

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



The Eve of the Resurrection of Our Lord

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

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Cover Image: *Noah and the Rainbow*, Marc Chagall, 1966



WELCOME TO THE EASTER VIGIL, especially guests joining us for this service at the heart of our faith and life together.

As you enter the dark church you may want to **take off your coat** before your hand candle is lit. Coat racks are available in the entry area.

The nursery is available for young and old who need a break from the service, though it will be unstaffed. Enter through the gate on Addison Street and the nursery is inside the garden door, to the right.

This service will last approximately two hours, but for many it is **timeless**; we enter eternity as we partake in these life-renewing rituals, stories and sacraments. **Feel free to move** to the back of the church or outside and get a breath of fresh air if you desire. There are two **restrooms** at the back of the church.

Though this booklet includes the full text of the service, **we invite you to refer to the texts only as needed, and direct your five senses to the actions of the liturgy**, being fully present to the community and all that is happening.

Please note the shaded sections which give instructions for the service, and the sidebars which give meanings for the various rituals and symbols.



GATHERING

GREETING

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

And also with you.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending. To Christ belongs all time and all the ages; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever.

Amen.

*The presiding minister lights the paschal candle, and sings:
The light of Christ, rising in glory,
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*

PROCESSION

During the procession the following is sung three times:



The light of Christ

Thanks be to God

Using all the doors into the church and all aisles in the nave, proceed to the pews and remain standing for the Easter proclamation. As your candles are lit, please pass the light to the person next to you. You may want to remove your coat before your candle is lit.



On the eve of Easter, nearest the first full moon after the spring equinox, we gather outside, kindling a new fire.

Since our primal beginnings, humans have gathered around fire for warmth, heat, and each other's company.

Filled with the hope of spring and longing for renewal, we celebrate the new creation brought to the world through the death and resurrection of Christ.

The presiding minister traces the inscription 2018 on the candle. Rather than merely recalling saving events of several thousand years ago, we celebrate the presence of the risen Christ among us this year.

Like the children of Israel, we follow a pillar of fire in the night.

The light of Christ breaks the darkness of sin and death and we are led from bondage to freedom.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

setting: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Refrain:

Je - sus Christ is ris - en! Je - sus Christ is ris - en!

Celebrate with exultation; and sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! **Refrain**

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever! Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! **Refrain**

Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, our duty and our joy, that with heart and mind and voice we should praise God, and the Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed us from bondage and freed us, for

Refrain 2:

This is the night, this is the night.

This is the night you led the children of Israel out of slavery into freedom. On this night all believers are renewed in grace, and restored again to holiness. Oh, **Refrain 2**

This is the night when Christ burst the chains of death, rising to life in triumph. Oh, **Refrain 2**

Night clear as day, putting wickedness to flight, washing sin away, restoring innocence to the fallen, joy to those who mourn, casting out hate, bringing peace and humbling pride.

Therefore, in this night of grace, receive, O God, our praise and thanksgiving for the light of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, reflected in the burning of this candle. Oh,

We live for this night.

- Carlos Santiago,
first Puerto Rican beatified by
the Roman Catholic Church

The text of the Easter Proclamation is from the fourth century.

At the Jewish Passover meal, the youngest child asks, "Why is this night different from all other nights?" And the answer comes: "This is the night of our salvation."

Over and over we sing out, "This is the Night!" We call Christ the Morning Star, the fire in the eastern sky that signals the approach of day, for Christ shines on the whole human race.

- Gail Ramshaw

This ancient dialog is used tonight in three instances of high thanksgiving: for light, for water, and for bread and wine.

Easter is our Passover, our celebration of a God who delivers from death and all forms of oppression.

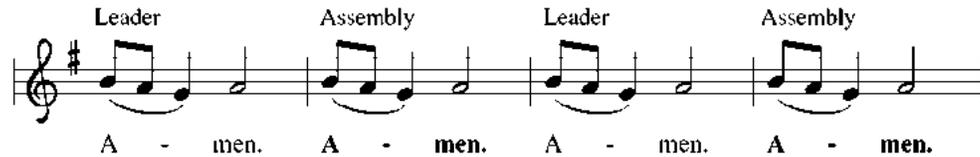
Refrain 3:



We sing the glories of this pillar of fire, the brightness of which is not diminished even when its light is divided and borrowed. For it is fed by the melting wax that the bees, your servants, have made for the substance of this candle. Oh, *Refrain 3*

We, therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to vanquish the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven. May Christ, the Morning Star, find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race. Oh, *Refrain 3*

And we pray, O God, rule, govern, and preserve with your continual protection your whole church, giving us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the creator of the world,
 the liberator of your people,
 and the wisdom of the earth.
 By the resurrection of your Son,
 free us from our fears,
 restore us in your image,
 and ignite us with your light,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated, keeping your hand candles lit.



