



10 a.m.

Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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

Irish Air from "County Derry"

-Traditional Irish

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

Lead on, O King Eternal

Hymn 805

- 1 Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

- 2 Lead on, O King eternal,
 till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 and holiness shall whisper
 the sweet amen of peace;
 for not with swords loud clashing,
 nor roll of stirring drums,
 but deeds of love and mercy
 the heav'nly kingdom comes.
- 3 Lead on, O King eternal:
 we follow, not with fears,
 for gladness breaks like morning
 where'er your face appears.
 Your cross is lifted o'er us;
 we journey in its light;
 the crown awaits the conquest;
 lead on, O God of might!

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, **Only you know what is absolute truth. Remind us that we can only see things from our own limited perspective, and help us to extend compassion and grace to those we might otherwise be quick to judge. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lesson *sit*

Psalm 145:8-13

- ⁸The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.

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

Gospel Verse *stand*



Gospel Lesson

John 18:28-40

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

²⁸Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³²(This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the

King of the Jews?"⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

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

Sermon *sit*

Hymn of the Day *stand*

At the Name of Jesus

Hymn 416

- 1 At the name of Jesus
ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him
king of glory now.
It is God's good pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.
- 2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders
in their great array.
- 3 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last;
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.
- 4 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and pow'r.
- 5 Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again
on the clouds of glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
king of glory now.

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

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

-Moore

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.

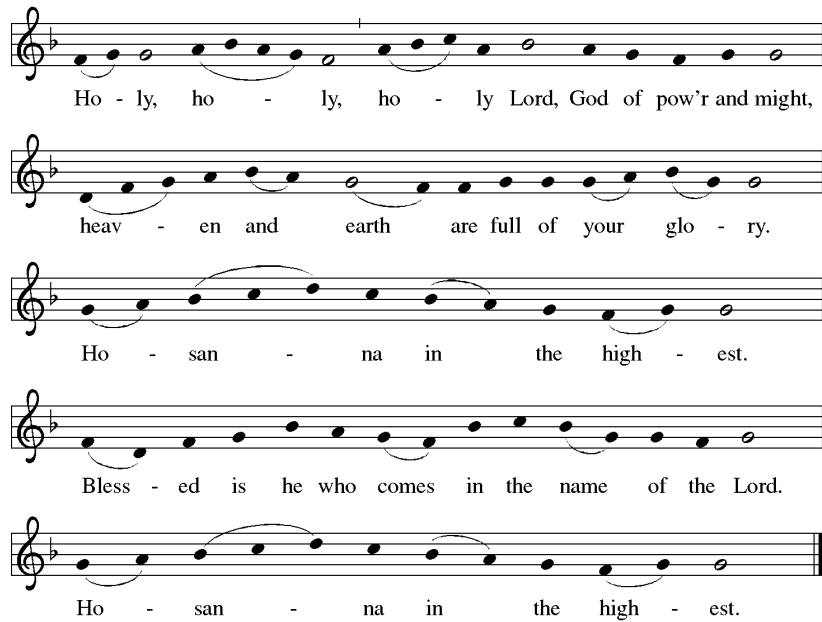
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

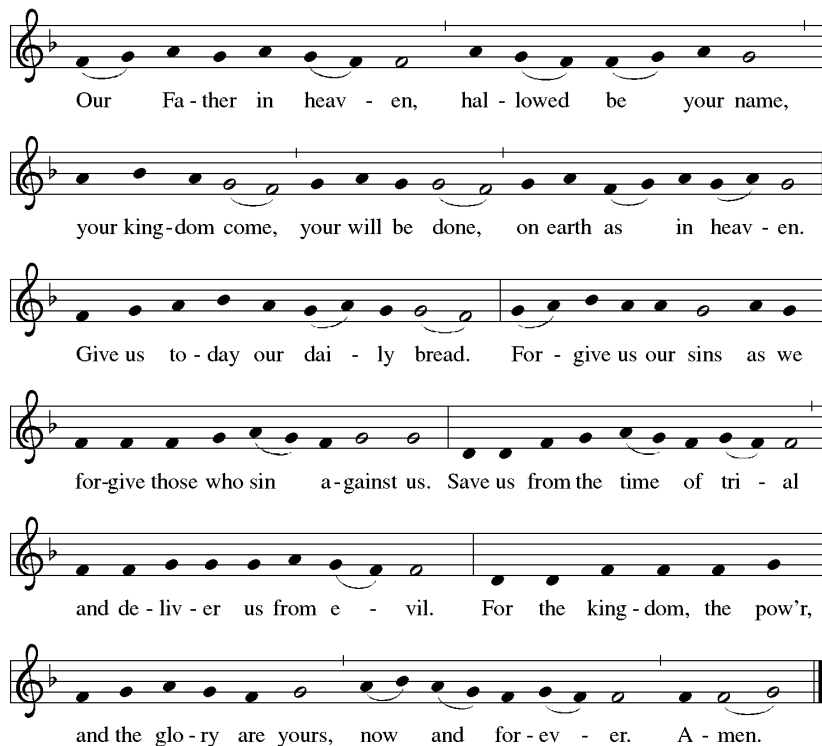
It is indeed right and salutary...join their unending hymn:

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Hymn 543

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
- 2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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 Barbara Keller to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother.

Liturgical Ministers

Preacher & Presiding Minister: Pastor Steve Wachtman

Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck

Director of Equipping Ministers: Laura Hudson

Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox