

MASS | THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 7th 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.

GATHERING

At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.

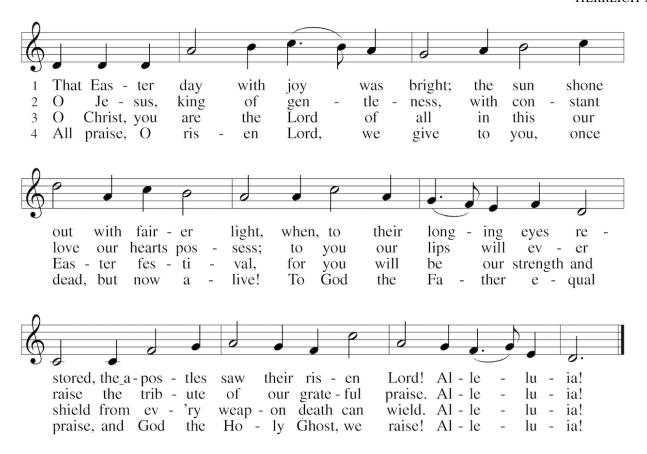
prelude Offertorium Robin Holloway

(b. 1943)

easter Alleluia! Christ is risen!

acclamation Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

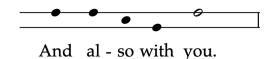
As the procession enters the church, the assembly turns to face the cross, bowing in reverence to the cross as the procession passes by.



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.

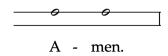


hymn of praise (revelation 5)





prayer of the day Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.

psalm 133 A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.



How good and how pleas- | ant it is, when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe. It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion. For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

from the christian scriptures

John 1:1-2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

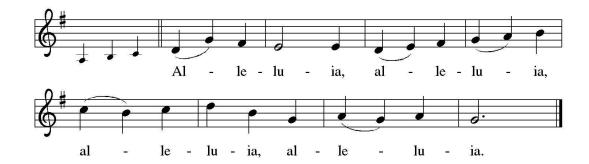
Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel acclamation



The choir sings: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. (John 20:29)

from the holy gospels

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him,

"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

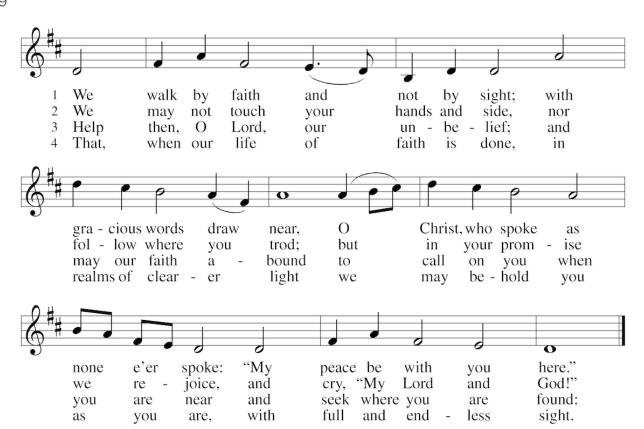
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon The Reverend Timothy Weisman

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

hymn of the day "We walk by faith" #389



BATH

presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The sponsors present the candidate:

We present Elena Margaret Yanakiev to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Hannah and Petar, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? *Response:* We do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response*: We do.

Do you promise to nurture her in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *Response:* We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Elena and pray for her in her new life in Christ? *Response:* **We do!**

profession of faith (4th century) I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church expressed in the Apostles' Creed.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

thanksgiving at the font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

holy baptism

Elena Margaret, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Elena with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Elena, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

welcome

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Worship continues with the prayers. The assembly kneels or sits.

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)

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Teach us how to order our days that with a sure touch we might say the right words at the right times and in the right ways, lest we betray that spirit of peace. Let us not be deceived by our own insecurities and weaknesses which would make us hurt others as we try desperately to help ourselves. Keep watch with us, O God, over all the days of our lives, that with an abiding enthusiasm we may be in such possession of ourselves that each day we may offer to thee the full, unhampered use of us in all our parts as instruments of thy peace, in the name of Christ Jesus. **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

In addition to giving towards the ministry of Holy Trinity as the offering plates are being passed, you can

- Scan the QR code to the right;
- Venmo @holytrinitynyc;
- Visit the live stream table in the back of the church to give quickly and easily with a credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Cash App; or
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offertory

Peace

John Golland

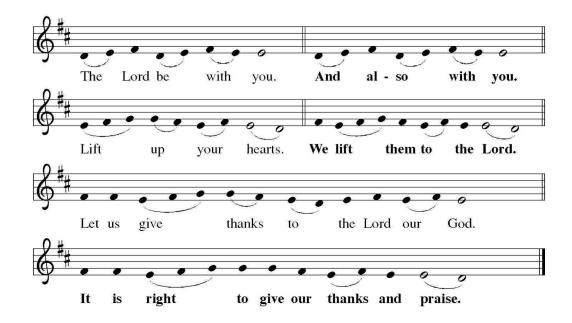
(1942-1993)

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

offertory prayer Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Ever-present God, with this offering we also present ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and these our gifts, we pray, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the great thanksgiving

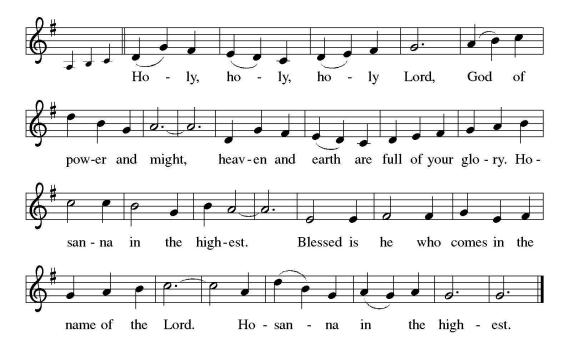


the proper preface

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 (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)



eucharistic prayer We give you thanks and praise, Almighty God, for you are continually renewing your work of creation and transforming it to show your glory through resurrection. With your touch you formed us from the dust of the earth; you raised your people from slavery in Egypt; you bound them to you through your covenant on Sinai; and you made yourself known to them through the wilderness and into the promised land. In the cross of Jesus you took into yourself the scars of our sin, and in his resurrected body you invite us to touch the wounds of your love.

