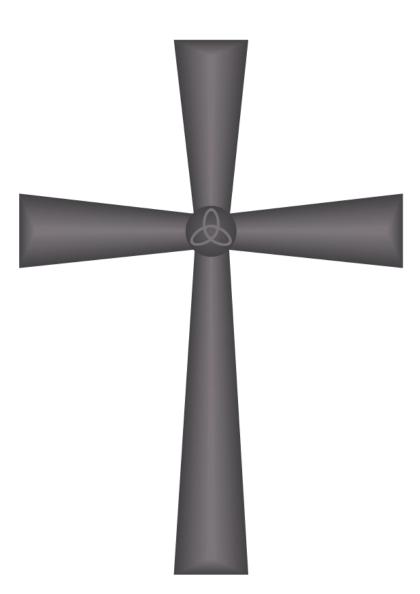
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025 Trinity Episcopal Parish— 10:00 am



WELCOME TO TRINITY PARISH

We are glad you are here! All are welcome. Please join us after the service for our coffee hour to enjoy some fellowship.

COMMUNION AT TRINITY

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to take Communion in the Episcopal Church, which is served at the altar rail. If for any reason, you opt not to receive Communion, you are still invited to come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the priest will say a blessing for you.

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please check out our website (trinityoldswedes.church). Follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching for @TrinityParishDE; and please tag us in your pictures using #TrinityParishDE.

Our Prayer List

Prayer requests for the bulletin should be sent to the parish office by Wednesday to appear in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know if you have any additions or updates. The clergy and members of our church are happy to pray with you on the phone if you would like.

NURSERY

For those with small children, we have nursery staff available for the 10 am and noon services in the Sunday School room. We also have the nursery room in the lobby open for all services for parents to go with their children, if needed.

Service Participants

The Reverend David Lovelace—Priest David Simmons—Director of Music Rachel Berninger—AV Margaret Vavala—Usher Betsy Chapin, Chris Ennis—Readers Cathleen Peipher—Intercessor Michael Sayre—Master of Ceremonies Michael Wood—Chalice Cathleen Peipher—Coffee Hour Host

Team 1: Cee Kelsey, Betty Jane Gunther, Bid Hukill—Altar Guild All music is used with permission.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude (Piano)

Reflection on "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me" Tune: *Sojourner*, African American Spiritual Setting: Thomas Keesecker

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Entrance Hymn TH411

O Bless The Lord, My Soul!



6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole, whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

The Word of God

CelebrantBless the Lord who forgives all our sins.PeopleHis mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

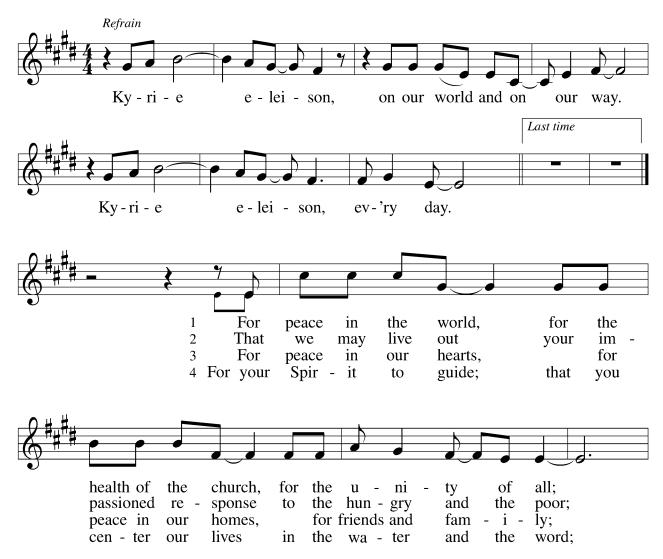
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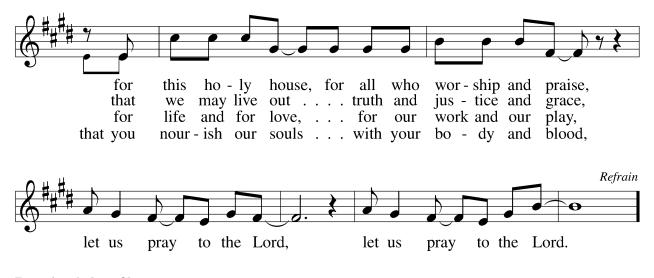
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son 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.

