



Sunday, March 17, 2024
Fifth 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:

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.**

***Gathering Hymn: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" ELW 337**

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1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

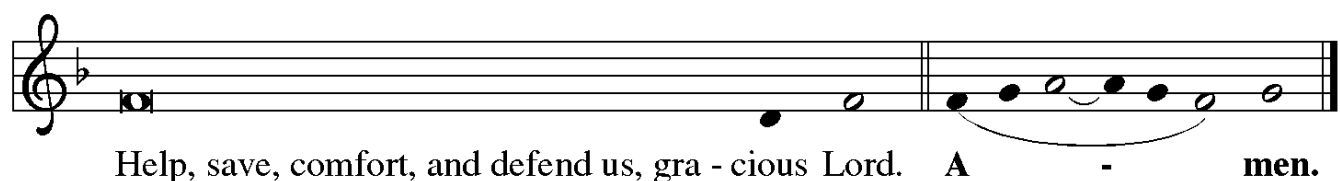
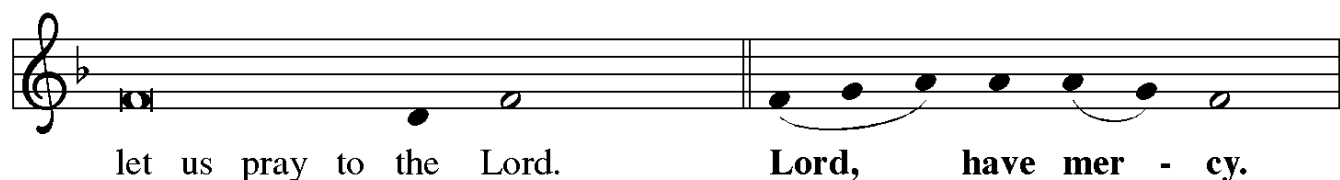
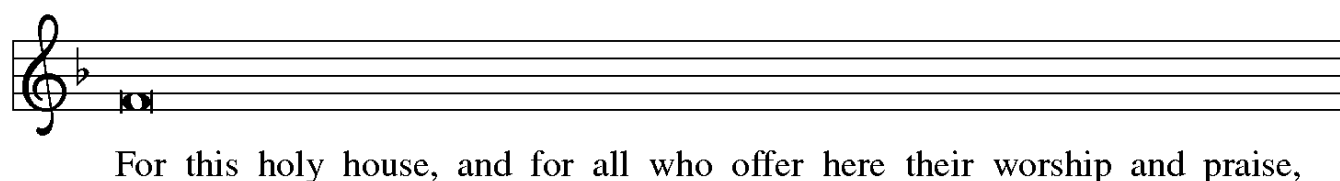
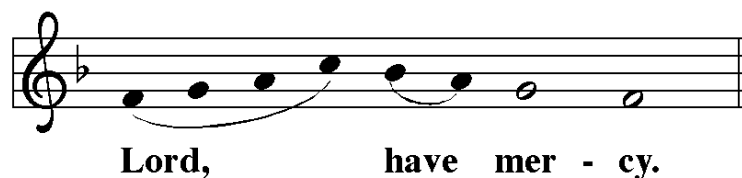
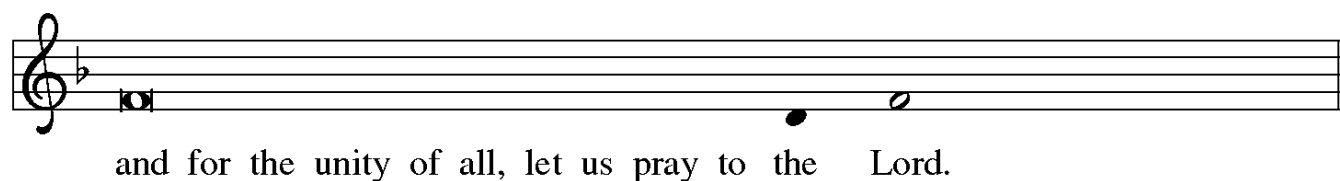
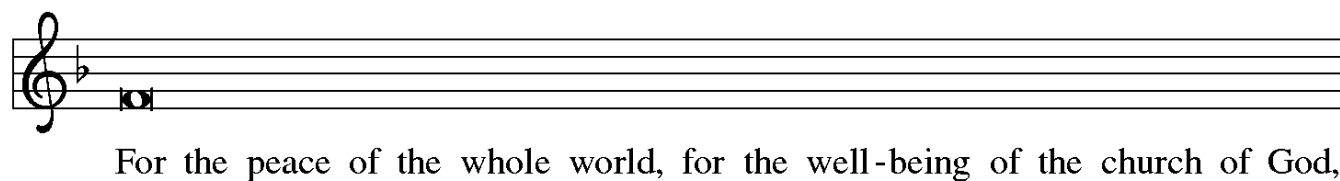
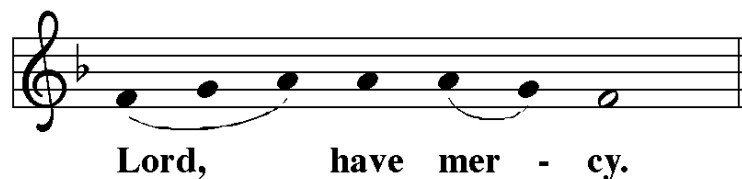
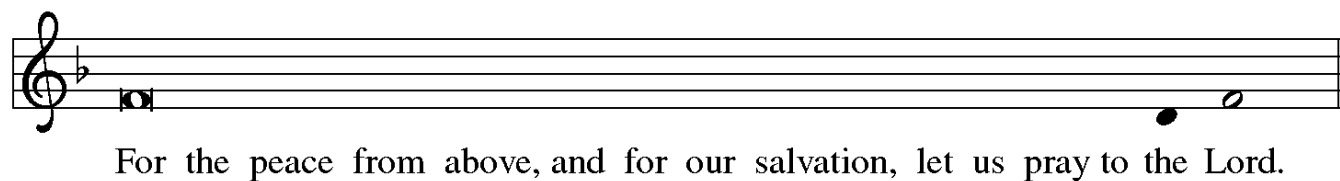
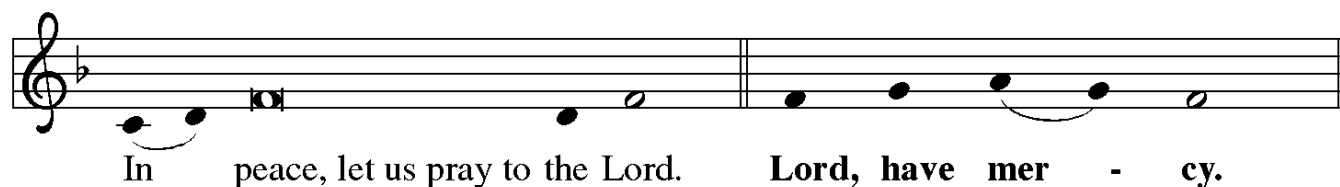
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

