

Sunday, March 3, 2024 Third Sunday in Lent

Our mission, as God's people, is to *gather* in worship, *grow* in faith, and *go* in service in the name of our Risen Lord. *Our vision* – Sharing God's love, hope and healing.

Prelude: "Canticle of the Turning" arr. by Mark David Johnson

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness:

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.
- C Amen.
- P Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

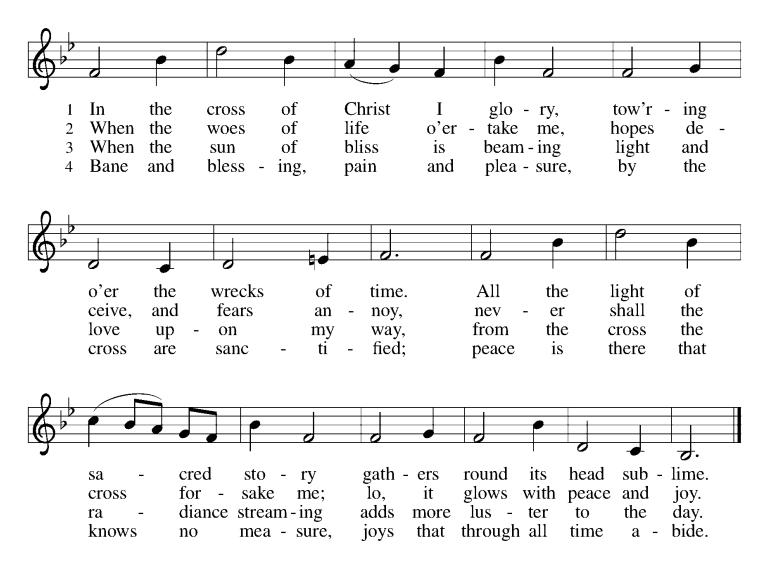
- P Holy God,
- C we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.
- P Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

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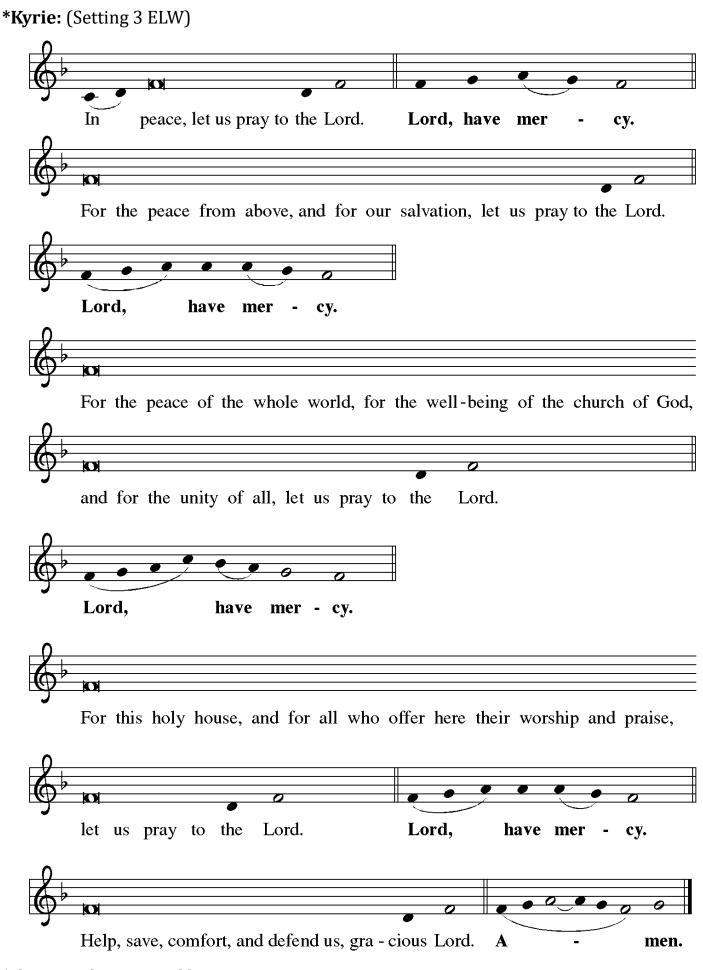
*Gathering Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" ELW 324