Celebrant

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





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The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32 Prayed in unison

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

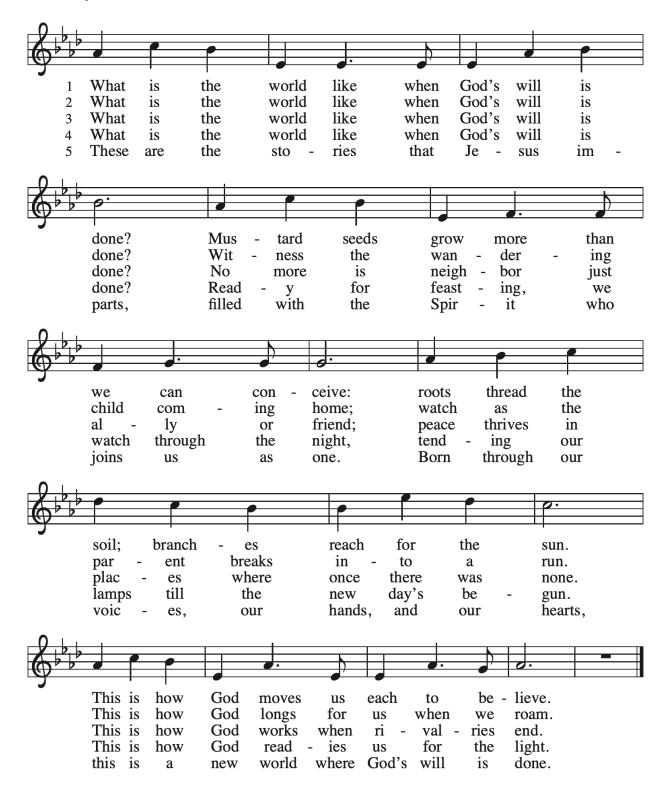
- For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.
- Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Text: Adam M. L. Tice, b. 1979 Music: NEW WORLD, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952 Text and music © 2009 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend David Lovelace

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, in the Anglican cycle of prayer for the Iglesia Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, and in our own diocese for St. John the Baptist, Milton, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Kevin our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, especially our priest Marta, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; especially Jim Yandle, Andy Boutcher, Phil Simmons, Tritstina McNeill, Richard Leuliette, Jesús Busto, Jack Hallock, Vanessa White, Mercedes Marrero, Alyse Calder, George Porter, Richard Hindy, Debbie Snipes, Marilyn Serrano, and Pope Francis, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. To you, O Lord our God. *Lord, have mercy.*

Silence

The Concluding Collect

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

All are invited to join us in receiving Communion.

Offertory

Let us with gladness present the offering and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem (Choir)

"Amazing Grace" Traditional English Folk Tune: HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN; choral setting by Thomas Keesecker Lyrics: John Newton

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace, my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.



Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!

The Great Thanksgiving

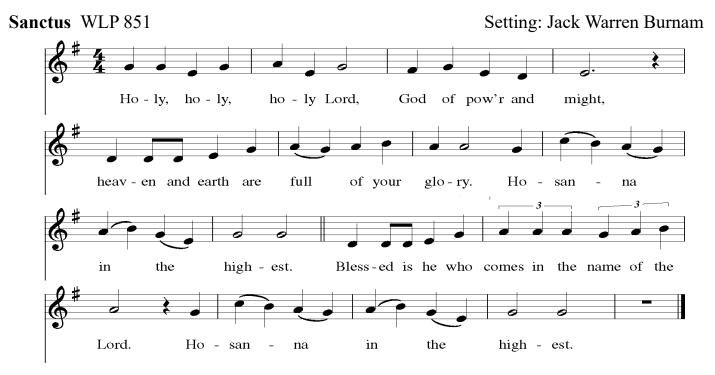
The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. And also with you. We lift them to the Lord. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

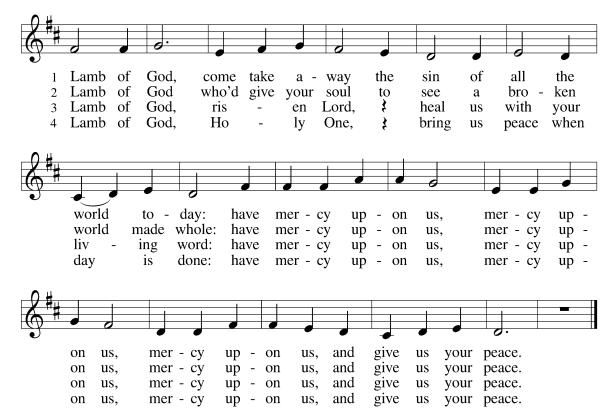
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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into 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.*

