



10 a.m.

Holy Communion

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

Your thanks and praise strengthens our worship as we celebrate again God's love for all the world using a liturgy led by organ, piano, vocal or combo choir as a witness to the rich diversity within our one faith in Christ.

As any need or question arises during your experience at Holy Trinity this morning, the ushers and welcome center attendants are ready to assist you.

GATHERING

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Most holy God, **We come to you in need of grace. Time and again we have forgotten your simple and loving call—to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We have forgotten your promise to care for us, and in our fear, we have made choices that hurt us, those around us, and even those we don't know. Remind us who we are and whose we are, and show us the way to amend our wrongs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend.**

Have no fear, little flock, for God loves you exactly as you are, and desires nothing more than to restore you to wholeness. Know that you are freed from sin and death now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Hymn 337

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!

- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide
and shut its glories in
when God, the mighty maker, died
for his own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face
while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
and melt my eyes to tears.
- 5 But tears of grief cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away:
'tis all that I can do.

Greeting

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

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, You are faithful to us even when we act faithlessly. You call us and claim us even when we live as though we do not know you. Restore us to wholeness, and renew in us a commitment to follow in the way of Jesus each day of our lives. In his name we pray. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lesson *sit*

Psalm 17:1-7

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- ² From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.
- ³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
- ⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- ⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
- ⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
- ⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse *stand*



Gospel Lesson

John 18:12-27

The gospel according to St. John the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹² So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

¹⁹ Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret." ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the

man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?"²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *sit*

Hymn of the Day *stand*

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Hymn 347

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

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

- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
 there, adoring at his feet,
 mark that miracle of time,
 God's own sacrifice complete.
 "It is finished!" hear him cry;
 learn from Jesus Christ to die.

- 4 Early hasten to the tomb,
 where they laid his breathless clay;
 all is solitude and gloom.
 Who has taken him away?
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
 Savior, teach us so to rise.

Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

Ministry Announcements

Prayers of Intercession **Response:** hear our prayer

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

Offering *sit*

Please complete the All Good Gifts card located in your service folder and place it in the plate as we present our offerings of praise, possessions and time.

Offertory

The Garden of Shadows

-Gilbert Martin

*Come to the garden made of shadows, Jesus is praying in the night.
Searching for peace in sacred hallows, soft on the wind there comes a cry.*

"Father, Father, bear my plea. Let this cup pass by me."

*Come see His blood like wounded roses falling upon the garden bed.
Longing for rest, the Lamb reposes; weeping a prayer, He bows His head:*

"Father, Father, bear my plea. Let this cup pass by me.

Father, Father, take this better cup from me."

*Come to the garden of grief and sorrows. Lo, how the torches fill the night.
Crosses will have their say tomorrow. Shadows will fall and steal the Light.*

"Father, let Thy will be done.

Father, let Thy will be done!"

Offering Prayer *stand*

Let us pray. **O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

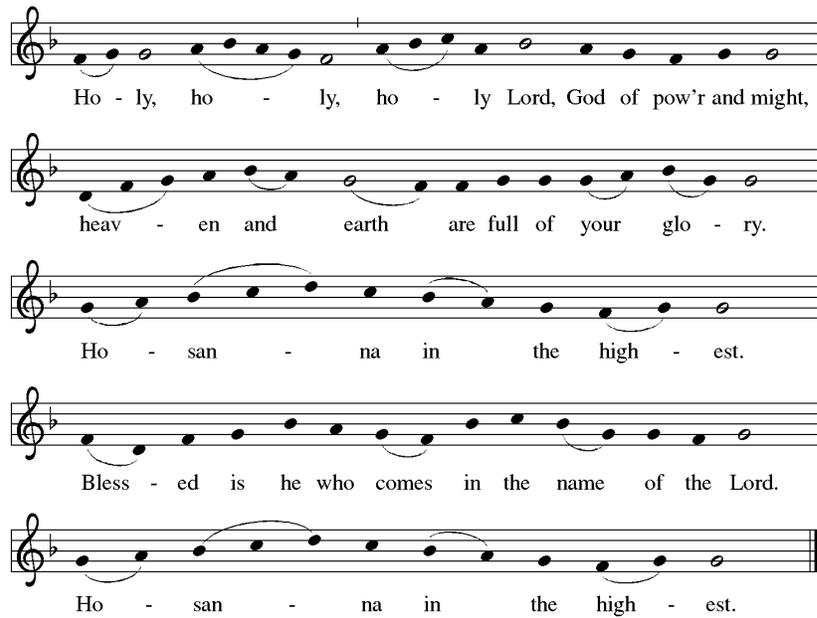
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary...join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide..... Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Communion

All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready. Children are invited to receive a blessing. You may request grape juice instead of wine by raising a finger to the communion assistant.

Blessing

Song after Communion

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

Hymn 327

- 1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.
- 2 One the light of God's own presence
on the ransomed people shed,
chasing far the gloom and terror,
bright'ning all the path we tread.
One the object of our journey,
one the faith which never tires,
one the earnest looking forward,
one the hope our God inspires.
- 3 One the strain that lips of thousands
lift as from the heart of one;
one the conflict, one the peril,
one the march in God begun.
One the gladness of rejoicing
on the far eternal shore,
where the one almighty Father
reigns in love forevermore.
- 4 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.
Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;
soon the rending of the tomb!
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction & Dismissal

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace, together in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Chancel flowers today are given by Dan Perry in memory of Pam Perry. A second arrangement is given by Genie Craven's children in honor of her 97th birthday.

Liturgical Ministers

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