



JANUARY 24, 2010 ✠ 10:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before the liturgy begins.

* – those who are able may **stand**

Bold – all

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***To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshipping with us. We have a nursery available and it is open from 8:15 – 11:30 a.m. Please use the garden entrance (on Addison); the nursery is right inside the door. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the narthex/back of the church.*

GATHERING

The ringing of the meditation bowl calls us to silence, centering and reflection as we prepare for the liturgy.

PRELUDE – *Offertory in E^b Major*

Théodore Dubois

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Following an invitation the assembly kneels or is seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

Stand and face the baptismal font at the rear of the nave. Turn to face the cross as it enters; you may bow as the cross passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

GATHERING HYMN – #886 *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

The presiding minister bows toward the assembly which is the body of Christ and the primary symbol of God's presence in the liturgy.

And also with you.

***KYRIE**



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te c - le - i - son.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

WORD

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

The refrain is sung by the choir and repeated by the assembly. Verses are sung alternating between the choir and the assembly.

Refrain:



Tone:



Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable¹ in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and¹ my redeemer.

Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Stand to welcome the gospel and turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John Ferguson

Sung by the choir then repeated by the assembly.



The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor,
and to proclaim release to the captives. (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*GOSPEL: Luke 4:14–21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

As the gospel is announced you may trace a small cross on your forehead, lips and breast, a prayer that the Word may dwell in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(sung as above) – Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SERMON

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY – #710 *Let Streams of Living Justice*

*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**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.


MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND SETTING THE TABLE

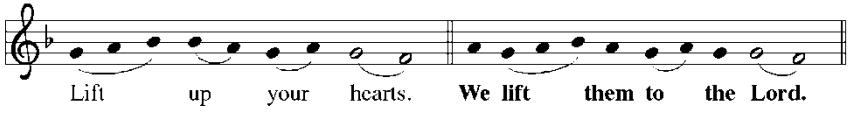
Guests are invited to fill out the yellow slip and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY HYMN – #668 *O Zion, Haste*

*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.

The following acclamations are sung during the thanksgiving.



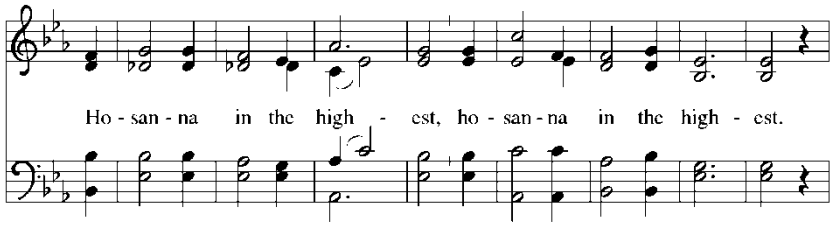
Hol - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,




ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.



A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

As a sign of openness to the divine presence, you may join the presider in praying the Our Father with the ancient gesture of extended hands.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

The musical score for 'THE LORD'S PRAYER' is written on six staves of music. Each staff contains a line of lyrics. The music is in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: '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

*LAMB OF GOD

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The musical score for '*LAMB OF GOD' is written on two systems, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.'

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Be seated.

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. Others may come forward for a blessing. Communion will be by continuous line, and the bread will be placed in your hand (gluten-free wafers available from the pastor). The first (silver) chalice on each side is a common cup for drinking. The second chalice is for intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). Reception of the eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.

COMMUNION ANTHEM – *The Heavens are Telling* (from *The Creation*)

Franz Josef Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
 The wonder of his work displays the firmament;
 Today that is coming speaks it the day,
 The night that is gone to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word,
 Never unperceived, ever understood.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
 The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

*PRAYER

SENDING

*BLESSING

Turn to face the cross as it recesses, you may bow as it passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

*SENDING HYMN – #314 *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

*SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is with you
Thanks be God.

POSTLUDE – *Psalms XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

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SERVING TODAY

PRESIDING MINISTER: Pr. Michelle L. Miller
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*Flowers today are sponsored by Andy Halvorsen
in honor of his mother, Marianne Halvorsen's 90th birthday.*

PARISH NOTES

SUNDAY FORUM – Next Sunday, 9:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Room

Luke the Storyteller – Carol LaHurd

Our first session on Luke explored the author's setting, literary skill, portrayal of women disciples, and theological themes as seen in key lectionary passages. On Jan. 31 we will examine Luke's perspectives on Jesus' death and on salvation for all persons, including the socially marginalized.

ANNUAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 7

Potluck following the 10:30 a.m. service followed by the Annual Meeting. The meeting will include brief reports, election of officers, and adoption of changes to our constitution. The printed book of reports will be available electronically the week before the meeting.

EAT, DRINK, READ

The book club will be meeting on Monday, February 15 at 7:30 PM at the home of Becky Sims, 1702 W. Barry, 773-388-3590. We will be discussing *The Killing Tree* by Rachel Keener. Please join us for some good food, drinks, and conversation!

NEW(ER) MEMBERS BRUNCH

Gather with other folks from Holy Trinity who became members in 2007 and 2008. The brunch will be held following the 10:30 a.m. service TODAY, January 24 and will be hosted by the Congregation Council.

EXPERIENCE THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m., experience the Gospel of Mark as you've never heard it before. Master storyteller and theologian Tracy Radosevic will share the Gospel of Mark the way the first believers heard it. Come to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, to be inspired by the good news. Admission is free; freewill offering will be taken at the door. For more information, email Jason Chestnut at jchesnut@lstc.edu or visit www.lstc.edu/events <<http://www.lstc.edu/events>> .

