

MASS | MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026**

WELCOME TO  
HOLY TRINITY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the largest progressive Lutheran body in the United States. As Lutherans, we go about Christianity in a Lutheran way, emphasizing that we are reconciled with God (justified) not by anything we do, but through and because of God’s love, freely given (grace). We love questions more than quick fixes (paradox), and we read the Bible in a way that honors it as the source and norm of faith, but not as a literal handbook. As Lutherans, we also lift up the gifts and capacity for ministry (vocation) that every person unquestionably holds.

As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation (and the first in the Metropolitan New York Synod), Holy Trinity welcomes all persons, including all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. Holy Trinity is also committed to practicing racial equity, learning anti-racism, and modeling radical hospitality and inclusion across age, class, national origin, physical and mental health and ability, family configuration, and language.

With a heart for the city, a passion for justice, and a commitment to the arts, we seek to be a place where all God’s people will know they are loved. Welcome. We’ve been waiting for you. There is a place for you here.

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If you contribute to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity through online giving, please pick up an “I give online” card from an usher to participate in the offering as the offering plates are passed.

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AT HOLY TRINITY

Please be aware that worship this morning is being filmed, photographed, and live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness and/or voice may be captured by our equipment. Please alert an usher at the entrance if you have any concerns. Selections from this live stream may be used on our website and in our public relations materials.

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Weapons, including firearms, knives, scissors, aerosols such as pepper spray and mace, and any hazardous materials are strictly prohibited on church property. All bags are subject to inspection upon entry into the sanctuary.

A WORD ABOUT  
THIS MASS

The feat of Maundy Thursday is the capacity for a single liturgy to move the assembly through reconciliation, celebration, love, and loss. This doesn't happen quickly; settle in, and let this liturgy embrace you.

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**Gayle Seaton**

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**Tiffany Galvez**

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

**Austin Philemon**

PASTOR

**The Reverend Timothy Weisman**

GATHERING

*At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.*

*At the entrance of the cross, the assembly rises in body or spirit; turn to face the cross in procession, bowing in reverence to the cross as the procession passes by.*

introit

Nos autem gloriari

Gregorian chant

*But it befits us to glory  
in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection,  
through whom we are saved and set free.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

confession  
& absolution

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. On this night we begin by confessing our sin against God and our neighbor, so that we may enter into the great Three Days reconciled with God and one another.

*Silence is kept. The assembly may kneel or stand.*

**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 presider announces God's forgiveness.*

greeting

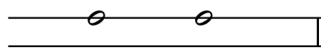
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



And al - so with you.

prayer of  
the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

*The assembly sits.*

## WORD

from the  
hebrew  
scriptures

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>“This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

*Silence is kept.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**



from the  
christian  
scriptures

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*Silence is kept.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

gradual

Christus factus est

Gregorian chant

*Christ became obedient for us unto death,  
even to the death, death on the cross.  
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name  
which is above all names.*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The assembly is invited to make a small cross over your forehead, lips, and chest, inviting Jesus the Word into your heart, mind, and speech.*

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. <sup>18</sup> I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, 'The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' <sup>19</sup> I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe that I am he. <sup>20</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me."

<sup>21</sup> After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." <sup>22</sup> The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. <sup>23</sup> One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was

reclining close to his heart;<sup>24</sup> Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.<sup>25</sup> So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish.” So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot.<sup>27</sup> After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, “Do quickly what you are going to do.”<sup>28</sup> Now no one knew why he said this to him.<sup>29</sup> Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or that he should give something to the poor.<sup>30</sup> So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.<sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.<sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.”<sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”<sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

*Silence is kept.*

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

sermon

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing  
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -  
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and  
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry  
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.  
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.  
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

## foot washing

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

*The ministers and people wash each other's feet, first having their feet washed and then in turn washing the feet of the person after them. You may choose to have one or both feet washed. Those who desire to participate in the foot washing are invited to come to the first pews, be seated, and remove either or both of their shoes.*

*Where charity and love are, there God is.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.  
Let us fear and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love each other (and Him).  
Where charity and love are, there God is.  
Therefore, whensoever we are gathered as one:  
Lest we in mind be divided, let us beware.  
Let cease malicious quarrels, let strife give way.  
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.  
Where charity and love are, there God is.  
Together also with the blessed may we see,  
Gloriously, Thy countenance, O Christ our God:  
A joy which is immense, and also approved:  
Through infinite ages of ages. Amen.*

*The assembly kneels or sits to pray.*

prayers of the  
people

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The assembly responds to each petition.*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

prayer for  
racial justice  
(Howard Thurman)

O God, despite the dullness and barrenness of the days that pass, if I search with due diligence, I can always find a deposit left by some former radiance. At the time it was full-orbed, glorious, and resplendent, and I was sure that it would illumine my path for all the rest of my journey. But little by little, there crept into my life the dust and grit of the journey. Nothing momentous, nothing overwhelming, nothing flagrant, just wear and tear. In the quietness of this place, surrounded by the all-pervading Presence of God, my heart whispers: Keep fresh before me the moments of my High Resolve, that in fair weather or in foul, in good times or in tempests, in the days when the darkness and the foe are nameless or familiar, I may not forget that to which my life is committed. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

the peace

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

*Following the peace, the assembly sits.*

M E A L

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offertory

Stabat Mater, pt. III

Josef Rheinberger  
(1839-1901)

*O thou Mother! Fount of love! Touch my spirit from above;  
make my heart with thine accord.*

*Make me feel as thou hast felt; make my soul to glow and melt  
with the love of Christ our Lord.*

*Holy Mother! Pierce me through; in my heart each wound renew  
of my Saviour crucified.*

*Let me share with thee His pain, Who for all my sins was slain,  
who for me in torments died.*

*Let me mingle tears with thee, mourning Him who mourn'd for me,  
all the days that I may live.*

*By the cross with thee to stay, there with thee to weep and pray,  
is all I ask of thee to give.*

*When all is ready, the presider greets us and calls us to prayer.*

offertory  
prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

the 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 proper  
preface

*The presider sings: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you. . . and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and 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.

eucharistic  
prayer

We praise you, merciful God, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He took the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost; betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.