Early Easter Vigil texts included thanksgiving for the bees, reflecting the gift of creation and the wax that bees provide for the Easter Candle.

The hand candles are 100 percent beeswax, made by Orthodox sisters in South Carolina.

*O Night brighter than day;
 O Night brighter than the sun;
 O Night more brilliant than torches;
 O Night more delightful than paradise;
 O Night which has banished sleep;
 O Night of the church's bridal;
 O Night of new birth in baptism.*
 - Asterius of Amasea,
 4th Century

WORD ...

FIRST READING: CREATION (from Genesis 1 – 2)

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE – *Earth Is Full Of Wit And Wisdom (Stanza 1- Choir alone)*

Earth is full of wit and wis-dom, sound-ing God's de -
Earth is full of wit and wis-dom, wo - ven in - to
Earth is full of with and wis-dom: pen-guin, plat - y -
light-ed laugh, from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly
har - mo - ny. Ev - ery crea-ture has a pur - pose,
pus and snail, cac - tus, sea slug, oak and al - gae,
to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe. All cre - a - tion
ev - ery flower and bum - ble - bee. Spi - der, hu - man,
from the mi - crobe to the whale. In this great and
sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - joi - ce
red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse and snake,
strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:
as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and
Mak - er's voice.
God could make.
serve the earth.

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Music [HOLY MANNA]: *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; attr. William Moore (19th c.)

Silence.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of him who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

We hear primal stories of God's mighty acts, yet they are not just narratives from the past. What happened long ago is happening for us now as we participate in the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Spirit moved over the waters, bringing order from chaos. In the waters of baptism the Spirit makes of us a new creation. Jesus' death and resurrection brings light and life to all the world.

At the Easter Vigil we hear our birth story: creation.

Gratitude to Mother Earth, sailing through night and day—and to her soil: rich, rare and sweet.

- Mohawk Prayer

*Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in
our care;*

*gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender
trust for our children
tomorrow will bear.*

- Shirley Erena Murphey

SECOND READING: FLOOD (from Genesis 6 – 8)

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE – *Stand by me*

Sung by the choir.

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea;
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the hosts of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.
(Text: Charles A. Tindley, 1851-1933)

Silence.



PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness:
Look in mercy upon your church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, that it
may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world come to see
that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new,
and that all things are being restored to wholeness through him from whom
they first took being, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

David Brackley

God re-creates the world by sending forty days of rain to destroy all that is evil. The great flood is a foreshadowing of our baptism, in which our sinful selves are drowned and we are made new through the death and resurrection of Christ.

*Although the winds be mighty,
And high waves in the sea,
Yet Wisdom is the pilot –
The powerful Lord is he;
Despite transgressions deluge,
Corruptions foul and dark,
We'll yet escape the drowning,
Because God is our ark.
- Ann Griffiths
18th century Welsh Methodist
Poet*

In this 7th century prayer, the church is likened to the ark, and Easter is the restoration of all things.

THIRD READING: DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA (from Exodus 14 & 15)

Rory Cooney

Refrain
Cantor, All repeat



Sing the song of free - dom!

Cantor, All repeat



God has won the vic - t'ry.

Cantor, All repeat



Horse and char - i - ot are cast in - to the sea.

Final Refrain
Cantor, All repeat *Cantor, All repeat*



1. Horse and char - i - ot, fear and lone - li - ness,
2. Horse and char - i - ot, hate and prej - u - dice,

Cantor, All repeat



death and emp - ti - ness;
chains and slav - er - y;

Cantor, All repeat **D.S.**



Horse and char - i - ot are cast in - to the sea.

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Silence.

PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: by the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Through the waters of liberation God delivers the chosen people from slavery to freedom. Easter celebrates Christ's triumph over death and the power of evil.

In the waters of baptism we share in this victory as we work together for freedom, justice, and peace in all the earth.

Standing on the parted shores of history we still believe what we were taught before we ever stood at Sinai's foot: that wherever we go, it is eternally Egypt; that there is a better place, a promised land; that the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness. That there is no way to get from here to there except by joining hands, marching together.
- from a contemporary Haggadah for Passover

O merciful God, save all whom oppression drowns. Wash away injustice. O merciful God, we implore you: This time also save the Egyptians in your mercy wider and deeper than all the oceans of the earth.
- Gail Ramshaw

FOURTH READING: SALVATION FREELY OFFERED TO ALL (from Isaiah 55)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE – *Salvation Is Created*

Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

Sung by the choir.

