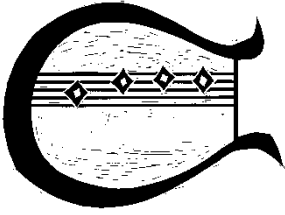


**FEBRUARY 28, 2010 ☩ 10:30 A.M.**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

## LENT AND CHANT



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

## THE ENVIRONMENT OF LENT

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



## LENT AND KNEELING

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

## DON'T KNOW THE TUNE/DON'T READ MUSIC?

Holy Trinity sings music from a variety of sources and in a variety of styles. If you find yourself not knowing the tune and you don't read music, here are a few suggestions. Feel free to first listen to several verses of a hymn before you join in. Enjoy the singing of the congregation, either with the organ or unaccompanied. But in any case, read the words as the hymn is sung. The texts are carefully chosen to go with the theme of the day or the season.

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

**Please turn off all cell phones and pagers** before the liturgy begins.  
\* – those who are able may **stand**  
**Bold** – all  
**This bulletin is available in large print**

**To parents with small children:** We are glad your family is worshipping with us. We have a nursery available and it is open from 8:15 – 11:30 a.m. Please use the garden entrance (on Addison); the nursery is right inside the door. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the narthex/back of the church.

## GATHERING

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

PRELUDE – *Sehr langsam* (from *Sonate I*)

Paul Hindemith

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

### KYRIE

Leader | Assembly

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

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

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

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*Following an invitation please kneel if you are able. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**  
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

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

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

\*GATHERING HYMN – #831 *The God of Abraham Praise* – (Stanzas 1-4)

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

*The presiding minister bows toward the assembly which is the body of Christ and the primary symbol of God's presence in the liturgy.*

**And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORD

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FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

*God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27

*The refrain is sung by the cantor and repeated by the assembly. Verses are sung in pairs alternating between the cantor and the assembly.*

**Refrain:**



**Tone:**



The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then<sup>1</sup> shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I<sup>1</sup> be afraid?

When evildoers close in against me to de-<sup>1</sup>vour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum-<sup>1</sup>ble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me, my heart<sup>1</sup> will not fear.**

**Though war rise up against me, my trust will<sup>1</sup> not be shaken.**

**One thing I ask of the LORD; one<sup>1</sup> thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**

**to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God<sup>1</sup> in the temple.**

**Refrain**

For in the day of trouble God will<sup>1</sup> give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up-<sup>1</sup> on a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies<sup>1</sup> who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make music<sup>1</sup> to the LORD.

**Hear my voice, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> when I call;**

**have mercy on me and<sup>1</sup> answer me.**

**My heart speaks your message--<sup>1</sup> "Seek my face."**

**Your face, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> I will seek.**

**Refrain**

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant in anger.

Cast me not away--you have been my helper;

forsake me not, O God of<sup>1</sup> my salvation.

Though my father and my moth-<sup>1</sup> er forsake me,

the LORD will<sup>1</sup> take me in.

**Teach me your<sup>1</sup> way, O LORD;**

**lead me on a level path, because of<sup>1</sup> my oppressors.**

**Subject me not to the will<sup>1</sup> of my foes,**

**for they rise up against me, false witnesses<sup>1</sup> breathing violence.**

This I believe--that I will see the goodness<sup>l</sup> of the LORD  
in the land<sup>l</sup> of the living!  
Wait for the LORD<sup>l</sup> and be strong.  
Take heart and wait<sup>l</sup> for the LORD!

**Refrain**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

*Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand to welcome the gospel and turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly.*

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Sung by the cantor.*

The Son of Man must be lifted up,  
that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

\*GOSPEL: Luke 13:31–35

*Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

*As the gospel is announced you may trace a small cross on your forehead, lips and breast, a prayer that the Word may dwell in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON – *If you were an animal, what would you be?*

SILENCE

HYMN OF THE DAY – #566 **When Twilight Comes** – (Stanza 1 - cantor)

*Philippine hymn. The imagery of a hen gathering her chicks under her wings at evening is familiar one to people living in the rural areas of the Philippines.*

\*APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

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

Hear us, O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

\*PEACE

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

*The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## MEAL

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GATHERING OF GIFTS AND SETTING THE TABLE

*Guests are invited to fill out the yellow slip and place it in the offering plate.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *Draw thou my soul*

Janet Sanborn

Draw thou my soul, O Christ, closer to thine. Breathe into every wish thy will divine.  
Raise my low self above, won by thy deathless love. Ever O Christ, through mine let thy life  
shine.

Lead forth my soul, O Christ, one with thine own, joyful to follow thee thru paths unknown.  
In thee my faith renew, give me thy work to do. Through me thy truth be shown, thy love made  
known.