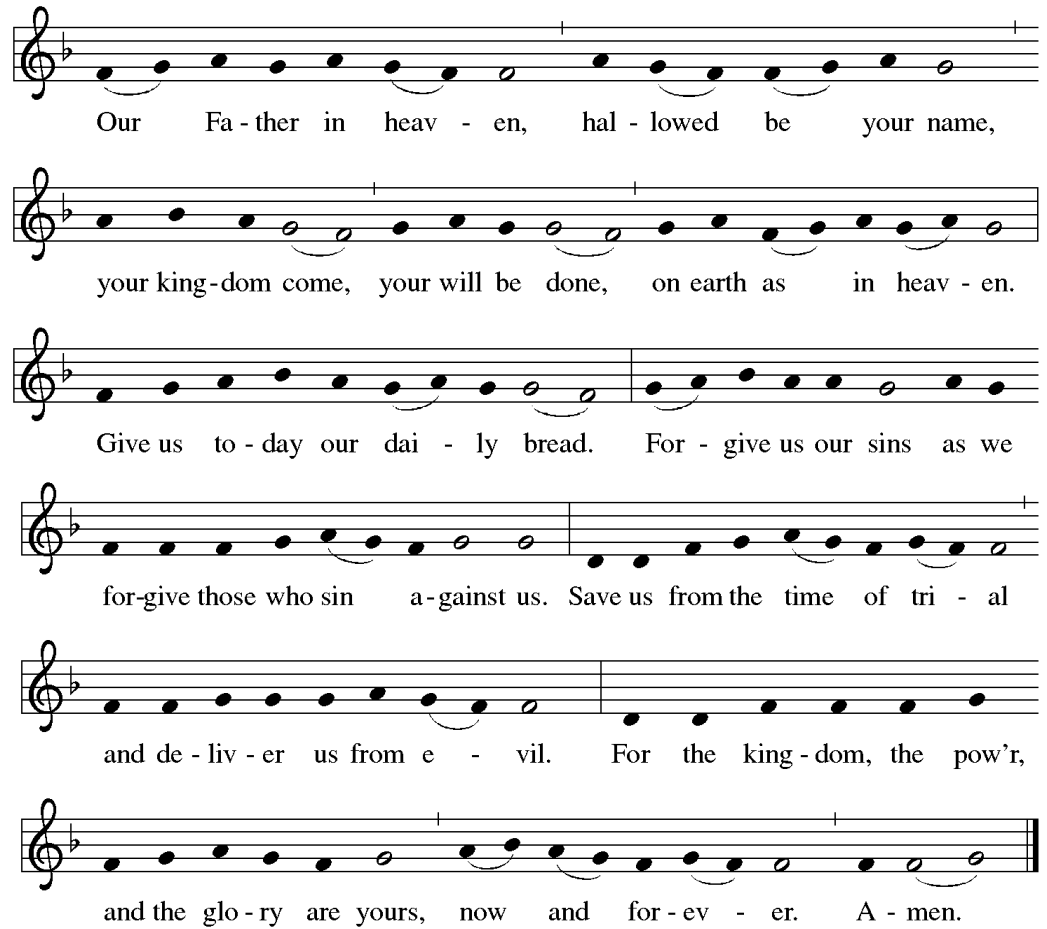
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.      *The assembly may bow.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.      *The assembly may bow.*

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table,  
let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. And when we are broken and cast aside, embrace us also in your love, knitting us together as one through your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. And let the church say, **Amen!**

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 invitation

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly sits until invited forward by an usher.*

*All are welcome at this table. This is not a Lutheran, Episcopal, or a Roman Catholic table; it is God's table and all are invited to receive. The small cups contain either white wine or red grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available, just ask. After receiving, you may leave your empty cup on the table near the side aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing, and you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat during distribution, knowing that this table is open when you are ready.*

agnus dei

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 peace. A - men.

communion  
motet

Stabat Mater, pt. IV

Josef Rheinberger

*Virgin of all virgins best, listen to my fond request  
let me share thy grief divine.*

*Let me, to my latest breath, in my body bear the death  
of that dying Son of thine.*

*Wounded with His every wound, steep my soul till it hath swoon'd  
in His very blood away.*

*Be to me, O Virgin, nigh, lest in flames I burn and die,  
in His awful Judgment day.*

*Christ, when Thou shalt call me hence, be Thy Mother my defence,  
be Thy cross my victory.*

*While my body here decays, may my soul Thy goodness praise,  
safe in Paradise with Thee.*

*The assembly stands.*

prayer after  
communion

Let us pray. **Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

## SENDING

stripping of  
the altar

*The assembly kneels or sits as Psalm 22 is proclaimed. Just as Christ was stripped of his power and glory and placed in the hands of his captors, the altar is stripped of its sacramental elements and vessels, books, colors, crosses, candles, and all other adornments. Finally, the altar table is washed in preparation for the solemnity of Good Friday. When the work is nearly complete, the lights are dimmed.*

Psalm 22

Austin Philemon  
(b. 1994)

*There is no benediction or postlude. Worship for the Paschal season continues tomorrow with the Veneration of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. and Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m.*

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