Salvation is created in midst of the earth, O our God. Alleluia.

(English text adaptation: N. Lindsay Norton)

Silence.

PRAYER

Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word,
and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit.

Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you,
that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy,
we may bring forth abundant fruit,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Amen.



In this reading, resurrection is like a free feast, baptism like a river for the thirsty; God like rain on the earth.

The gifts of Easter satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst: we feed upon the bread of life and gather around the living water of baptism. At the font God makes with us a covenant: we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*God, my God, you I crave;
my soul thirsts for you,
my body aches for you
like a dry and weary land.
- Psalm 63:2*

*Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- Matthew 5:6*

*Leader: O God of the rain
cloud, hoo-oo! Quench our
thirst.*

*People: O God water us!
Whose powers reach the
uttermost parts of the earth,
hoo-oo!*

*Leader: O God of the black
cloud, hoo-oo!*

*People: O God, water us!
- Prayer of the Masai, Kenya
and Tanzania*

FIFTH READING: VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES *(from Ezekiel 37)*

SETTING – *Dry Bones*

Spiritual, arr. Eric Budzynski (b. 1976)

Dry bones gonna gather in the morning, come together and rise and shine;
Dry bones gonna gather in the valley and some of them bones is mine.

Down in the valley the spirit spoke: “Zekul, go prophesy!”
And Zekul saw the valley full of dead men’s bones, and every bone was dry.

Spirit told Zekul, “Call the four winds forth and breathe on the bones all slain.”
Behold, he hear a noise, ev’ry bone to his bone come together and lived again.

The graves all opened and the bones took breath and the skin covered over again.
They stood up like the army of the Lord. Oh, the bones were living men.

Some of them bones are my mother’s bones, come together for to rise and shine.
Some of them bones are my father’s bones, and some of them bones is mine.

Some of them bones gonna make me laugh, come together for to rise and shine.
Some of them bones gonna make me weep, ‘cause some of them bones is mine.

Silence.

PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, by the death and resurrection of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Breathe into us your life-giving Spirit, that receiving the gifts of word and sacrament, we may live in the hope of all your blessings to come, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



In Ezekiel’s vision of the dry bones, the dead are brought to life by the power of God’s spirit. In baptism God breathes the Spirit of the Risen Christ into us and we live.

With the leg bone connected to the knee bone, the knee bone connected to the thigh bone, the thigh bone connected to the hip bone ... Oh, hear the word of the Lord!
- African American Spiritual

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love all that you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with you the perfect life of your eternity.
- Edwin Hatch

SIXTH READING: THE DELIVERANCE OF JONAH (from Jonah 1-2)

Call and response, led by the leader.



You cast me in - to the deep, in - to the heart of the
seas, and the flood sur - roun - ded me. De -
liv - 'rance be - longs to the Lord!

At the conclusion of the reading the response is sung three more times:
first time in unison,
second and third times in canon (round) beginning with the piano side.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.



Silence.

PRAYER

Let us pray. O God of deliverance, you saved Jonah through the waters of death, and after three days you brought him to new life. Speak to us by this sign, and call us to repentance, that we may heed the voice of your risen Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

In Matthew 12:40, Jesus likens his death and resurrection to the story of Jonah, who is saved from death after three days in the belly of the fish. We too are hauled up through the waters of baptism to answer the call of God.

I called to the Lord out of my distress and the Lord answered me, out of the belly of Sheol I cried and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me... As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!
- Jonah's prayer from the belly of the fish, in Jonah 2

From the belly of the great fish, Jonah trusts in God's deliverance. Aware of his own sin and God's judgment, he trusts in a God who saves the lost and brings life from death. Jonah not only critiques the idolatry of others, but his own as well. Like Jonah, we learn that we cannot manipulate God, but rejoice in God's salvation of all.

SEVENTH READING: DELIVERANCE FROM THE FIERY FURNACE

(from Daniel 3)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

RESPONSE – Surrexit Christus

The choir sings the refrain, then it is sung continuously by all as cantors and choir sing the verses below.

Ostinato Refrain

Sur - re - xit Chri - stus, al - le - lu - ia!
The Lord is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Sing out and praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Taizé Community, based on Song of the Three, 35-65
Music: Jacques Berthier

Please turn to face the rear of the church as the worship leaders process there.

