



MARCH 3, 2010 @ 10:30 A.M.
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to 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

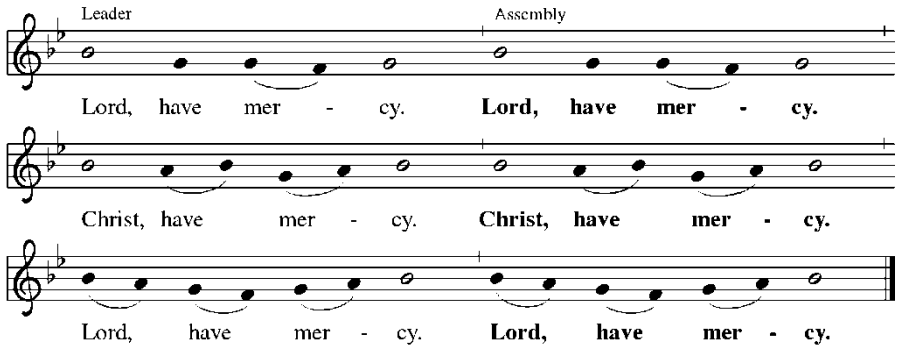
The ringing of the meditation bowl calls us to silence, centering and reflection as we prepare for the liturgy.

PRELUDE – *Wondrous Love*

Dale Wood

At the sound of the bell, stand and face the rear of the nave.

KYRIE



Leader Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*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 please kneel if you are able. 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.

Stand and turn to face the font. The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

Turn to face the cross as it processes; you may bow as the cross pauses, honoring the mystery of salvation.

*GATHERING HYMN – #328 *Restore in Us, O God*

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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

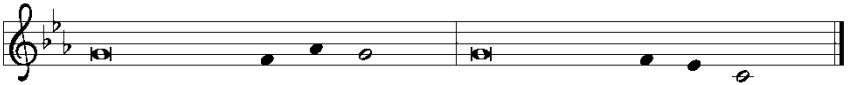
PSALM 63:1-8

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

Refrain:



Tone:



O God, you are my God; eager-¹ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there¹ is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your¹ holy place,
that I might behold your power¹ and your glory.**

For your steadfast love is better than¹ life itself;
my lips shall¹ give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long¹ as I live
and lift up my hands¹ in your name.**

Refrain

My spirit is content, as with the rich-¹est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with¹ joyful lips,
**when I remember you up-¹ on my bed,
and meditate on you in¹ the night watches.**

For you have¹ been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I¹ will rejoice.

**My whole being¹ clings to you;
your right hand¹ holds me fast.**

Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

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

Sung by the choir.

Jesus began to proclaim,

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. (Matt. 4:17)

*GOSPEL: Luke 13:1–9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

The holy gospel according to 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.

SERMON – *Going Organic*

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY – #331 *As the Deer Runs to the River*

*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**

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – (*kneel, if you are able*)

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

*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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM – *Come to me*

Paul Sjolund

Come to me, all you who are weary and overburdened, and I will give you rest.
Put on my yoke, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and
you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.
(Text: Matthew 11:28-30)