Not for myself alone may my prayer be; lift thou my soul, O Christ, closer to thee:  
Cleanse it from guilt and wrong, teach it salvation's song: till earth and heav'n fulfill God's holy  
will.

(Text: Lucy Larcom)

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING



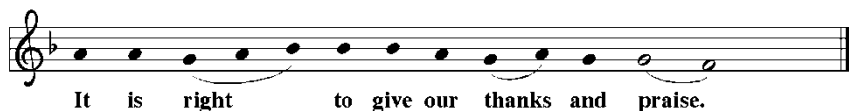
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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

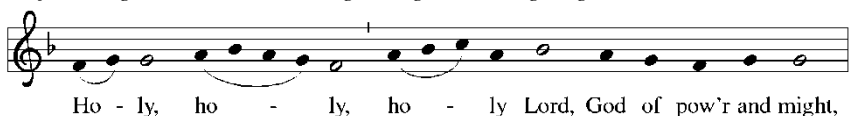


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

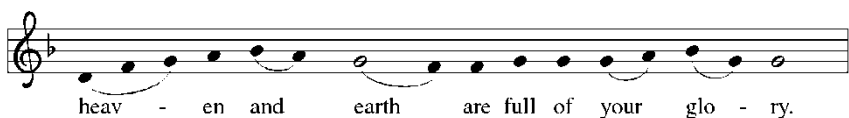


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

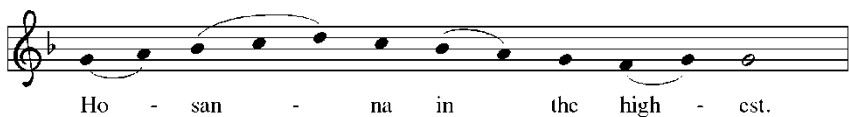
*The following acclamations are sung during the thanksgiving.*



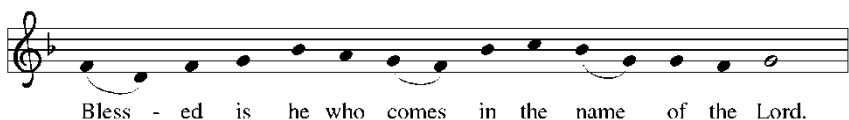
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



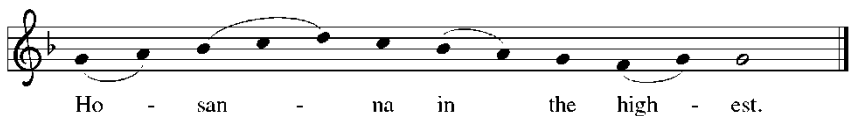
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.



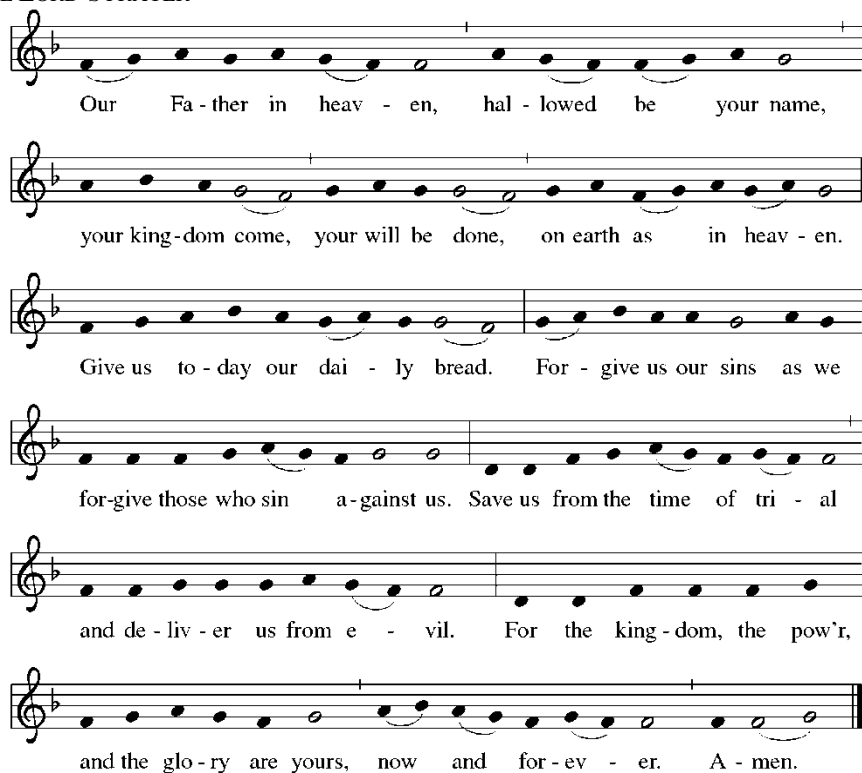
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