***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.

***Kyrie:** (Setting 3 ELW)



*The Prayer of the Day:

P O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

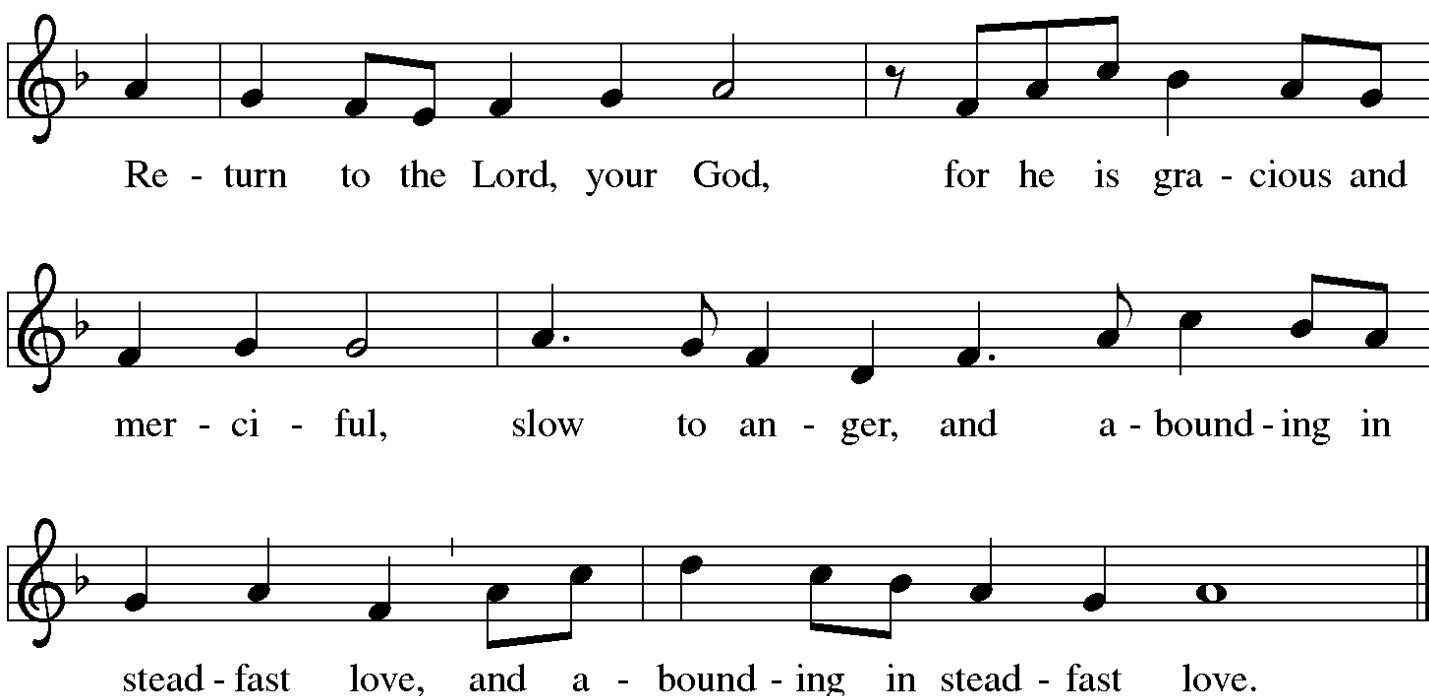
The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: (Setting 3 ELW)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