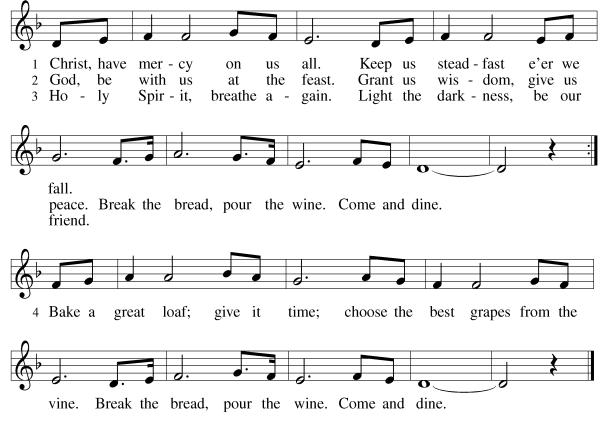
Agnus Dei



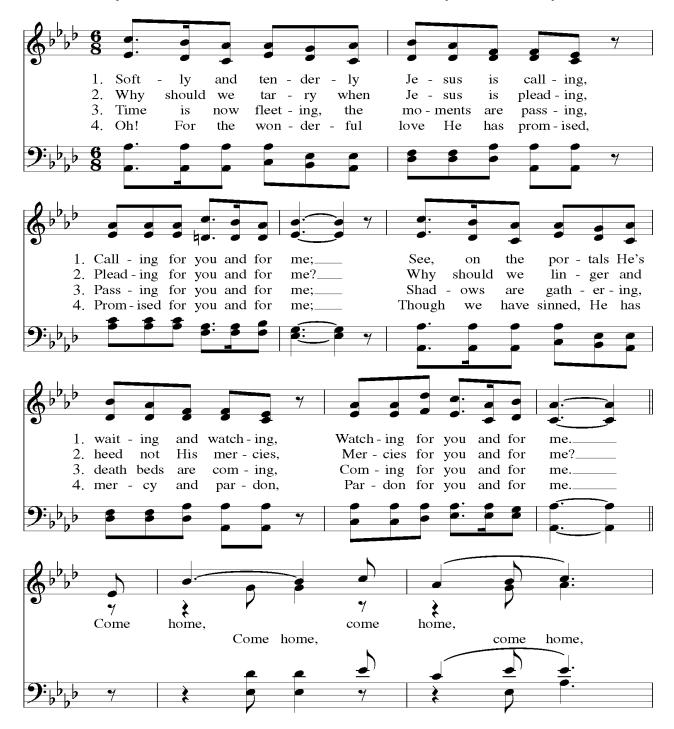
The gifts of God for the people of God.

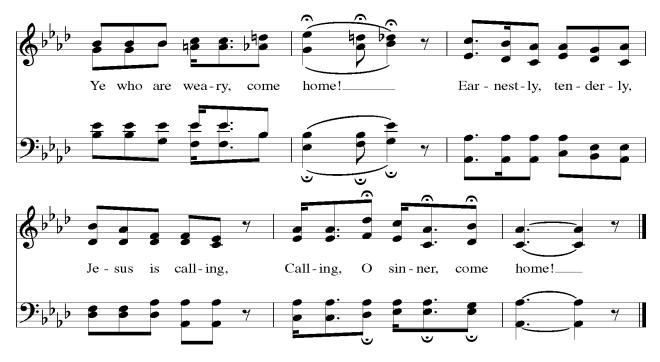
Communion Hymn

Christ, Have Mercy On Us All



Communion Hymn





Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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.

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 470



The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

"Postlude on 'Guide Me Thou, O Great Jehovah" Tune: *CWM Rhonda* by John Hughes (1873-1932), quoting W.A. Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito* Setting: Timothy Albrecht

Announcements

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 via Realm, please send an email to office@trinityparishde.org with the list of those you are remembering. The deadline is Friday, April 11. Questions? Please call Ashlin Bray at 302-658-5821. Thank you for participating in the celebration of Easter.

