



10 a.m.

Holy Communion

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 886

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

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, **Holy God, In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Lesson *sit*

Psalm 146

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!**

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

Gospel Verse *stand*



Gospel Lesson

John 19:1-16

The gospel according to St. John the 19th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³ They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵ So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸ Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and asked

Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹² From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar."

¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

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

Sermon *sit*

Hymn of the Day *stand*

The Head That Once Was Crowned

Hymn 432

- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns
 is crowned with glory now;
 a royal diadem adorns
 the mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heav'n affords
 is his by sov'reign right,
 the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
 and heav'n's eternal light.
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above,
 the joy of all below
 to whom he manifests his love,
 and grants his name to know;
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
 with all its grace, is giv'n;
 their name, an everlasting name,
 their joy, the joy of heav'n.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below;
 they reign with him above;
 their profit and their joy to know
 the myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health,
 though shame and death to him;
 his people's hope, his people's wealth,
 their everlasting theme!

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

Crucify Him!

- Hal Hopson

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.

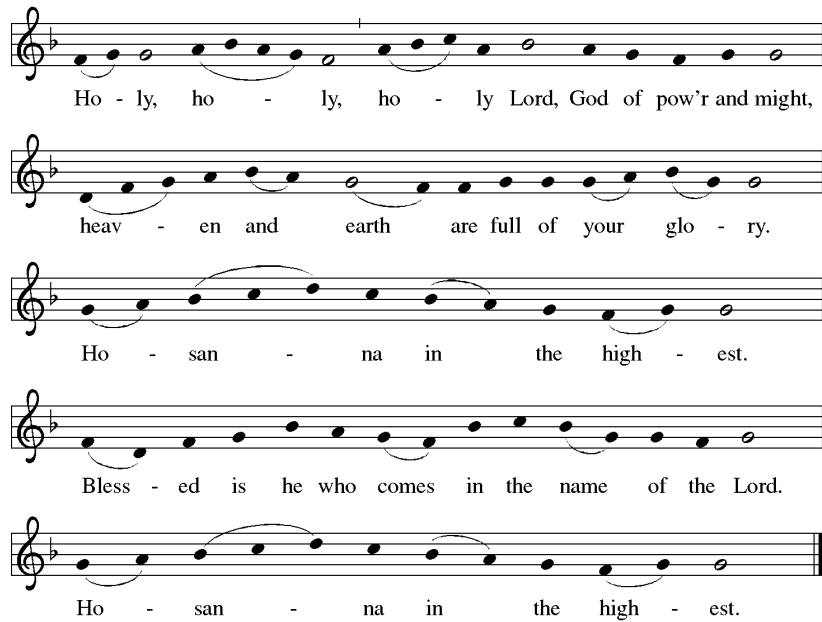
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

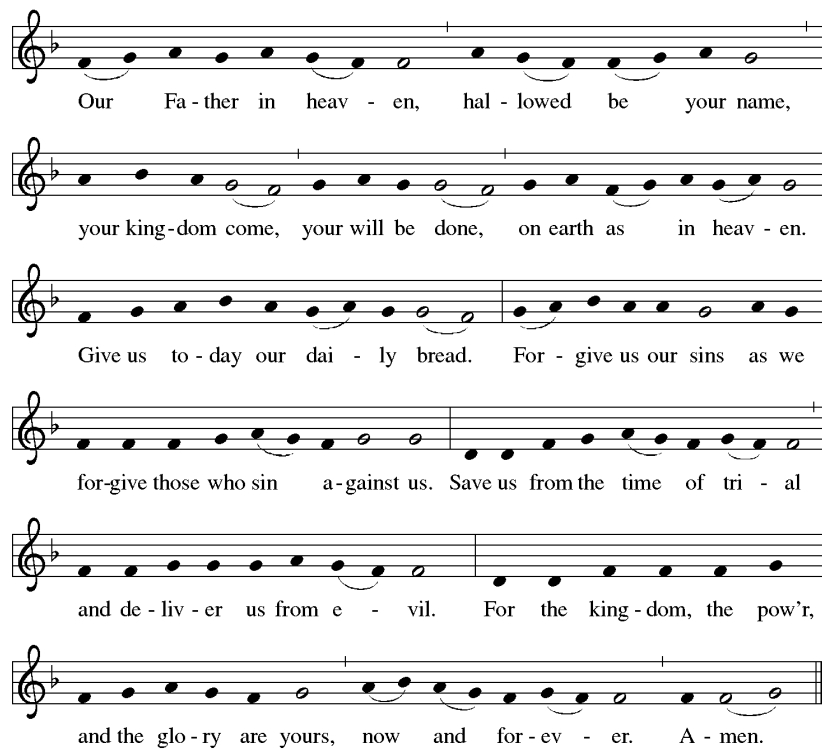
It is indeed right and salutary...join their unending hymn:

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn 803

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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 Chris and Fred Burton to the Glory of God.

Liturgical Ministers

Preacher & Presiding Minister: Pastor Steve Wachtman

Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck

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