All you heavens, bless the Lord. Stars of heaven, bless the Lord.
Sun and moon, bless the Lord; and you, night and day, bless the Lord.
Frost and cold, bless the Lord. Ice and snow, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless the Lord; and you, light and darkness, bless the Lord.
Spirits and souls of the just, bless the Lord.
Saints and humble of heart, bless the Lord.
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for God's love has no end.
The Lord is my strength, the Lord is my song;
God has been my Savior. I shall not die, I shall live.
I shall live and recount God's deeds.

Silence.

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the mysteries of your salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that strengthened by your presence we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The three men in the fiery furnace is an image of the resurrection. Even in our deepest suffering, God is in the fire with us. We can even gaze into the fire of our own death, rejoicing in the promise of resurrection.

Where are the Hebrew children? Safe in the promised land! Though the furnace flamed around them, God while in their trouble found them, God with love and mercy bound them, safe in the promised land!

- African American spiritual

Wouldst thou know my meaning? Lie down in the fire. See and ask the flowing Godhead through thy being: Feel the Holy Spirit moving and compelling thee within the glowing fire and light of God.

- Mechthilde of Mageburg, 13th century

When directed, extinguish your hand candle.

In the spirit of vigil watching and waiting, a period of silence follows.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/PROCESSION

Please turn to face the cross as it moves forward and throughout the nave.

Please join the assembly in joyfully singing the first Alleluias of Easter.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia is to be interpreted "Praise God." To be sure, that is a short word, but it is great praise.

- Caesarius of Arles, 6th century

So sing Alleluia whether you do like Sills or Pavarotti or croak it like a crow. In or out of tune, it will make sweet music tonight.

Let the sound flow into our ears and the truth stream into our hearts. And do not be afraid to cry. If you are a new creature in Christ you will be happy in your tears.

- Gerard S. Sloyan

Turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Know that Christ is Raised*

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

READING: *from Romans 6*

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

The **procession** now moves to the font as those preparing for affirmation of baptism make their way to the front of the church.

Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, since through baptism we are joined to Jesus' death and resurrection. Those of us already baptized renew our baptismal vows and deepen our commitment to our baptismal calling.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water – Lake Michigan and the Chicago River – the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing. We praise you, O God, for water: **We praise you, O God, for water!**

We praise you, O God, for our water stories – a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy. Jesus baptized in the Jordan River, washing the disciples' feet, on the cross thirsting for us.

We praise you, O God, for water: **We praise you, O God, for water!**

We praise you, O God, for this font, for you breathe into this water to wash away sin and birth us anew into your peace and joy.

We praise you, O God, for water: **We praise you, O God, for water!**

O God, you are the Ocean, the source of all life. O God, you are the River, saving us from death. O God, you are the Stream, restoring our community's strength. We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and Amen:

Amen, and Amen!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Together let us join in professing our faith in Christ Jesus, rejecting sin, and confessing the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

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, 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.**

With this prayer of thanksgiving, we give thanks for the water that nourished us in the womb, the watery rescues we recall from scripture, the water in this font, for the water that will be poured onto the bodies of the baptized.

To reject Satan ... is to reject an entire worldview made up of pride and self-affirmation, of that pride which has truly taken human life from God and made it into darkness, death and hell.

- Alexander Schmemmann

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. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present . . . who desire to make public affirmation of his/her baptism.

I present . . . who are being welcomed as newcomers to this congregation through affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Affirmers, one by one: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Newcomers (together): I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Entire assembly (together): **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us**

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in these people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

Let us welcome ... to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**



Eleven members of both HTLoop and HTLakeview participated in Life Together, a spiritual formation and catechetical process, for the past five months.

Others are being welcomed as newcomers to Holy Trinity.

Those being welcomed as newcomers to the congregation promise to live out their baptismal faith as part of this community.

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

The assembly will be sprinkled with water from the font. As you receive the droplets you may make the sign of the cross, in grateful remembrance of your baptism.

The refrain is sung first by the choir, then repeated by all and sung as indicated.

Refrain



Oceans of the earth, sing glory to God! Praise to the one who formed you!
Sound from your depths a hymn that tells the wonders God has done!
Oh Blessed be God forever!



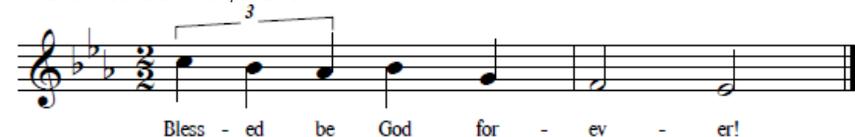
Refrain

Rivers and lakes, sing glory to God! Praise, all you ponds and bogs!
Rich with the life that God creates, now let your song be heard!
Oh Blessed be God forever!



