



***THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER***  
***THE HOLY EUCHARIST***  
***HOLY BAPTISM***  
***SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024***  
***9:30AM***

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A warm welcome to all worshipping at Trinity this morning! If this is your first time to worship with us, we are especially glad you are here and hope you will come again. Please know whatever your tradition, we want you to make yourself at home and participate in the service as you are moved. We also invite you to complete the "Hey There" Card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate so we may greet you personally.

Children are always welcome in worship here. However, we do have a staffed nursery directly below the sanctuary if that feels like a better fit for your family. The nursery is intended for children younger than kindergarten. An activity cart is located at the back

for older children, as well as a Worship Guide. If you are curious about any part of our service, please feel free to ask questions! We enjoy sharing the meaning of what we are doing in our worship.

In this worship booklet, the congregation responds with the words in **bold print**. Please stand as you are able (indicated by the \*). Unless otherwise indicated, we sing from the blue Hymnal.

***Prelude***

***Welcome***

***\*Entrance Hymn 460***

***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!***

***\*Opening Acclamation***

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

There is one Body and one Spirit.

**There is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

**One God and Father of all.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### **\*Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ***THE LESSONS***

### ***First Reading***

**Acts 3:12-19**

A reading from Acts.

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

## **Psalm 4**

*Spoken*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying,

“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

<sup>8</sup>I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

## **Second Reading**

**1 John 3:1-7**

A reading from First John.

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

**\*Gradual Hymn 343**

**Shepherd of Souls**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

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

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt**

# ***HOLY BAPTISM***

## **Presentation of the Candidate**

*Priest* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents* **I present Francesco James to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Priest* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents* **I will, with God's help.**

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**I do.**

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

**We will.**

Let us join with Francesco, being committed to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **\*Baptismal Covenant**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

### ***\*Prayers for the Candidate***

Let us now pray for Francesco who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray today for those known to us and beloved, and for those we entrust to your care, especially Arlene, Maureen, Janet, Rick, Marie, Jennifer, Joyce, Jacky, Gail, Alveta, Bode, Gracie, Martha, Daniel, Elaine, Judy, Cheryl, Shirley, Dan, Brian, Barbara, Lucille, Caroline, JM, Marie, Erin, Jean, Thomas, Beth, Megan, Jim, Beatrice, Matt, Eric, Rose Marie, Larry, Jenny, Patty.

#### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Thanksgiving Over the Water***

*Please be seated.*

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to God.

#### **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Baptism***

Francesco James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Francesco James, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Francesco James, receive the Light of Christ, a sign of new life enkindled within you. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

\*Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### ***\*The Peace***

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### ***Announcements***



# ***HOLY COMMUNION***

## **Offertory**

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Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Music**

**Day by Day**

**Martin How**

## **Doxology 380**

### **\*Great Thanksgiving**

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

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

*The priest prays an appropriate preface.*

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:

## **Sanctus S125**

*The people kneel. 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,

**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.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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***

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### ***Fraction Anthem S155***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

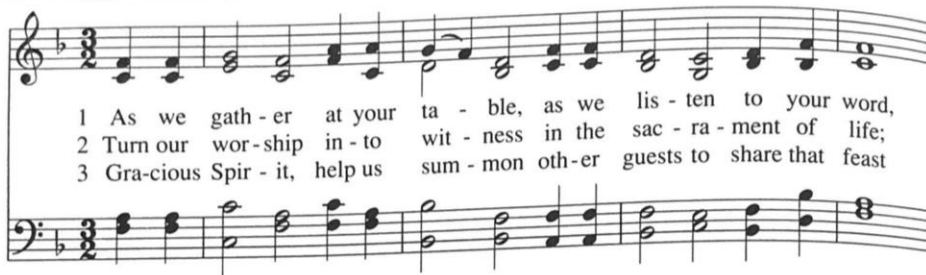
**May we become what we receive.**

### ***Communion***

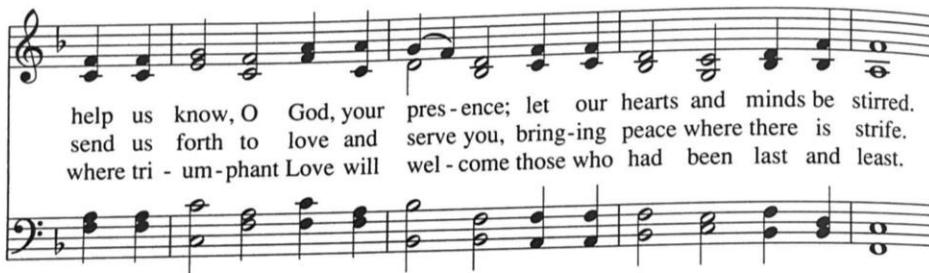
*If you prefer not to receive communion and would like a blessing, please come to the altar rail with your arms crossed over your chest. If you need communion brought to your seat, please tell an usher. Please indicate at the rail if you require a gluten-free wafer. Please cup your hands to receive the bread. If you prefer, we invite you to pray in spiritual communion.*