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.

Do this for the remembrance of me. *The assembly may bow.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

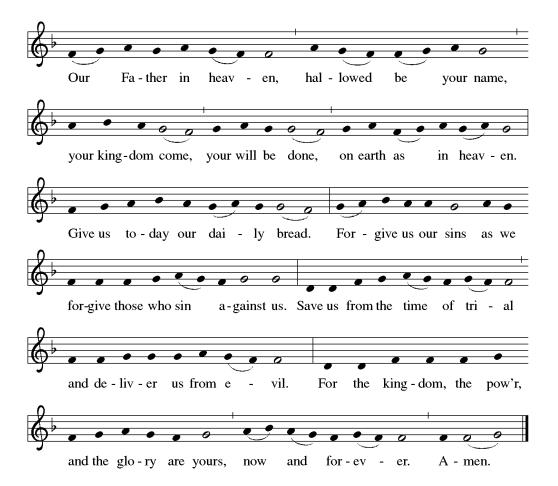
Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

Holy God, your Son's disciples cowered behind locked doors; and yet in him you visited them on the evening of resurrection and breathed on them the Spirit of peace. Breathe that Holy Spirit upon us now, that your church may know the power of your forgiveness and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

In Jesus, you are the substance of things hoped for and the knowledge of things unseen. Visit any who struggle under the shadow of doubt; come to the aid of those who suffer beneath the claims of oppressive rule; and resurrect your children, your church, and your earth.

Bless those who have not seen and yet believe, and shape your wounded body, the church, to let the world see you through its scars. Lift every voice to sing your Easter glory, until the day when all stand before your throne. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory 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.

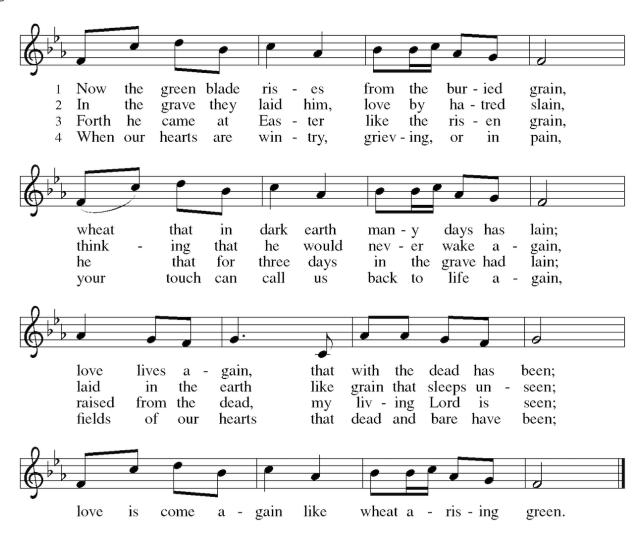
If you do not yet feel at ease receiving either the bread or the cup, you may receive only one or the other, trusting that Christ is fully present in only one element. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing, and you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your 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.

communion music

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

(1896-1987)



The assembly stands.

prayer after communion

Let us pray. God of our ancestors, as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf, you have gathered and healed your people throughout all generations. Send us forth in peace, keep us from danger, order our steps, and guide our feet as we run this race of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

installation of congregation council

see page 26

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.

sending hymn "The risen Christ" GREATOREX #390



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

3^{me} Livre d'Orgue: I. Dialogue

Louis Marchand

(1669-1732)

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The Rev. Richard Baumann

In loving memory of her parents, Francis Peranteau and The Reverend David & Joyce Gleason

Michelle Peranteau

In loving memory of Pastor Bob Scholz and Richard Beyer

Dee Scholz-Beyer

In loving memory of their parents

Bruce & Carol Ueland

To the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Deborah S. Kaseman

Tamara Watson

In loving memory of her mother, Peg Faulkner

Kathy Yates

In loving memory of Karin and Walter Flatt

Stacey & Eric Flatt

In loving memory of Michael Johnson

Robert Crumb

In loving memory of Ed Hannah and Edith & Sidney Van Splinter

Susan Hannah

In loving memory of Herman & Kleona Rosenkranz and Richard & Mary Hoglund

Robert & Suzanne Hoglund and family

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte C. and Charles C. Cage, Jr. and Gail Sheldon Quattlebaum

Timothy Cage

In loving memory of the Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Robert D. Hershey & Robert Hershey Jr.

Gina & Don Leon

In loving memory of two great dads: Joe Hinsey and Hank McDonald

Carolyn Hinsey

In honor of their children & grandchildren

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In memory of Charles & Elva Schreiber

Charles D. Schreiber

In honor of their parents, Terry & Marie and Howard & Marilyn

The Reverend Timothy Weisman & Jeremy Friedland

In loving memory of Norman DeGrote, Jr.

Jennifer Nelson & Glenn DeGrote

In celebration of the life and witness of Jackie Ludorf

Jean Silliman

In memory of all our loved ones

Andrea Dehn and Helena & Matthew Meyers

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WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

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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