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

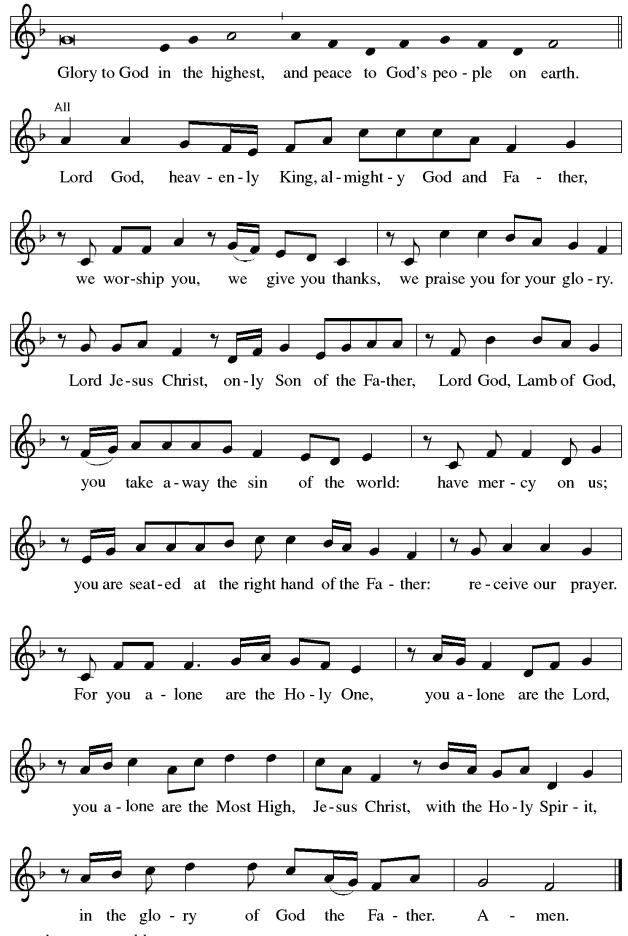
*Greeting:

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



^{*}Please stand as you are able.

*Canticle of Praise: (Setting 3 ELW)



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*The Prayer of the Day:

P Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Kids Word: Pr. Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. ²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another. ³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. ¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Our second reading is from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul's preaching is Christ crucified.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

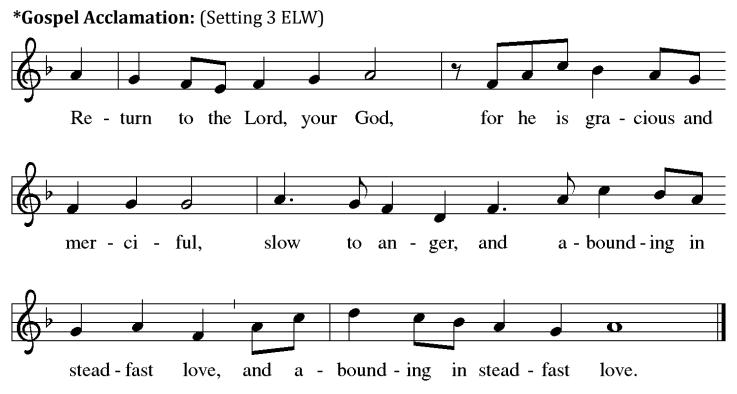
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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L Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



*Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

P The holy gospel according to John beginning with the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pr. Jerry O'Neal

*Hymn of the Day: "Canticle of the Turning" ELW 723



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*Apostles' Creed:

- **P&C** 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.

***Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God." and your response is, "**Your mercy is great.**"

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You give us many blessings. We are grateful for the many blessings of Holy Trinity's faithful volunteers, especially our Lay Worship Leaders; Jeff, Diane, Betsy, Nancy, Becke, Amy, Ann, Becki, and Diane. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace:

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Offering:

