

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 19, 2023**

**9:30 am**

**Old Swedes Church**



**THE SEASON IS** — Lent. The season of Lent lasts 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending with Saturday before Easter. Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation for the entire parish community. Since Sundays are feast days, they are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, but are referred to as the Sundays in Lent. We are called to use this time as a period of introspection, self examination and repentance. Just a reminder, alleluias are omitted from the liturgy during Lent.

**STEWARDSHIP**— Psalm 23 is surely one of the most widely known and recited parts of the Psalter (we actually said it almost daily in elementary school.). God is the provider and overseer par excellence – if we but ask, he will provide everything we need (notice it says need, not want!). How great our gratitude will have to be if we indeed trust Him to be our shepherd and guide for all time!

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James Earle—Master of Ceremonies

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# The Holy Eucharist

Prelude (Organ)

"Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier"

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn 143

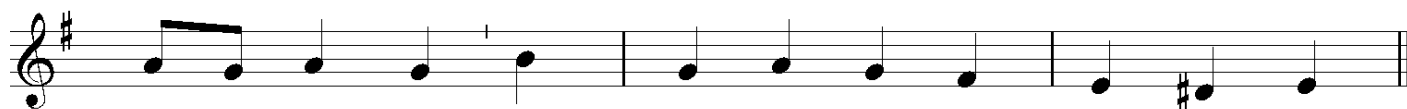
The Glory Of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full  
\* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to



1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en  
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold



1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.  
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

## The Word of God

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Honor your father and your mother.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

You shall not commit murder.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

You shall not commit adultery.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

You shall not steal.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

You shall not be a false witness.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

***Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

*Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept Minister and People*

***Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
***Amen.***

## Kyrie S-91

Setting from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And with your spirit.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***Amen.***

## The Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked

on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.*

*He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.*

*Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

*Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

### The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn 440

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”



He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Charles Lane Cowen

## **The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; and in our own diocese we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lewes.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially for Sarah, Lucy, Betty, Kristen, Angel, Catherine, Anne, Jordan, and Joanne.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially we pray for Anne, Keith, Juan, Lauren, Julia, Phillip, Nona, and Alejandro.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Ethel DuPont Kinsella, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

### **The Concluding Collect**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

## **The Holy Eucharist**

### **The Offertory**

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

*Matthew 5:23, 24*

Offertory Hymn 538

God Of Mercy, God Of Grace

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy  
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy  
 dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -  
 to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
 bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
 Lift up your hearts.  
 Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*And with your spirit.  
 We lift them up unto the Lord.  
 It is meet and right so to do.*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Pascal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and saying,

**Sanctus S-128**

William Matthias

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*Celebrant*

All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for that you did create heaven and earth, and did make us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, did give your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as you shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people do celebrate and make, with these your holy gifts which we now offer unto you, the memorial your Son has commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of your dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto you, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech you, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto you, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.*

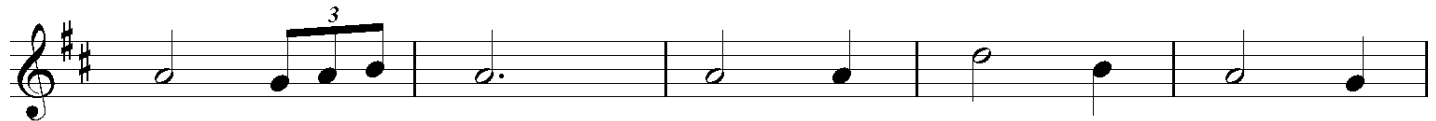
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn 645

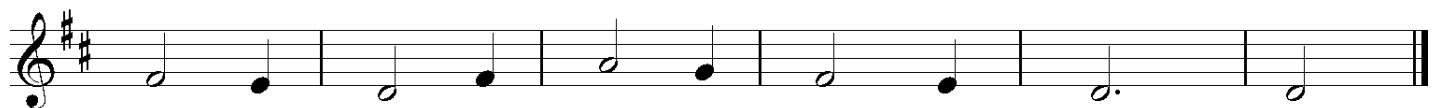
The King Of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Solemn Prayer

*Celebrant*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people bow.*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Recessional Hymn 493

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing!

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heayen.

## Announcements

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

"Fuga" (Sonata 6)

Felix Mendelssohn

## Announcements

**Continuing TODAY: Did you know that Robinson Crusoe was the first English novel?** It was published in 1719 and tells the tale of a man longing for adventure and finds himself shipwreck. Join us as we explore the Christian themes that are woven throughout this early piece of fiction. We will meet TODAY, March 19th from 11 to 11:45 am.

**Lenten Adult Formation series on Forgiveness**—Trinity Parish and Christ Church, Christiana Hundred are partnering for a 5-week series on the Christian theology of forgiveness. Participants will explore how we engage forgiveness in ourselves, our worship, and in the world. You have the option of joining us on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Christ Church (505 Buck Road, Wilmington) for a meal, discussion, and sung Compline or on Wednesdays at 11am at Trinity (1108 N. Adams, Wilmington) for a discussion followed by Holy Eucharist. Content will be the same at both sessions. The third session is Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30pm or Wednesday March 15th at 11am. We request that participants register to ensure we have enough food. Sign up at [trinityoldswedes.church](http://trinityoldswedes.church), via the link on the Wednesday email.