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

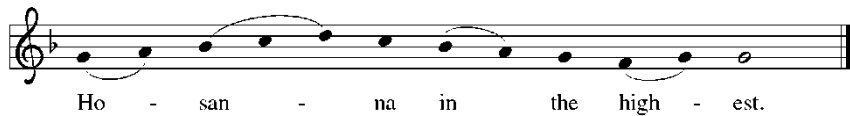
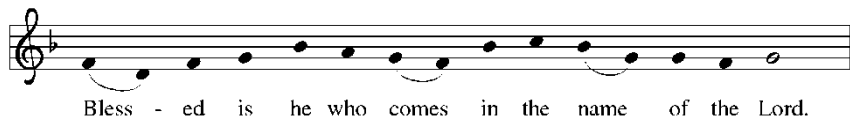
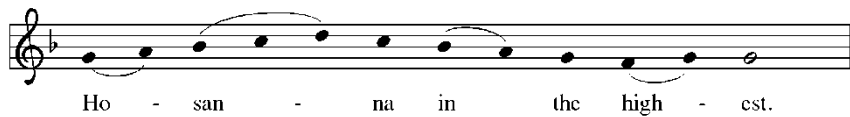
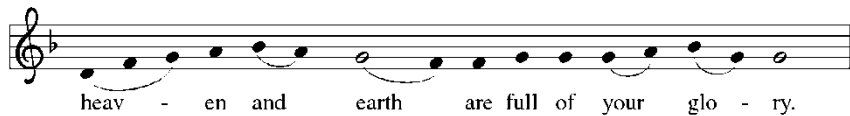
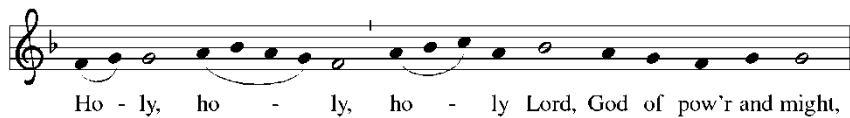
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

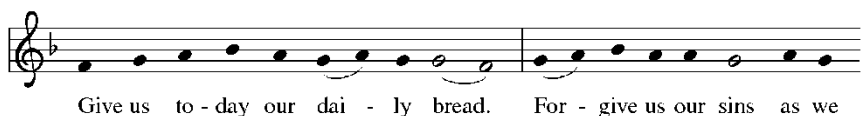
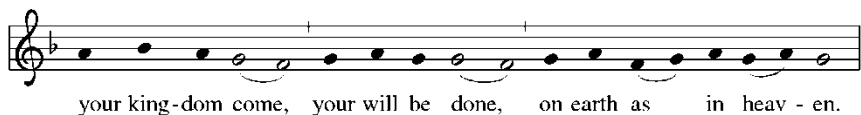
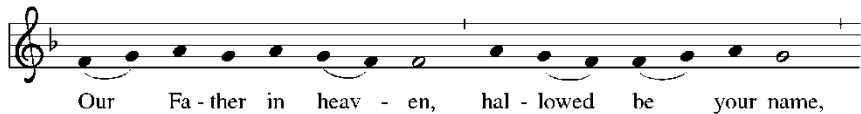
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The following acclamations are sung during the thanksgiving.



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



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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peacc. A - men.

Be seated.

All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your hand. You may drink from the chalice or intinct, 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.

OFFERTORY HYMNS – #333 *Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Stanzas – solo; refrain – all

#623 *Rock of Ages*

*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 – #618 *Guide Me, Ever Great Redeemer*

*SENDING

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be God.

POSTLUDE – Improvisation on *Cwm Rhondda*

Paul Manz

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PARISH NOTES

ART EXHIBIT AT HOLY TRINITY

Opening today, March 7, and continuing until Easter in The Sacred Space Gallery, is an exhibition of art created by participants in *Reclaiming Your Creative Spirit*, an eight-week workshop facilitated by Richard Bough and sponsored by the Institute of Spiritual Companionship. Stop by today following 10.30 a.m. worship and meet the artists. Light Lenten snacks will be served.

ONLINE LENTEN DEVOTIONS offered by students, faculty and staff from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and several other seminaries is available each day of Lent: <http://www.lstc.edu/chapel/lent/index.php>

HELP SPONSOR OUR MUSIC SERIES

We have received **\$2400 of the \$4000** needed for this year's music series. The highlight of the year will be a performance of Messiah by G.F. Handel on Sunday, May 23 led by our choir and soloists. In celebration of music at Holy Trinity, all gifts above the costs of the music series will be given to Expansive Faith as we celebrate the conclusion of the capital campaign. Sponsors for the series will be printed in the program folders for each concert. You can make a donation at our website (holytrinitychicago.org) or mark "music series" on a check written to the church.