Refrain

Showers and springs, sing glory to God! Praise, all you living water!
Shower the earth with life and goodness,
shower the grace of God!
Oh Blessed be God forever!



Refrain

Music: Marty Haugen. Text: ICEL, additional text by Marty Haugen.



INTERCESSIONS

Risen Lord,
hear our prayer.

During the asperges (sprinkling), some people reach out arms and hands to receive the water on their skin as it passes by. Following the wilderness of Lent, consider it Easter raining on your body in a very tangible way! (Feel free to take off your glasses!)

Lord of the Passover, you have lit this night with the radiance of Christ; renew us in our baptism, and bring us through the Red Sea waters to the promised land.
- New Zealand Prayer Book

PEACE

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

The peace of the risen 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

Please be seated.

SETTING THE TABLE

HYMN: *Thine The Amen*

Tune and Setting: Carl F. Schalk (b.1929)

Women 1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 Men 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 Choir 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 All 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 All 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light

thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly

thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee

thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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Peace!
 Peace for us!
 Peace for everyone!
 For all people, this, our hope!
 Next year in Jerusalem!
 Next year, may all be free!
 - A Passover Haggadah

During the hymn, incense is used to honor the primary symbols of Christ in the liturgy: the paschal (Easter) candle, the font, the altar/table, and most importantly, the assembly. By incorporating the sense of smell, the liturgy makes clear the importance of our bodies, all five senses, and the goodness of creation.

Please stand.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and glorious God:
This is the day that you gave light to the universe.
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea
and led them to freedom with a pillar of fire.
Now our night is as bright as day, and that light is Christ.
Christ is risen, alleluia.
Christ is risen, alleluia.

The text for this high musical moment in the liturgy is from Isaiah's vision of the temple, and the shouts of praise as Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The liturgy comes to a climax as we give thanks at the table. We offer praise for God's mighty acts in history even as we believe they are happening anew for us on this Easter Eve.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.
This is the day you married heaven to earth.
Jesus came to our darkened world, washed away sin,
and rescued us from evil.
He brings us holiness, justice, and peace.
Christ is risen, alleluia.
Christ is risen, alleluia.

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

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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy Spirit of the risen Christ, transform us and this feast.
Fill this body with your presence.
Renew us with the cup of your loving kindness.
Illumine our lives, and shine your Morning Star
over the whole human race, for our light is Christ.
Christ is risen, alleluia.
Christ is risen, alleluia.

All holy and victorious God, our might, our mercy, our life,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your grace,
for Christ is risen:
Christ is risen indeed.
Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

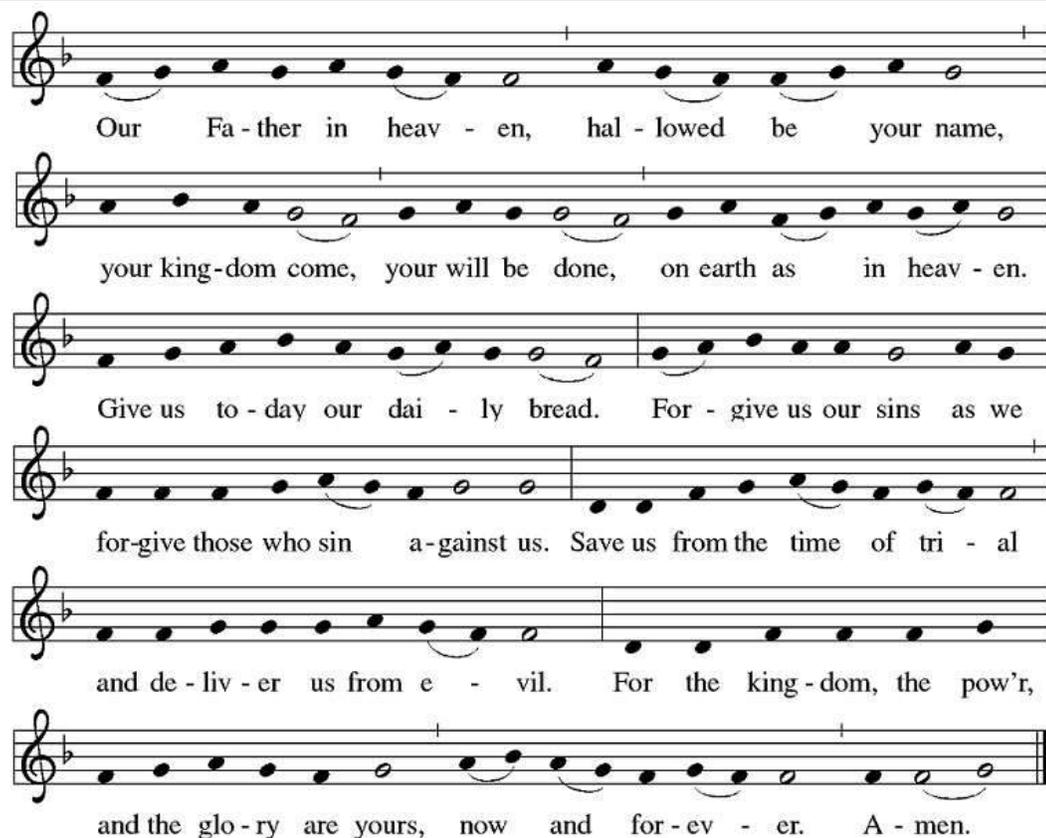
Christ is present not only in
bread and wine, but in
community, the actions of
eating and drinking, and all
of the eucharistic liturgy.