**It's time for MARCH MADNESS Game Night at Trinity!** Saturday, March 26 from 5-7 pm, all are invited to a night of board games, age-appropriate games for the younger ones, and even BANANA-Grams! Trinity will provide the hoagies and beverages for all. You bring your family, friends, and your favorite board/table games for a fun night of games and laughter.

**Easter Flowers:** Using flowers to celebrate the Risen Christ is an ancient custom in the church. At Trinity, we continue this by inviting parishioners to contribute memorial flowers honoring loved ones. The minimum contribution is \$25; please include a list of those you are honoring with your check, and mark the memo line 'Easter flowers.' If you choose to give online, please send an email to [office@trinityparishde.org](mailto:office@trinityparishde.org) with the list of those you are remembering. The deadline is Friday, March 30. Questions? Please call Ashlin Bray at 302-658-5821. Thank you for participating in the celebration of Easter.

**Easter Egg Hunts** will be held after every service on Easter Sunday. So we need eggs! Please sign up on the chart in the back of the church to bring and/or help hide the eggs. Real eggs are requested.

**Knitters, cast on!** The Trinity Knitters will meet at 9:30 am on Monday, March 27th. New knitters always welcome—we have yarn and needles for you!

**Trinity's outreach support of Friendship House** gives us many opportunities for Lenten Giving. On April 2, we will have a clothing drive to help fill the needs our community through the Clothing Bank of Delaware run by Friendship House. Please bring your gently used clothing, without hangers, in tied plastic bags to Trinity on Palm Sunday between 9-10 am. Sarah Berninger will fill her car with your donated items. Contact Sarah Berninger for more info at [berninger59@comcast.net](mailto:berninger59@comcast.net) or 302-351-2422.



**EASTER MORNING PRE-SERVICE RECITAL at 9:45 am:** The 10:00 am Eucharist Service on Easter Sunday, April 9, will be preceded by a pre-service recital by brass quartet, organ and timpani that will begin at 9:45 am. A highlight of the recital will be Johann Sebastian Bach's "My Spirit Be Joyful," for organ and two trumpets, from Bach's Easter Cantata. Let the celebratory music of this recital help to prepare you for the joy of our Easter Eucharist!

**ENCORE SPRING CONCERT:** The newly established Encore Chorale of Wilmington, for singers 55+, will present its second concert in Wilmington here at Trinity on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm. The concert, which will usher in the warmth of spring with songs of light and love, is FREE and the entire Wilmington community is encouraged to attend. Trinity's Director of Music, David Simmons, is the conductor of this new ensemble for older adult singers.

**THE ARTS AT TRINITY** presents the Serafin Ensemble in the beautiful acoustics of Trinity's sanctuary on Sunday, April 30, at 4:00 pm, in a program entitled "A Little Night Music with the Serafins." The repertoire includes Mozart's Eine Kleine Nachtmusik and Beethoven's Violin Sonata in F (Spring). As with all TAAT concerts, there is no charge for admission to the performance, but donations are graciously accepted before and after the performance. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of gorgeous music!

**Spring is right around the corner, and so is the Women's Retreat!** This year our speaker is Susan Long. She is an experience facilitator at retreats and workshops, including at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Aston, PA. For our retreat, Susan's focus will be on Living Mindfully through meditation supported by scripture. The retreat will run from the evening of Friday, May 12 - noon on Sunday, May 14th. Price will be dependent on the number of attendees, but ranges from \$250-\$300. Scholarships are available by contacting Reverend Patty. Please contact Kim Denhardt at [kdenhardt@gmail.com](mailto:kdenhardt@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up.

**Join us as Trinity Episcopal Parish's team walks for Friendship House** in the 2023 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. If Team Trinity Episcopal Parish raises \$2,000 and recruits 20 walkers, a generous donor will give an additional \$1,000 to Friendship House! You can support Friendship House and our team by signing up to walk, or virtually walk, or raise money, or donate to the Trinity's team making the walk. The money we raise goes directly to Friendship House. To register or donate to our team go to the events section of the Friendship House web site: [www.friendshipousede.org](http://www.friendshipousede.org). Click on Register for the Highmark Walk. Then click on Register Here or Donate to the Walk. It is important that you search for our team name "Trinity Episcopal Parish" – not church, so that your donation will go toward our total and reaching our goal. Feel free to contact Sarah Berninger with any questions at 302-351-2422 or at [berninger59@comcast.net](mailto:berninger59@comcast.net).

**TRINITY CHOIR** - Are you a person who just loves to sing and have wondered what is like to be a part of Trinity's choir? The Trinity Choir is a fun-loving group of dedicated singers who rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm and Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in order to prepare music for our 10:00 Service of Worship each week. We would love to have you join us! No prior experience singing in a choir is necessary. All you need is a love of singing. For more information, please email our Director of Music, David Simmons, at [david@trinityparishde.org](mailto:david@trinityparishde.org).



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AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL PARISH

April 2 Palm Sunday 8 am and 10 am in English, 12 pm en español

April 6 Maundy Thursday 7 pm in English at Old Swedes Church  
7 pm en Español a la Iglesia de Trinidad

April 7 Good Friday 12 pm in English

April 8 Holy Saturday 8 pm The Great Easter Vigil (bilingual service)

April 9 Easter Sunday 8 am and 10 am in English, 12 pm en español

*All services are at Trinity Church, unless otherwise noted.*

*Most services available via live stream on Facebook and YouTube.*

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