

MASS | EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31st 2024

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the largest progressive Lutheran body in the United States. As Lutherans, we go about Christianity in a Lutheran way, emphasizing that we are reconciled with God (justified) not by anything we do, but through and because of God's love, freely given (grace). We love questions more than quick fixes (paradox), and we read the Bible in a way that honors it as the source and norm of faith, but not as a literal handbook. As Lutherans, we also lift up the gifts and capacity for ministry (vocation) that every person unquestionably holds.

As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation (and the first in the Metropolitan New York Synod), Holy Trinity welcomes all persons, including all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. Holy Trinity is also committed to practicing racial equity, learning anti-racism, and modeling radical hospitality and inclusion across age, class, national origin, physical and mental health and ability, family configuration, and language.

With a heart for the city, a passion for justice, and a commitment to the arts, we seek to be a place where all God's people will know they are loved. Welcome. We've been waiting for you. There is a place for you here.

LIVE STREAMING AT HOLY TRINITY Please be aware that worship this morning is being filmed, photographed, and live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness and/or voice may be captured by our equipment. Please alert an usher at the entrance if you have any concerns. Selections from this live stream may be used on our website and in our public relations materials.

GATHFRING

At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.

prelude

Христос воскрес, Op. 26 No. 6 Joe Chappel, baritone Sergei Rachmoninoff

(1873-1943)

"Christ is risen" they sing in church. Yet I am sad... my soul is silent. The world is steeped in blood and tears, and so this hymn before the altars sounds like an insult.

Were He present among us to see
what our glorious age has achieved -how brother comes to hate his brother,
and how shameful is mankind – and if,
within the shining church, this "Christ is risen"
He were to hear, what bitter tears
before the crowd would He sob!

Solemn Entry

Richard Strauss

(1864-1949)

The assembly stands to face the procession at the doors to Central Park West.

easter acclamation Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

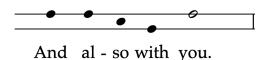
As the procession enters the church, the assembly turns to face the cross, bowing in reverence to the cross as the procession passes by.



All may bow during the response, mirroring the presider.

greeting (2 corinthians 13:14)

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

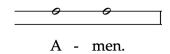


hymn of praise (revelation 5)





prayer of the day Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The assembly sits.

WORD

from the hebrew scriptures

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Silence is kept.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

psalm 118

A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.



[Give thanks] to the Lord, for the Lord is | good; God's mercy en- | dures forever.

Let Israel now de- | clare, "God's mercy en- | dures forever."

The Lord is my strength and my | song, and has become | my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the | righteous: "The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is ex - | alted!

The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but | live,

and declare the | works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me | sorely,
but did not hand me | over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteous- | ness;
I will enter them and give | thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the | Lord; here the | righteous may enter." I give thanks to you, for you have answered | me and you have become | my salvation.

The stone that the builders re - | jected has become the | chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been | done; it is marve- | lous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has | made; let us rejoice and | be glad in it.

from the christian scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

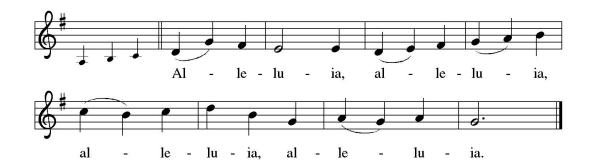
Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel acclamation



The choir sings: Christ, our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast. (1 Cor. 5:7-8)

from the holy gospels

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The assembly is invited to make a small cross over your forehead, lips, and chest, inviting Jesus the Word into your heart, mind, and speech.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

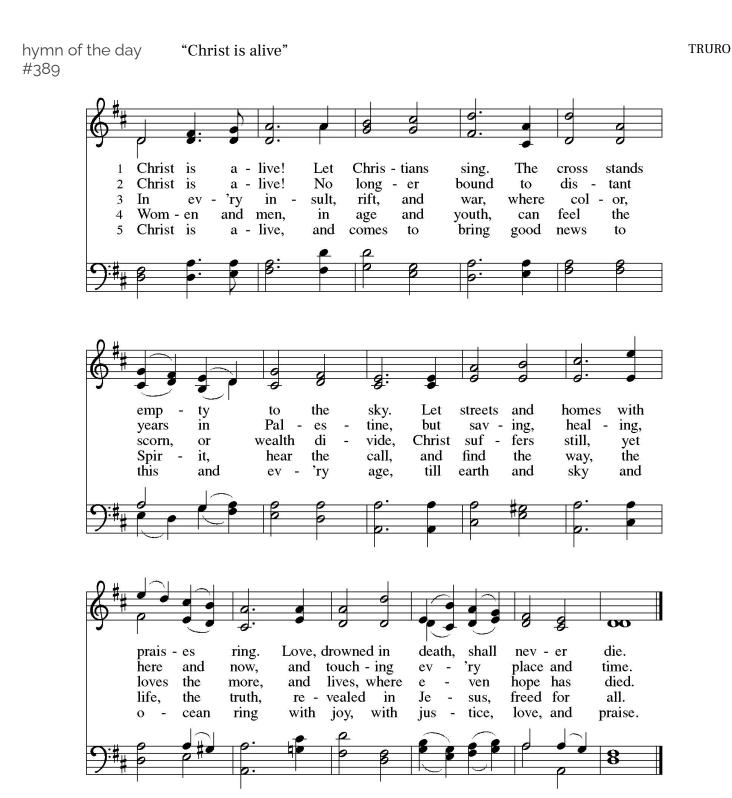
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