GLBT WINTER GATHERING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

Join us for a festive and fun evening celebrating Winter, Mardi Gras, and St. Valentine. Pete Hillman and Mike Thomson welcome all GLBT members and friends to their home on Sunday, February 14 from 4-7 p.m.. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or beverage to share. RSVP helpful, but not necessary, so if you know you'll be there, please e-mail Josh in the office (office@htchicago.org). Mike and Pete's address is 646 W. Bittersweet Pl #3.

food4thought RETURNS

February 21: Always Online: Blessing and Curse

Many hours a day most of us are "connected" to the internet, e-mail, Facebook, cell phones or even old-fashioned radio and television. As much as there are many gifts in these connections to one another and the world, it is often hard to disconnect and relax in nature or with loved ones. Come and share some of the challenges of always being online as well as some creative ways to go offline for spiritual refreshment. There will be a meal along with the discussion prepared by member Matthew Petersen, and free-will donations to cover the cost of food will be taken at that time.

PROJECT WELCOME UPDATE

Have you been wondering what is happening with Project Welcome and the Burmese refugee family that we have been slotted to co-sponsor? The answer is: we are still awaiting their arrival. IRIM has no ability to predict to when a particular family will arrive until they pass the security check phase. IRIM sent us the following information to help us understand the process better: "Once a family is done with the pre-requisites of their file and paperwork, they must then start the security-check process. The timing of this is dependent upon the timing of the FBI and any backlogs they may be dealing with. In addition, any family that has any young male members generally takes longer to get through the security check due to lengthier and tougher security checks that are now being done for anyone in this category (regardless of ethnicity)." So as we practiced hopeful waiting in Advent, we continue waiting in eager anticipation to welcome this Burmese family.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for those who requested them. We have more available if you would like a box. Contact Josh in the church office by making a note on your yellow slip, e-mailing office@htchicago.org or calling 773.248.1233.

FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE NEW YEAR! See the flower signup sheet at the back of the church and write a check to Holy Trinity for \$32 with “flowers” in the memo line or give through our online giving found at our website.

NEXT BAPTISM DATES: April 25, May 23. See information brochure in the narthex.

NEXT NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION DATES: January 31, April 18, 2010. More info at our website: www.holytrinitychicago.org

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

January 27 (Wed)	@ 7:00 p.m. – Contemplative Eucharist in the Style of Taize
January 28 (Thurs)	@ 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study: Luke (St. Mark’s Room) @ 7:00 p.m. – Congregational Council Meeting
January 31 (Sun)	@ 8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist @ 9:20 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal @ 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Forum @ 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

COMMEMORATIONS

Monday, January 25, 2010 - Conversion of Paul

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Tuesday, January 26 - Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Wednesday, January 27 - Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchræ.

Thursday, January 28 - Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

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The events of the past year have renewed our nation's focus on issues of race and class. Many have concluded that our country is now in a "post-racial" era. It is within this context that we invite you to ask:

The Myth of Post-Racial America
has the dream been achieved?
a sacred conversation on racism

Sunday, January 31, 2010

3:00 PM — 5:00 PM

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois

A completely candid discussion regarding the role of race and racism in our Church and Society followed by a question and answer session.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Metropolitan Chicago Synod Antiracism Team
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ELCA DISASTER RESPONSE

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

JANUARY 2010

www.elca.org/disaster

On Tuesday, January 12, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked the island country of Haiti, primarily impacting the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Offices, hotels, houses and shops have collapsed. The presidential palace is in ruins and many churches have been destroyed. Hospitals are overflowing and the search for survivors is intense.

The streets of Haiti are filled with people in shock and searching for loved ones among the rubble.

Your help is needed today to bring immediate relief and continued hope for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. About 3 million lives, one-third of Haiti's population, are affected by this earthquake.

Already one of the poorest countries in the world (70 percent of Haiti's population lives in extreme poverty), this catastrophe will exacerbate the suffering felt by many already living with hunger and poverty.

ELCA Disaster Response is already working through long-standing partnerships on the ground to provide emergency food, water, shelter and medical supplies.

Financial gifts are urgently needed. **Your gifts to ELCA International Disaster Response, designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief, will be used entirely—100 percent—for immediate relief and ongoing recovery in Haiti.** Your prayers and generous gifts will make a life-saving difference. Please give today.

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Yes, I want to help!

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Welcome to Holy Trinity! Wherever you are in your spiritual life and/or in your process of being comfortable in church or finding a church home, you are welcome here!

PARKING is available at McDonald's, Clark and Addison, on Sunday mornings when you are unable to find street parking. Please use the spaces in the southwest corner (near Addison and the alley). Pick up a permit at the back of Holy Trinity that you can keep in your car. Please do not use the lot on days of Cubs home games or you will be towed. (383 neighborhood parking permits are only needed from 6 pm – 6 am.)

Podcast of last week's sermon is available on our website.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. New member orientation sessions are held throughout the year. Watch the bulletin or see our website for more information.

Silence. In addition to words and music our liturgy has several periods of silence. The resonance of the meditation bell calls us to a time of reflection and centering.

Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing.

The Spiritual Life Center has offices at Holy Trinity, offering counseling and spiritual direction. Brochures are available at the back of the church.