*As a sign of openness to the divine presence, you may join the presider in praying the Our Father with the ancient gesture of extended hands.*

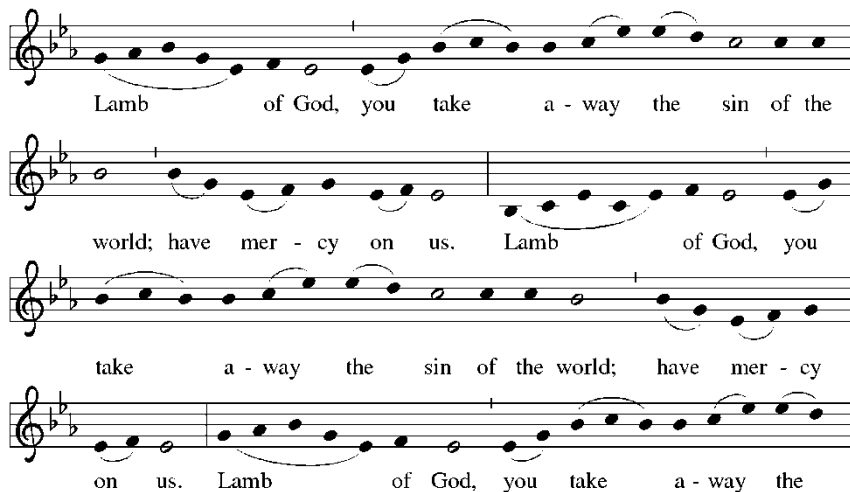
\*THE LORD'S PRAYER



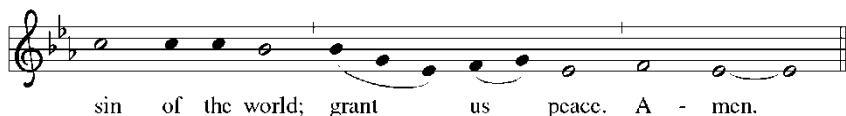
Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

\*COMMUNION

\*LAMB OF GOD



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



*Be seated.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to commune. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the altar rail. The bread will be placed in your hand. You may drink from the chalice or instinct, dipping the bread into the wine. There will also be a station at the rear of the church. Reception of the eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*

COMMUNION HYMN – #468 *Around You, O Lord Jesus*  
#613 *Thy Holy Wings*

\*PRAYER

## SENDING

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\*BLESSING

*Turn to face the cross as it recesses, you may bow as it passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.*

\*SENDING HYMN – #791 *We Sing to You*

\*SENDING

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be God.**

POSTLUDE – *Phantasie, frei* (from *Sonate I*)

Paul Hindemith

## SERVING TODAY

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PRESIDING MINISTER: Pr. Craig M. Mueller

MINISTER OF MUSIC: David R. Brackley

ASSISTING MINISTER: Seminarian Matthew Stuhlmuller

CANTOR: Richard Tribble

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Ruth Allin and Michael Schnell

READERS: Brian VonRueden and Kristin Kenefick

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USHERS: Britt Johnson and Ron Bogan

GREETERS: Scott and Dia Johnson

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NURSERY ASSISTANT: Linda Johnson

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## PARISH NOTES

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### **KITCHEN BLESSING**

Today following the 10:30 service, we will bless the 'new' kitchen by having our coffee hour snacks upstairs. Join us!

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

### **SPONSORS FOR HOLY TRINITY'S MUSIC SERIES**

In recent years Holy Trinity has become known for its fine music, thanks to our growing choir and our pipe organ that was renovated in 2007 as part of our Expansive Faith capital campaign.

We are seeking contributions for Holy Trinity's third annual music series. The highlight of the year will be a performance of *Messiah* by G.F. Handel on Sunday, May 23 led by our choir and soloists.

We invite you to make a financial gift to support the costs of the music series which is approximately \$4000.00. In celebration of music at Holy Trinity, all gifts above the costs of the music series will be given to Expansive Faith as we celebrate the conclusion of the capital campaign. Sponsors for the series will be printed in the program folders for each concert. You can make a donation at our website or mark "music series" on a check written to the church.

### **SPRING DINNER GROUPS**

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

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

## **PANEL DISCUSSION ON PSYCHOLOGY AND RELIGION**

Holy Trinity member, and professor at Northwestern University, Dan McAdams will be part of a panel discussion on Psychology and Religion on Wednesday, March 3 from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Event will be held in the McCormick Tribune Center, 1870 Campus Drive, Evanston.