Silence is kept following the sermon. The assembly stands to sing.



the nicene creed
(4th century)

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets. $\,$

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the + resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The assembly kneels or sits to pray.

prayers of the people

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The assembly responds to each petition.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

prayer for racial justice
(Howard Thurman)

O God, there is ever something compelling and exhilarating about the glad surprise, the emphasis upon glad. There are surprises that are shocking, startling, frightening and bewildering. But the glad surprise is something different from all of these. It is the stirring of life at the end of winter. It is the man stumbling in the darkness, having lost his way, who finds that the spot at which he falls is the foot of a stairway that leads from darkness into light. Such is the glad surprise. Such is the resurrection. It is the announcement that life cannot ultimately be conquered by death, that there is no road that is at last swallowed up in an ultimate darkness, that there is strength added when the labors increase, that multiplied peace matches multiplied trials, that life is bottomed by the glad surprise. Take courage, therefore: when we have exhausted our store of endurance, when our strength has failed ere the day is half done, when we reach the end of our hoarded resources, our Father's full giving is only begun. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the peace (john 20:19)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is invited to pass the peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them. If you, for any reason, wish to avoid physical contact during the peace, please feel free to cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a verbal greeting. Following the peace, the assembly sits.

MEAL

offertory

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Sing ye to the Lord

Edward Bairstow

(1874-1946)

Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously.

Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;

Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;

Thou hast opened Paradise, and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.

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Alleluia! Amen.

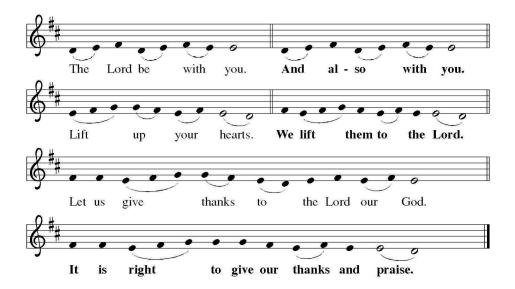
When all is ready, the presider greets us and calls us to prayer.

offertory prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the great thanksgiving

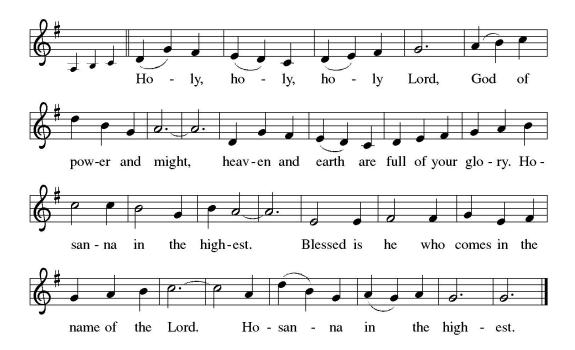


the proper preface

The presider sings: 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. . . 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. . .

The assembly may bow for the Sanctus, rising and making the sign of the cross at the words, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

sanctus



eucharistic prayer You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of our mothers and fathers, the return from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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. The assembly may bow.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

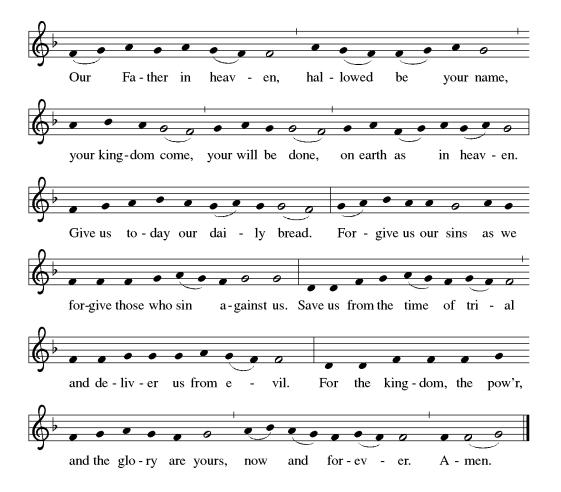
Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup, we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us, his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.