SPRING DINNER GROUPS

We just wrapped up the winter dinner groups, and they were a great success! Over 50 persons participated, and so we are excited to announce the spring 2010 groups. Sign-up as a couple, with a friend, or by yourself at the back of the church or by emailing Josh (office@htchicago.org). Let us know if you are willing to host 8 - 10 people in your home and if you request a location near an el stop. The sign-up deadline is March 17. After that we will gather conflicts for April and May and group people based on availability. The hosts and guests will be notified of their group, and the hosts will provide further details. The hosts typically provide the main course and others will bring the side dishes. About 40 persons join Holy Trinity each year. Here's a chance to meet some new folks in our community.

EAT, DRINK, READ. The next book group meeting will be Monday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at church. Pastor Mueller will lead our discussion of the book for Lent, *Honoring the Body* by Stephanie Paulsell. You're welcome to join us if you missed the Sunday morning sessions, or if you'd just like another opportunity to discuss the book!

EGG HUNT AND PARTY

Saturday April 3, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Families with young children are invited to join us for a fun gathering at Holy Trinity. Children and their parent(s) will enjoy the craft activities, decorating Easter eggs, and searching for treasures in the garden. Please e-mail Pastor Michelle Miller (mmiller@htchicag.org) if you plan to attend.

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

Each year Holy Trinity hosts a celebratory reception after the Easter Vigil, and once again we need your help to make it happen. The Easter Vigil is at 7:30 p.m. on April 3rd. Please let Josh know (office@htchicago.org) if you can help with any of the following:

- Decorating Passavant Hall the afternoon of April 3rd
- Set-up/serve food and beverage the evening of the event
- Clean-up after the reception

Volunteers are needed to host the Easter Party. We need craft helpers, egg fillers and hiders, and snack preparers. Having non-parents participate in the celebration enables parents to be with their own children and fully enjoy the party. Contact Pastor Michelle Miller if you have questions

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – APRIL 18

Maybe you've attended Holy Trinity a few times or many. Maybe you are looking for a church home. Maybe you have mixed feelings about church and whether it is for you. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome at Holy Trinity! Here is a special invitation to learn more about Holy Trinity, what makes Lutheranism unique, meet some other folks, and find out more about our mission and ministry. Orientation sessions are held five times a year. The next session is Sunday, April 18. We will meet from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m., followed by the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We continue upstairs in Passavant Hall over a light lunch, concluding by 1:00 p.m. Sign-up by emailing Josh (office@htchicago.org) or on the yellow slip in your bulletin.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE



Holy Trinity is proud to make subscriptions of *The Lutheran* magazine available to Holy Trinity members. It is an important way that we keep connected to news, ministries, and stories within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. If you are able to make a donation to cover your own subscription (\$10.00) and/or those of others, please write a check to Holy Trinity or make a donation on our website at www.holytrinitychicago.org.

FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE NEW YEAR! See the flower sign-up 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: April 18, 2010.
More info at our website: www.holytrinitychicago.org

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- March 10 (Wed) @ 7:00 p.m. – Brief Eucharist
@ 7:30 p.m. – Second Wednesday Event: *Fasting*
- March 11 (Thurs) @ 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study: Luke (Choir Room)
@ 10:00 a.m. – Group for Parents (St. Mark’s Room)
@ 7:00 p.m. – Congregational Council Meeting
- March 14 (Sun) @ 12:00 p.m. – food4thought: *Celebrating Easter on Planet Earth*

Daylight Savings Time

next Sunday, **March 14**

Set your clocks forward an hour Saturday night
(or you’ll be late for church)

COMMEMORATIONS

Sunday, March 7– *Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202*
Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, and Felicity her slave, who were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

Wednesday, March 10 – *Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society*

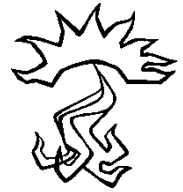
Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Friday, March 12 – *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604*

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

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LENT AT HOLY TRINITY



SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 8:30 a.m. Eucharist
- 9:20 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum and Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

March 28, Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Procession with Palms and Passion according to Luke

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

SERVICES at 7:00 p.m.