## **EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION**

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

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

## **EGG HUNT AND PARTY**

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

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

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

## **NEW GROUP FOR PARENTS**

We are forming a new group for parents to hang out and meet other parents and their small children. Drop in anytime between 10 and 11:30 on Thursday mornings to relax and have a cup of coffee while the kids play. Please contact Becky Sims with any questions at [rsims@1702.org](mailto:rsims@1702.org) or by phone 773-388-3590.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE**



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

**FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED FOR THE NEW YEAR!** See the flower sign-up sheet at the back of the church and write a check to Holy Trinity for \$32 with “flowers” in the memo line or give through our online giving found at our website.

**NEXT BAPTISM DATES:** April 25, May 23. See information brochure in the narthex.

**NEXT NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION DATES:** April 18, 2010.  
More info at our website: [www.holytrinitychicago.org](http://www.holytrinitychicago.org)

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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- March 3 (Wed) @ 7:00 p.m. – htVespers  
March 4 (Thurs) @ 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study: Luke (Choir Room)  
@ 10:00 a.m. – New Group for Parents (St. Mark’s Room)  
@ 7:00 p.m. – Dream Group  
@ 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal  
March 11 (Thurs) @ 7:00 p.m. – Congregational Council Meeting

## COMMEMORATIONS

**Monday, March 1** – *George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633*

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

**Tuesday, March 2** – *John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church*

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved frequent communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.

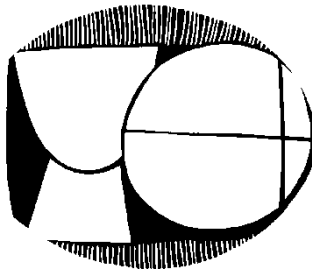
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## DIVERSITY MOMENTS

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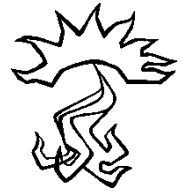
*by Seminarian Crystal Solie*

March is Women’s History Month! If you have any suggestions or stories to share over the next few weeks, please contact Seminarian Crystal Solie ([csolie@lsc.edu](mailto:csolie@lsc.edu) or 414-698-8194).



# LENT AT HOLY TRINITY

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## SUNDAY MORNINGS

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

### **March 28, Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday**

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

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

### **SERVICES at 7:00 p.m.**

- March 3 htVespers (includes favorites from Holden Evening Prayer)
- March 10 Brief Eucharist (followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday event, “Fasting”)
- March 17 Eucharist with Liturgy of Healing (St. Patrick’s Day)
- March 24 Eucharist for the Eve of the Annunciation of Our Lord
- March 31 No Wednesday service

### **SECOND WEDNESDAY EVENT**

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

## THE THREE DAYS



### **April 1, Maundy Thursday**

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

### **April 2, Good Friday**

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

### **April 3, Easter Eve**

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

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

### **April 4, Easter Sunday**

No 8:30 a.m. service  
9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Easter Coffee in Passavant Hall  
**10:30 a.m. Festival Eucharist** – with choir and brass quartet

## SECOND WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



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

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

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

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



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

#### \*Third Annual Seminary Sampler\*



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

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



## SUNDAY FORUM, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

### February 21 – March 28 – *Honoring the Body*

On the six Sundays of Lent we will discuss Holy Trinity's book for Lent 2010, *Honoring the Body* by Stephanie Paulsell. Written for anyone who has struggled with body image, the mystery of our sexuality, weight gain and loss, illness, birth and death, this wonderful book draws on resources from the Christian tradition to show how we can learn to celebrate the body's pleasures, protect the body's vulnerabilities, and develop the practices that will ultimately transform our troubled relationship with our bodies to one of honor and joy. Join the Holy Trinity community in reading this thoughtful, beautifully-written book, but whether you read it or not, join us for conversation led by Pastor Craig Mueller that will deepen your Lenten observance as we prepare for the feast of Easter! **For March 7, read chapter 4: *Clothing the Body*.**



*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

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Wed., 1 – 8 p.m.; Sun., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Welcome to Holy Trinity!** Wherever you are in your spiritual life and/or in your process of being comfortable in church or finding a church home, you are welcome here!

**PARKING** is available at McDonald's, Clark and Addison, on Sunday mornings when you are unable to find street parking. Please use the spaces in the southwest corner (near Addison and the alley). Pick up a permit at the back of Holy Trinity that you can keep in your car. Please do not use the lot on days of Cubs home games or you will be towed. (383 neighborhood parking permits are only needed from 6 pm – 6 am.)

**Podcast** of last week's sermon is available on our website.

**Interested in membership?** We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. New member orientation sessions are held throughout the year. Watch the bulletin or see our website for more information.

**Silence.** In addition to words and music our liturgy has several periods of silence. The resonance of the meditation bell calls us to a time of reflection and centering.

**Holy Communion:** All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing.

**The Spiritual Life Center** has offices at Holy Trinity, offering counseling and spiritual direction. Brochures are available at the back of the church.