)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

1: When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

2: At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

3: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

2: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

1: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

3: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

1: Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Hymn No. 353

Were You There (verse 4)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

2: Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock.

1: He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

3: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn No. 353

Were You There (verse 5)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayer of Intercession**

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes, protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief. We pray for those on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth, let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

Organ Offertory:

Liturgical Chant

Dom Paul Benoit

*Offertory Hymn No. 188 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

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 un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

*Invitation

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith.
The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and
mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space.
All of God's children – regardless of denominational background –
are welcome and invited to share it with us.

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O 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 your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***Prayer at the Table**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross,
 opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread,
 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.

Remembering, therefore,
 his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
 and unite the wills
 of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***The 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.

God's love is poured out for us in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

*The Communion

*Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread and wine or grape juice with one another using these words: The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. An **Amen** or **Thanks be to God** is spoken in response to these gifts.*

Those celebrating with us in person: Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice from those serving. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

Hymn No. 338

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

Hymn No. 616

Jesus, Remember Me

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

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

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the hymn. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system includes a fermata over the final note of the melody. The second system also includes a fermata over the final note of the melody.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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***Prayer After Communion**

Holy One,
you have refreshed us again with food from your table.
Be with us this Holy Week,
that having been filled with your grace,
we may go forth to live holy lives
to the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***Blessing**

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn No. 324

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

***Dismissal**

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to serve the Lord.

We go to connect people to Jesus through love and the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

Elegy

Flor Peeters

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The Love Offering for the month of March will go towards helping restock the Blessing Cabinet at the Robinson Family Resource Center. Holy Trinity set up a special Blessing Cabinet last school year in the Family Resource Center (FRC) at Robinson CLC. It is stocked with easy-to-prepare meals, microwaveable food, cleaning supplies, personal care items, feminine hygiene products as well as diapers and wipes. Families who visit the FRC and need any of these items are invited to take what they need for free. FRC staff oversee the Blessing Cabinet and coordinate the distribution of the items. This special outreach ministry has been so well received, that it's being duplicated in other Family Resource Centers across the Akron School district. Please consider giving to support this important outreach ministry. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, 3/24	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
	10:45 a.m.	<i>Coffee & Fellowship</i> - Chapel Lounge
Tuesday, 3/26	6:30 p.m.	<i>Derbytown Chorus</i> - Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Invite-Welcome-Connect Meeting</i> - Church Office
Wednesday, 3/27	11:30 a.m.	<i>Lent Midweek Study & Lunch</i> - Room 202
Thursday, 3/28	9:00 a.m.	<i>Morning Devotions</i> - Facebook Live
	4:00 p.m.	<i>Meditation Memorial Garden Meeting</i> - via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Maundy Thursday Service</i> - Sanctuary
Friday, 3/29	9:00 a.m.	<i>Faith 5 Fridays</i> - Zoom
	12:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday Service</i> - Sanctuary
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Good Friday Service @ Faith Lutheran Church</i>
Sunday, 3/31	8:30 a.m.	<i>Easter Continental Breakfast</i> - Chapel Lounge
	9:30 a.m.	<i>Worship</i>
Monday, 4/1		<i>Church Office Closed - Easter Holiday</i>

In Our Prayers...

March 24: No additional prayer concerns this week.

March 17: David Probert (brother of Danny Probert).

March 10: Family of Jodi McClain (friend of Valerie Clark), Michael Thrall (son of Gene Thrall), Virginia Anderson (mother of Darlene Katz), Felicity and David Katz (parents of Stefan Katz), and Alex Bass (daughter of Darlene Katz and DLM staff member).

March 3: John Shea (Steve White's husband), Amy Ott (friend of Rachel Nunez).

The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.

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