*Please stand as you are able.

***Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33**

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

P The holy gospel according to John beginning with the 12th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon - Pr. Jerry O'Neal

***Hymn of the Day: "Now the Green Blade Rises" ELW 379**

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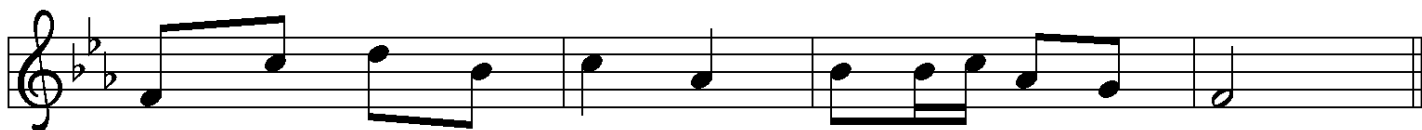
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

Text from *Oxford Book of Carols*, © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved.

***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.

*Please stand as you are able.

***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.

God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation, especially our Sunday morning and Monday morning Bible Study groups and Binding Ties small group. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill, especially those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting 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:

If you would like to give electronically, you may

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:

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

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***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.

*Please stand as you are able.

***Words of Institution**

(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 for-
giveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***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!

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "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." The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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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.

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: "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

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1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

***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!

Congregation Meeting

***Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card

C Amen.

***Sending Hymn: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” ELW 545**

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

***Dismissal:**

L Go in peace. Share your bread.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements for March 10, 2024

Calendar of Events for the Week of March 17:

Sunday, March 17 - Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship & Congregation Meeting (10am)

Monday, March 18 - Bible Study (10am), and Choir Practice (4pm)

Tuesday, March 19 - Walking Group meets (9am), Binding Ties Group (10am), and Project Stepping Stone Meeting (6pm)

Wednesday, March 20 - Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Midweek Lenten Meal and Program at First Presbyterian Church (6pm/Meal and 7pm/Program)

Friday, March 22 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)

Saturday, March 23 - Stephen Ministry Training (9am) and Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Midweek Ecumenical Lenten Gathering:

The last Midweek Lenten Gathering will be at First Presbyterian Church, 1400 West Riverside Ave, on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00pm - Dinner/7:00pm - Program

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Karen Huff
Susie Peteron's cousin, Allison
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
Helen Merz
Angie Kidd and her son, Evan
Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law
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: Logan Norris

Usher: Andy Brelage and Gary Santoni

Greeter: Claire Park

Lay Worship Leader, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Becke Bly

Altar Guild: Kathy McCauliff and Linda Reynolds

Birthdays and Anniversaries for March 17-23, 2024:

Birthdays:

March 21 - Ken Miller

March 23 - Rosemary Martin

Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries on record.

Flowers at the Altar:

(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.)

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.

Phase 2/Part 1 of the Building Renovation Is Ongoing!

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.



Palm Sunday, March 24 - 10am Service

**Maundy Thursday, March 28 - 7pm at High Street
United Methodist Church, 219 S. High Street**

Good Friday, March 29 - 7pm at Holy Trinity

Easter Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunrise Service - 7:30am

Easter Continental Breakfast - 8:45am

Easter Service - 10am



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 _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

For _____ flowers

*Please note that payment needs to be made at 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.