By praying for the Holy
Spirit to come upon us, we
become the body of the
Risen Christ for our world.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.



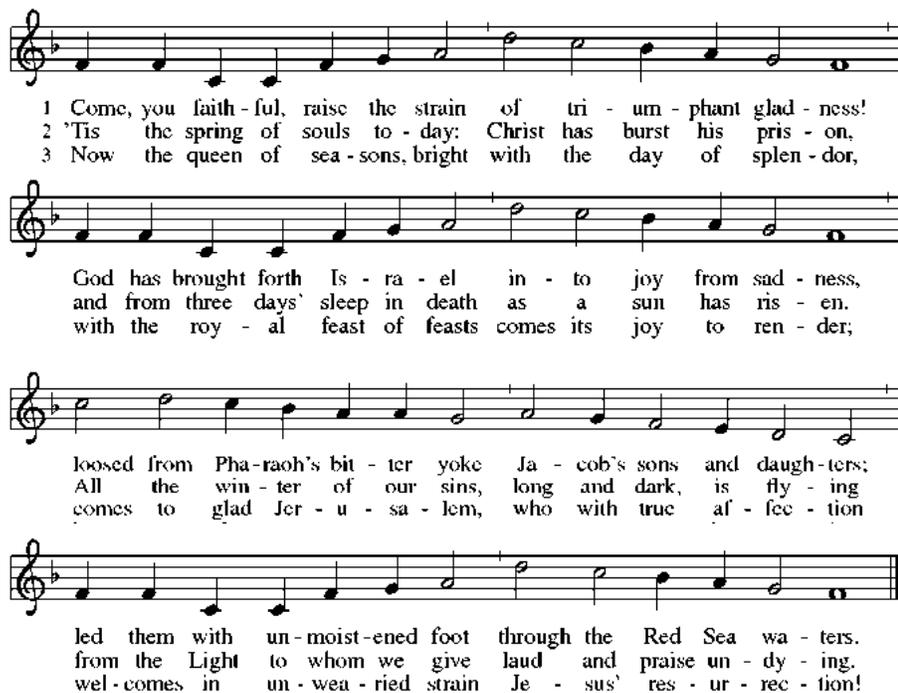
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the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

The Lord's Prayer is our table prayer. Give us the bread we need that through us, God would feed the world with divine mercy, justice, and compassion.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

HYMN: *Come You Faithful Raise The Strain*



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der,
loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing,
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!

With all our hearts, even hearts of stone, we ask you, Lord, that we might come this night, to the long-promised land, the land of milk and honey, the land where your name is made holy in deeds of justice, the hungry fed and the naked clothed, prisoners set free, creation revered, and all to share and share alike at your table.

- Gabe Huck

Be seated

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table, including children.

Bread is received in the hands (gluten free wafers available).

Wine is received either by drinking from the (silver) common cup, or by saving the bread and dipping it in the second (glass) cup.

Those not communing may come forward for a blessing, keeping your hands folded over your chest. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone.