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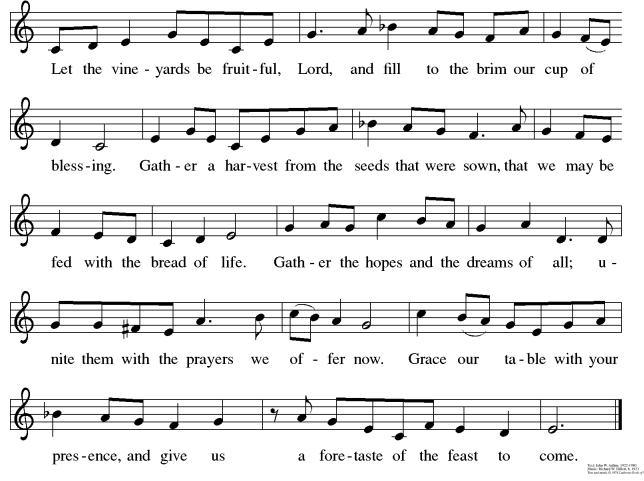
- 1. Download the ELCA Giving App from Google Store or Apple Play, or
- 2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
- 3. Using your bank's online BillPay features.

Thank you for your support of Holy Trinity and our ministries!

Offertory Music: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" arr. by James Engel

Offertory Presentation: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" ELW 182

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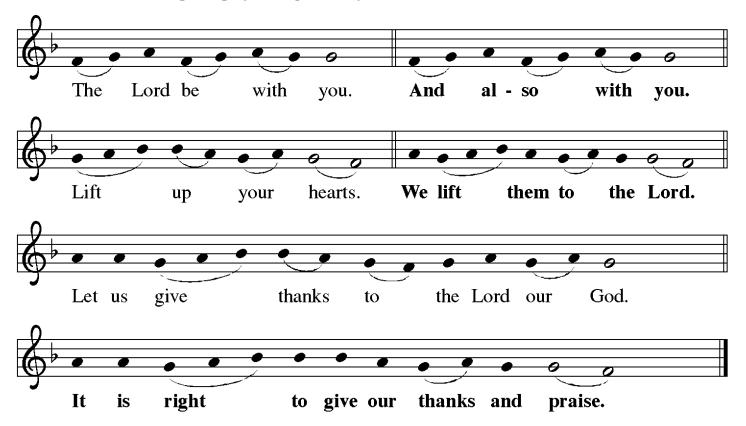
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*Offering Prayer:

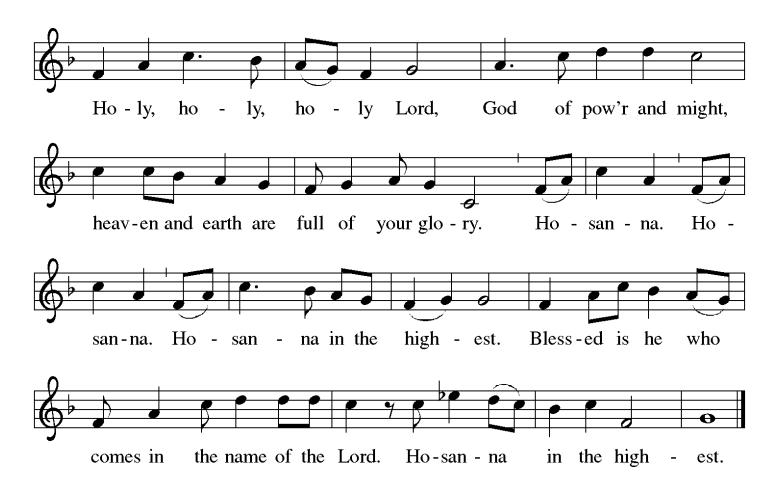
L Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving: (Setting 3 ELW)



P 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.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
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:



P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

 P La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo: Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

- P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen.

*Lord's Prayer:

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)
- All 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.

*Invitation to Communion:

P Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

Lamb of God, you take a - way the world; the sin of have Lamb of God, you take a-way sin of the the on us. mer-cy 0 world; have mer - cy Lamb of God, you take a - way the on us. sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (Setting 3 ELW)

Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.

Communion Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" ELW 856



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*Post Communion Blessing:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- All Amen.

*Post Communion Prayer:

- L Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
- C Amen

*Sending Call and Response:

- L God's work!
- C Our hands!
- L God's love!
- C Our hearts!
- L God's story!
- C Our voices!

*Benediction:

- P "Barocha" Michael Card
- C Amen.

*Sending Hymn: "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW 705



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

*Dismissal:

- L Go in peace. Share your bread.
- C Thanks be to God.