But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb and his victory over death, welcoming all the saints to the fullness of the resurrection. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, a glimpse of life eternal where there is no death, neither tragedy nor fear.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all

glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. And let the church say, **Amen!**

the lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)



the invitation (psalm 34:8)

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God!**

The assembly sits until invited forward by an usher.

All are welcome at this table. This is not a Lutheran, Episcopal, or a Roman Catholic table; it is God's table and all are invited to receive. The small cups contain either white wine or red grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are always available, just ask. After receiving, you may leave your empty cup on the small table near the side aisle.

If you do not yet feel at ease receiving either the bread or the cup, you may receive only one or the other, trusting that Christ is fully present in only one element. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing, and you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat during distribution, knowing that this table is prepared for you and will continue to be open to you when you are ready.

(b. 1955)

communion motet

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

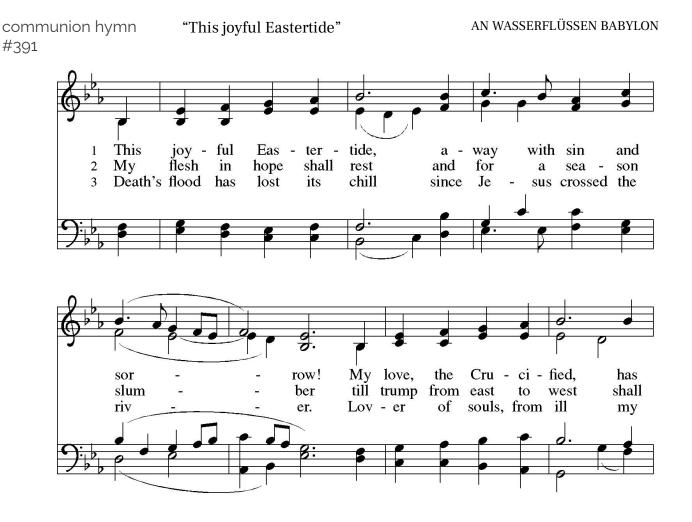
In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain, Thinking that He never would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.







The assembly stands.

prayer after communion (Martin Luther)

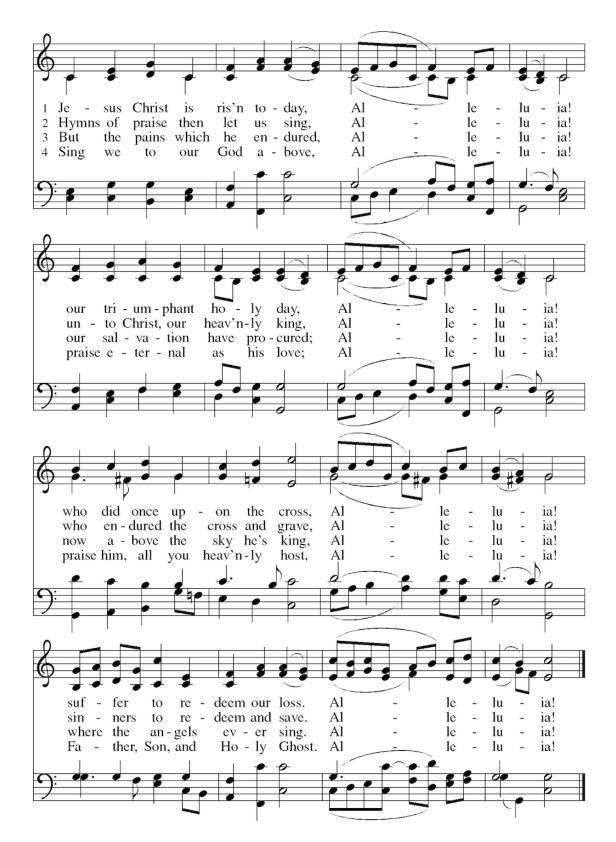
Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

final blessing (1 Thessalonians 5)

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

During the hymn, the assembly turns to face the cross in procession, bowing in reverence as it passes by, as we physically orient ourselves towards the street and the world in which we now take the Gospel.



dismissal The Mass is ended.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sits for the postlude.

postlude Symphony No. 3 "Organ": II. Maestoso

Camille Saint-Saëns

(1835-1921)

arr. Craig Garner

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If you are new to Holy Trinity, we are glad you're here. Whether you've worshiped at Holy Trinity a thousand times or are here today for the first time, there will always be a place for you here.

Restrooms are located on the lower level.

During the passing of the peace, you may greet those around you in whatever way is most comfortable to you. If you, for any reason, wish to avoid physical contact during the peace, you may cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a verbal greeting.

After Mass, **please join us for Coffee Hour** in the Community Room located on the lower level.

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