ANTHEM – *Easter Rejoicing*

James Biery (b. 1956)

Rejoice, you hosts of heav'nly saints, O sing, exultant choirs of angels,
Sound the trumpet of salvation, our Christ from death has arisen!
Be joyful, joyful, Mary, for with the whole Church
Humankind joins all creation newly resplendent in Christ's illumination;
Acclaim him Source and Fulfillment--O Risen One!
Be enlightened, Jerusalem, God's glory has risen upon you.
O divine, beloved, sweetest voice, hope confirmed through resurrection.
May the light of Christ, rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
Pascal Christ, Wisdom, Word and Light from Light,
Bread of life, may we dwell with you always--Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand

PRAYER

Let us pray. *brief silence*

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the Almighty, who shaped the earth and kindled the lights of heaven, renew you in the image of God. **Amen.**

May Christ, who shattered the chains of death, lead you forward in freedom. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who breathes forth resurrection power, fill your hearts with boundless joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you now and forever, in the name of the Holy Trinity, + one God. **Amen.**

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

We have waited for Christ's coming among us. We now celebrate his presence at the Lord's Table and in this assembly, the body of Christ. We feast on the food and drink of the promised land, and know that this is indeed eternal life.

Communion isn't only receiving Christ. In receiving Christ we embrace the entire human race ... People of every race, of every age, of every creed, of every aspiration, of every sin, are taken up in Christ to the last one of them, and taken up in the Christian in communion. This is the Christian's joy and responsibility.

- Helder Camara

Having heard the word and shared the eucharist, we are sent to live our baptism through words and deeds, making known the love of Christ, and working for justice and peace in our families, communities, and world.

SENDING HYMN: *Day of Delight*

1. Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, Tell the
2. Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, Tell the

news, the gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der,
news, the gos - pel spread! Day of all won - der,

day of all splen - dor, Praise Christ ris - en from the dead!
day of all splen - dor, Praise Christ ris - en from the dead!

Sing of the sun, from dark - ness ap - pear - ing;
Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to danc - ing;

Sing of the seed, from bar - ren earth green - ing;
Sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;

Sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
Sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Sing of the stream, from Je - sus' side flow - ing;
Sing now of fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing;

Sing of the saints, in wa - ter made ho - ly;
Sing the Lord's fa - vor last - ing for - ev - er;

Sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
Sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Risen Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Prelude*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704)

The Easter celebration continues in Passavant Hall with a festive sparkling beverage reception. We invite you to move immediately there for conversation. If you must leave now, go with joy and gratitude in your heart.

As the Day of Resurrection dawns, let us be on our way, one foot confidently in front of another. We have seen what we have longed to see.
- Christopher Hoyer

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Lickliders, Jeff Stang

Altos

Ayriole Frost, Betty Guilfoile,

Anna Gustitus, Camille Lickliders,

Beth Mankowski, Mary Nack,

Julie Shen, Barbara Wahler

Trumpet

Thomas Madeja

Flute

Keith Norbutt

AFFIRMING THEIR BAPTISM THIS EVENING (LIFE TOGETHER)

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Sponsor: Carol LaHurd

Christian Cisneros

Sponsor: Ryan LaHurd

Anna Gustitus

Sponsor: Sarah Lippert

Denise Mineck

Sponsor: Katie Mineck

Izzy Hassey Nevarez

Sponsor: Molly Beran

John Hassey Nevarez

Sponsor: Beau Surratt

Lee Owen

Sponsor: Sebastian Soto

Nikki Petroff

Sponsor: Kristi Bangert

Tim Peyton

Sponsor: Ernest Vasseur

Chris Prokop

Sponsor: Janet Wesner

WELCOMED THIS EVENING

Dave Benck lives in a loft in Logan Square. His hobby is old cars, he owns a '36 Ford coupe, and he occasionally travels to shows around the country to show his car. Dave is active at his health club, Fitness Formula on Clark St, is looking to invigorate his church experience after a number of years in a Missouri Synod congregation, and looks forward to Holy Trinity being a part of that.

Erica Bohac is a Nebraska native and a University of Iowa alum who made her way to Chicago to study social work at Loyola University. She is a medical social worker and a group fitness instructor. She and Chris Prokop were married at Holy Trinity in June of 2017, and they live in the South Loop with their pup Watson.

Megan Brandsrud and Ben Lippert were both born into generations of Cubs fans and were pleased to make their move to Chicago from South Dakota four years ago. They live in Ravenswood. Megan is a content editor at the ELCA Churchwide Office and Ben is a digital marketing specialist at LoSasso Integrated Marketing. They've been attending worship at HTLC for the past year and are excited to become members.