Announcements for March 3, 2024

This week's Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Solom and Mary Miller Shelle Richardson Bonnie and Mitchell Eldridge Carol O'Neal Christa DelSorbo Karen Wenger Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother David and Jensy Engle, Susie Peterson's parents Liz Collins Helen Merz Angie Kidd and her son, Evan Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law Jenni Sanderfer's aunt, Sandy Morrison Matthew Santoni Roberta Debolt Chuck Cook Stephanie and Rich Thompson Maria and her family in Ukraine Dan Haynes John Paul Metzcar Mary Broughton For all who are sick and suffering

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Gail Bader Usher: John Huff and Larry Ahlersmeyer Greeter: Kathy McCauliff Lay Worship Leader, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Betsy Ahlersmeyer Altar Guild: Kathy McCauliff and Linda Reynolds

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March 3-9, 2024:

Birthdays: March 4 - Dorothy Ashby March 5 - Bonnie Hoodlebrink March 5 - Autumn Smith March 6 - Gary Santoni March 7 - Bill Robertson

Anniversaries: No Anniversaries on record. Sunday, March 10 Daylight Saving Time Begins Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. You don't want to be late for church!

Congregation Meeting Sunday, March 17, 2024:

On Sunday, March 17 we will have a congregation meeting at the end of worship. We will have a brief meeting for two purposes: first, we will ask your approval to renovate the Fellowship Hall and second, we will discuss the E-Connect process and seek your support for it. Check out the March issue of the Trinity Times for more information!

Calendar of Events for the Week of March 3:

Sunday, March 3 - Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship (10am)

Monday, March 4 - Bible Study (10am), and Choir Practice (4pm)

Tuesday, March 5 - Volunteers work at CMDC Food Pantry (9am), Walking Group meets (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am), Binding Ties Group (10am)

Wednesday, March 6 - Volunteers work at CMDC Food Pantry (9am), Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Midweek Lenten Meal and Program at Grace Episcopal (6pm/Meal and 7pm/Program)

Thursday, March 7 - Volunteers work at CMDC Food Pantry (9am)

Friday, March 8 - Volunteers work at CMDC Food Pantry (9am), Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)

Saturday, March 9 – Stephen Ministry Training (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Flowers at the Altar:

The flowers at the altar are given by Becki Bergs in celebration of Autumn Smith's birthday. (If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

From Outreach:

We still have 3 slots open for volunteers at the Christian Ministries food pantry this week. We need 1 for Tuesday (March 5) and 2 for Friday (March 8). Thank you for your help.

Lenten Outreach Opportunity:

The Lenten non-food collection of baby items has begun. Our friends at Christian Ministries advise us that the greatest diaper needs at present are for larger sizes, especially size 5. Any other size is welcome also, of course. This will continue through the season of Lent. Thank you for your support of this traditional activity of outreach at Holy Trinity.

Midweek Ecumenical Lenten Gathering:

When:

6:00pm - Dinner 7:00pm - Program

Where:

Mar. 6 - Grace Episcopal Church, 300 South Madison St, Muncie, 47305 Mar. 13 - Hazelwood Christian Church, 1400 West University Ave, Muncie, 47303 Mar. 20 - First Presbyterian Church, 1400 West Riverside Ave, Muncie, 47303

Phase 2/Part 1 of the Building Renovation Has Begun!

Demolition of the lounge has begun. The lift will be available for use until the front outdoor project begins, we will let you know that date when it is known.

During the construction time we ask that you watch for signs for directions and safety cautions. During the week if you come to the church we ask you to avoid the construction area as much as you can for your safety and the safety of the construction crew.

Patience and Prayers:

We ask for your patience and prayers. It is never easy to go through a renovation and there will be a lot going on at the church during the renovation, that will, at times, interrupt our regular schedule. Please keep the construction crews, building team and all who are involved in the renovation in your prayers.

If you have any questions or comments, please talk with Larry Wood or John Scholl.

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help us decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to order Easter Flowers for your loved ones and friends, please fill in the form below and bring or mail it to the church office along with your payment of \$12.75 per flower by Sunday, March 24. You may take the flowers home after the Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

In Memory of:	
In Thanksgiving for:	
Given By:	
Flower Choices: Lily HyacinthTulip	
Amount enclosed: \$	

For _____flowers

*Please note that payment needs to be made a the time of placing the order. We will not order the flower(s) if payment is not received. Thank you.



*Please stand as you are able.