## Communion Music

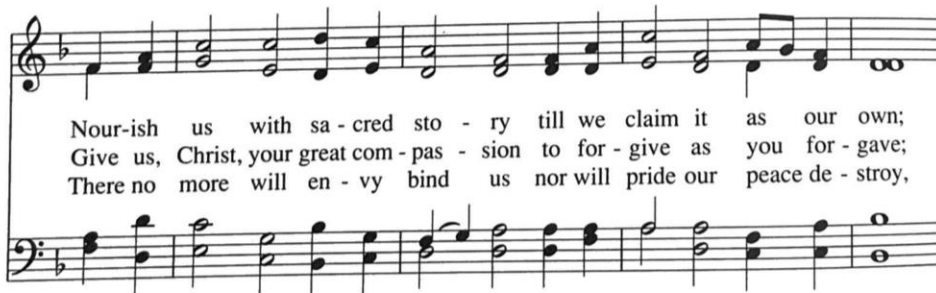
### Communion Hymn      *As We Gather At Your Table*



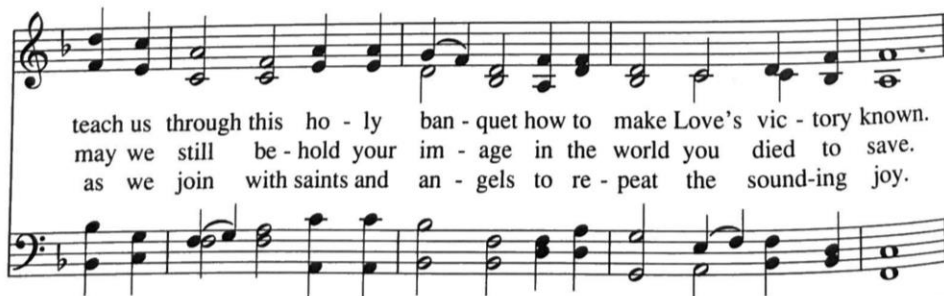
1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

### ***Postcommunion Prayer***

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ***\*Blessing***

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### ***\*Closing Hymn 182***

***Christ is Alive***

### ***\*Dismissal***

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### ***Postlude***

*Our service of worship is now over. Our worship through service now begins.*



# MONTEVERDI

## Vespers 1610

### ORCHESTRANEXUS

Nexus Choral Artists

Francesca Federico, soprano

Emily Hughes, mezzo-soprano

Veronica Pollicino, mezzo-soprano

Nicholas Simpson, tenor

Oswaldo Iraheta, tenor

Louis Tiemann, tenor

Hans Tashjian, bass-baritone

Damian Savarino, bass

Max Vladimiroff, harpsichord

Linda Sweetman-Waters, organ

Eric Dale Knapp, conductor

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Henryk Górecki

#### SYMPHONY NO. 3

*Symphony of Sorrowful Songs*

Górecki's *Symphony of Sorrowful Songs* sets poems in Polish about the intense relationship between a mother and a child in times of loss.

#### ORCHESTRANEXUS

Diana McVey, soprano

Eric Dale Knapp, conductor

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 – 7 PM

Ludwig van Beethoven

#### SYMPHONY NO. 9

Experience the grandeur of Beethoven 9, and celebrate the 200th anniversary of the premiere, which took place May 1824 in Vienna. An ode to joy – 200 years of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony — an anthem to liberty and the soundtrack to tyranny.

#### ORCHESTRANEXUS

NEXUS CHORAL ARTISTS

Catherine Spitzer, soprano

Teresa Buchholz, mezzo-soprano

Taylor Comstock, tenor

John Robert Green, bass-baritone

Eric Dale Knapp, conductor

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## ***Today at Trinity***

<b>Presider:</b>	The Rev. Andrea Castner Wyatt
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Tom Swetts
<b>Lectors:</b>	Rebecca Merrick, Laura Main
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Martha Dayton
<b>Minister of Communion:</b>	Laura Main, Joan King
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joe Bojnowski, Martha Dayton
<b>Trinity Driving:</b>	Cindy Anderau
<b>Tech Guild:</b>	Patrick DeBrock, Chuck Wyatt
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Cheryl Clark, Laura Mathey, Paula Toi
<b>Pianist:</b>	Jennifer Sisco
<b>Organist:</b>	Judy Novacek
<b>Nursery Assistant:</b>	Nathaniel Grummons
<b>The Little Pantry:</b>	Anthony & Heather Pellegrino

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**For those celebrating a birthday this week:** Gerry Donovan, Anabella Reagan-Rivera

**For those celebrating an anniversary this week:**

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