Betzy and Christian Cisneros, after many years in ministry together as a family, needed a sabbatical of sorts. They wanted to be more deeply involved in their community and had walked by Holy Trinity many times. They decided to walk in one day and have continued to come back each week! It has been a wonderful space for spiritual renewal for their family and they are enjoying all the things they learn each week!

Anna Gustitus is a Michigan native who loves simultaneously living in a beautiful city and two blocks from Lake Michigan. Anna also likes Star Wars, asking questions, and horrible puns. Anna loves the rich tapestry that is Holy Trinity for many reasons including the people, the rich and elegantly planned and executed liturgy, and the many opportunities to play a variety of roles in the worship service.

John and Izzy Hassey Nevarez, both active members of Holy Trinity, live in Andersonville and work for Thrivent Financial. On a sunny day, you'd probably bump into with their dog Max at the dog beach.

Annaeka Johnson is a Music Librarian at the Merit School of Music, an Early Childhood Music teacher, and an oboist. She enjoys reading, knitting and nature documentaries. She's joining Holy Trinity because she appreciates the open and welcoming community, and she has missed that sense of faith-filled community since leaving the Lutheran church she grew up in. Annaeka especially appreciates the beautiful, intentional music that adds a depth to the reverence of worship at Holy Trinity.

Karen Mari is an educator, musician, and optimistic plant lover. She is a Chicago-area native and lifelong Lutheran.

Nick and Lauren Manusos downsized and moved to Chicago from McHenry, IL in 2015. and live on Cornelia Ave and Halsted (so they can walk to church). Nick and Lauren both grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. Their kids both live and work in Chicago and they love being closer to them. They enjoy boating (and have a boat at Burnham Harbor), finding great restaurants to try, discovering new things to do in the city. Nick and Lauren will become grandparents this May and cannot wait for all the new experiences. Their new granddaughter will be spoiled and be the focus of their family. Additionally, they have a seven-year-old Miniature Pinscher/Schnauzer mix dog named Daisy that loves her walks in Lakeview.

Troy Medlin feels like joining Holy Trinity and the ELCA is a homecoming for him. He was baptized in a small Norwegian Lutheran Church in the suburbs but left for more conservative evangelical churches until more recently. He's a third year seminarian at LSTC and is just beginning the ELCA candidacy process. He enjoys politics, liturgy, running, and eating breakfast with friends. After much prayer and discernment he is overjoyed to be joining the Holy Trinity family.

Denise Mineck took an early retirement from her career as a corporate attorney, and moved to Chicago in April 2017. Her family (John, Katherine, Matt and Oscar) provides much love and interesting things to do, such as family fun runs, board games and lively discussions. She was introduced to Holy Trinity a few years ago by her daughter Katie when she visited her in Chicago.

Nikki Petroff currently resides in the South Loop and enjoys discovering new restaurants and boutiques in the neighborhood. She also appreciates the deep history that Chicago offers as well exploring different neighborhoods and admiring the amazing architecture and rich culture that adds to the beauty of the city.

Tim Peyton and his family, all active members of Holy Trinity, moved to Chicago from Cleveland, Ohio. Tim and Jenna met in southern California (where Jenna was raised), moved to Cleveland and raised their two daughters, Maggie and Katie (now 15 and 12). They live in Lincoln Park, and are enjoying the benefits of living in the city.

Chris Prokop hails from the south suburbs of Chicago and his alma mater is Northern Illinois University. He is an avid sports fan; you may recall he wore his Blackhawks jersey the first time he visited Holy Trinity with his now wife, Erica. Perhaps the most unique fun fact about Chris is that he is a four-time champion in a local bocce ball league.

Lee Owen recently moved to Chicago with his spouse Robin, who is a student at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He works in an education access nonprofit and is hoping to start a master's in social work. He is originally from Tennessee, and enjoys reading, vegan food, and playing with his new pup, Sophie.

Beau Surratt has spent most of his adult life in the Episcopal Church and has felt a clear call to fully embrace the Holy Trinity community since serving as HTLoop musician and coming on staff at HTLC full-time in August of 2017. Beau and his husband Steve have been together literally half his life and they live in Evanston with their cat Magellan. When he's not at Holy Trinity Beau is probably planning his and Steve's next Disney vacation.



THANKS TO ALL who served, volunteered, and assisted with the various tasks and responsibilities during Holy Week, enriching our community's observance of these solemn and moving liturgies.

EASTER SUNDAY LITURGIES

We continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ tomorrow morning with two Festival Eucharist services—9am & 11am—each featuring brass, timpani, and the Holy Trinity Choir.

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Cultivate empowering relationships
Delight in God's beauty
Engage With Intention



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