Lent started on March 5th and is a time of giving to those in need. In support of Friendship House, we have six weeks of Lenten Giving Opportunities. Please find the info in our Wednesday Newsletter or look for fellow parishioners with info at coffee hour. Please contact Sarah Berninger for more information berninger59@comcast.net or 302-351-2422

Save the Date! Trinity Women's Retreat: This year we'll focus on Passages of Life: Enduring and Thriving Through Change. We would love you to join us at Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach! The retreat runs from the evening of May 9th through mid-morning of May 11th. The cost is \$300* with meals included, except lunch on Saturday. Our committee members are Kim Denhardt, Janet Gordon, Kathryn Jakabcin and Cathleen Peipher, so talk to us with any questions, or reach out to Kim Denhardt at 302-367-4408 or kdenhardt@gmail.com. Payments can be made through Trinity's website or by check. *Financial assistance is available.

Additional Matching Grant Opportunity: In view of the many uncertainties this year the Jessie Ball DuPont Match Grant has provided an additional opportunity for Trinity to qualify for a matching grant. This match is based on online donations using the REALM interface directly or by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code in the bulletin. Only funds received online between February 27th and March 31st will qualify for a one to one match with a limit of \$500 for individual one time contributions. Thank you again for your needed support.

Search Team Note: The Trinity Search Team is in the process of developing a parish survey that will help gather information from the parish about their hopes and dreams for the future of Trinity. The survey will be accessible both electronically (QR code) and in paper form, at the Trinity Forward bulletin board and at Old Swedes. The survey will be available starting on April 13th, Palm Sunday and are requested to be returned by May 4th. In May there will be directed discussions with the Search Team on two consecutive Sundays after the 10:00 service; dates to be announced.

Social Justice Rally—Clem Dinsmore is seeking 3 interested parishioners to carpool with him to the April 7 rally in Washington DC to protest the current administration's recent

actions. The rally will run from noon to 3:30 pm. INDIVISIBLE and other national organizations are marshalling folks for this rally. Interested parishioners should contact Clem at clem.dinsmore@gmail.com or 202-281-6870. He will depart on the 7th from Trinity at 9:30 a.m.

Lenten Giving Opportunities—for Friendship House: Please support Trinity's Outreach Ministry by contributing during Lent to Friendship House. Flyers are available and please feel free to contact Sarah Berninger berninger59@comcast.net or 302-351-2422 April 6th – Clothing Drive for Clothing Bank of DE; April 13th — Friendship House School Uniforms drive

Join us as Trinity Episcopal Parish's team walks for Friendship House in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. 100% of the money raised by our team goes to Friendship House programs, programs that annually work with over 6,000 homeless and at risk of becoming homeless in New Castle County. 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, raise money, or donate to the Trinity's team walkers. The money we raise goes directly to Friendship House. To register or donate to our team use this link: This is the link directly to our Highmark Walk team sign up. http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Wilmington/HighmarkWalk? team id=19049&pg=team&fr_id=4924 . Feel free to contact Sarah Berninger at 302-351-2422 or at berninger59@comcast.net.

Welcome Home For Holy Week at Trinity Episcopal Parish April 13 Palm Sunday 8 am in English at Trinity 10 am in English at Trinity with Choir 12 pm en español at Trinity April 17 Maundy Thursday 7 pm in English at Old Swedes Church April 18 Good Friday 12 pm in English at Trinity April 20 Easter Sunday 8 am in English at Trinity 9:30 am in English at Old Swedes Church 9:45 am Pre-Service Recital at Trinity 10 am in English at Trinity with Choir 12 pm en español at Trinity

The Serafin Ensemble SPRING REFLECTIONS

Sunday, April 6 – 4:00 pm Trinity Episcopal Church 1108 North Adams Street, Wilmington, DE

The Arts At Trinity closes its 2024-25 concert season with the acclaimed SERAFIN ENSEMBLE in a program of beloved works that celebrate the musical beauty of Spring!

Featured works include Beethoven's Piano Trio in Eb Major, Op. 1, #1 and Fauré's Piano Quartet No.2 in G Minor, Op. 45.

Hal Grossman & Kate Ransom, violin; Amadi Azikiwe, viola; Guang Wang, cello; Read Gainsford, piano





JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND CELEBRATE SPRING! A selection of Spring treats and hot/cold drinks will be served before and after the concert.



NO ADMISSION CHARGE for the concert! (Donations Gratefully Accepted) FREE PARKING AVAILABLE