- March 10 Brief Eucharist (followed by 2nd Wednesday event, “Fasting”)
- March 17 Eucharist with Liturgy of Healing (St. Patrick’s Day)
- March 24 Eucharist for the Eve of the Annunciation of Our Lord
- March 31 No Wednesday service

SECOND WEDNESDAY EVENT

Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m. (*see page 15 for details*)

THE THREE DAYS



April 1, Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday
(footwashing; eucharist; stripping of the altar)

April 2, Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. The Liturgy of Good Friday
(Passion according to St. John; adoration of the cross)

April 3, Easter Eve

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

(procession with candles; baptism; first eucharist of Easter)
Followed by reception in Passavant Hall

April 4, Easter Sunday

No 8:30 a.m. service

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Easter Coffee in Passavant Hall

10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist – with choir and brass quartet

SECOND WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



March 10 – *Fasting: Connecting Bodies with God and the Earth* – Matthew Stuhlmuller

Fasting is one of the three classic spiritual disciplines in Christianity but is no longer widely practiced. This workshop will explore how the practice of fasting could take on newfound significance for Christians today, connecting our bodies with God and the Earth.

This week!

food4thought, Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. service

Come upstairs to Passavant Hall after the liturgy for a meal and a thought-provoking presentation or discussion. Freewill donations accepted. Sponsors for the meals are also welcome.



March 14: *Celebrating Easter on Planet Earth* – Ben Stewart

Third Annual Seminary Sampler



The early church's celebrations of the Easter Vigil overflowed with images of a restored and flourishing creation. Come learn what contemporary scholars are saying about the relevance of the Easter Vigil in this age of ecological emergency. Some examples of the Easter Vigil at Holy Trinity will be incorporated into the presentation. Ben Stewart, a member of Holy Trinity, is professor of worship at Lutheran

School of Theology at Chicago and this is the third Seminary Sampler event led by faculty from LSTC.

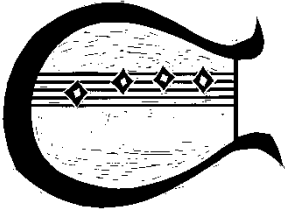


SUNDAY FORUM, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

February 21 – March 28 – *Honoring the Body*

On the six Sundays of Lent we will discuss Holy Trinity's book for Lent 2010, *Honoring the Body* by Stephanie Paulsell. Written for anyone who has struggled with body image, the mystery of our sexuality, weight gain and loss, illness, birth and death, this wonderful book draws on resources from the Christian tradition to show how we can learn to celebrate the body's pleasures, protect the body's vulnerabilities, and develop the practices that will ultimately transform our troubled relationship with our bodies to one of honor and joy. Join the Holy Trinity community in reading this thoughtful, beautifully-written book, but whether you read it or not, join us for conversation led by Pastor Craig Mueller that will deepen your Lenten observance as we prepare for the feast of Easter! **For March 14, read chapter 5: *Nourishing the Body*, and chapter 6: *Blessing Our Table Life*.**

LENT AND CHANT



Simple, unadorned chant is especially appropriate during Lent, a season of moderation, fasting and introspection. This ancient musical form of prayer connects us to the people of God through the centuries.

THE ENVIRONMENT OF LENT

During Lent our worship environment and liturgy are simplified, helping us to focus on essentials. Flowers are not used during Lent and the word “alleluia” is not spoken or sung until Easter. The stones and bare branches in the worship space evoke the wilderness. The word Lent means “spring” and we await the turning of winter to spring as we prepare our hearts with joy for the annual paschal celebration of Jesus’ death and resurrection.



LENT AND KNEELING

Lent is a time for penitence and reflection. The posture of kneeling during Lent suggests repentance and dependence on God. You are welcome to use the pew kneelers before the liturgy or after receiving communion.



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In Thanksgiving for:

To sponsor flowers or brass, fill out this form and attach a payment of \$20.00 – \$500.00. Enclose it in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers/Brass” and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than Sunday, March 28th.



A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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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.