

## Welcome to Trinity!

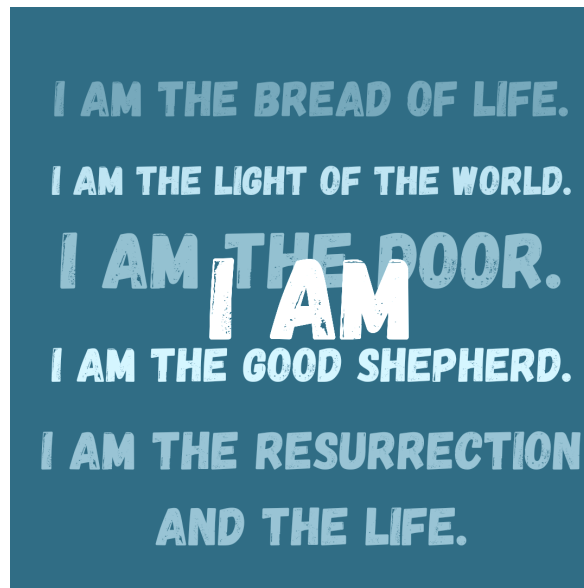
We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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### Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

9:30 am

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**Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ**



**Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....**The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

**JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP**

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**Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day  
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

**Prelude:** "Lenten Meditation" .....arr. Paul A McKlveen

Handbell Choir

**Word of Welcome**

**Announcements and Celebrations**

**Confession and Forgiveness:** *(Stand as you are able.)*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we bury others under our accusations and condemnations.**

**Too seldom, do we lift up those stuck in tombs of grief and despair.**

**Too soon do we give up on your powerful love to bring hope and life to us.**

**Too quickly are we spurred to anger.**

**Too slowly do we develop compassion for the other.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

P Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:**

*“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

**Greeting:**

**P** The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**



**Kyrie**

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

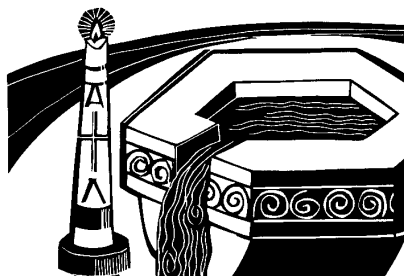
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**Prayer of the Day:**

**P** Almighty God, your son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breath upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*



## Word

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

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### Word for the Children



#### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-10

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and I was brought out by the spirit of the Lord and set down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> The Lord led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And the Lord said to me, ‘Mortal, can these bones live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then God said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Brief silence for reflection on the Word.*

#### Second Reading: Romans 6:1-5

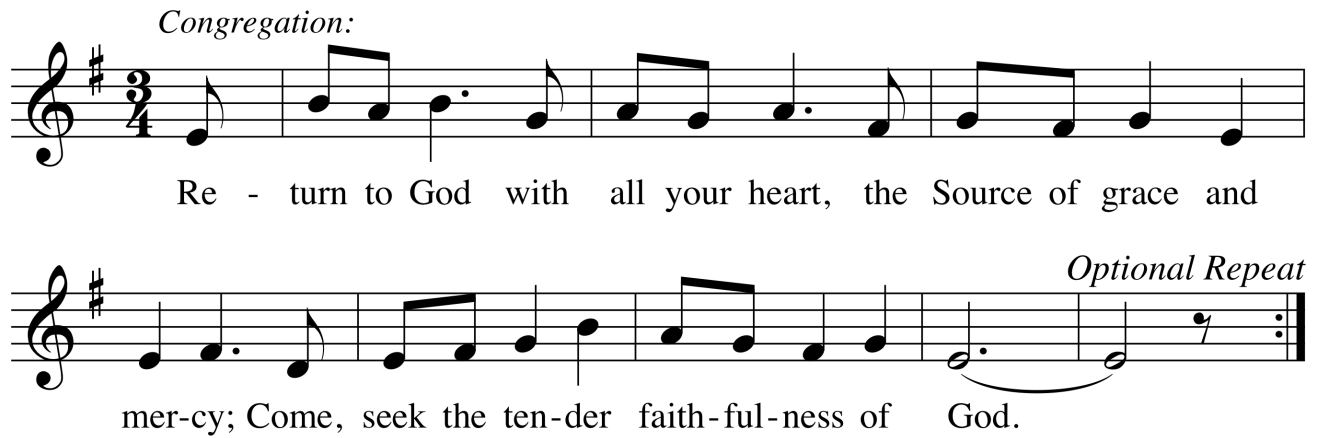
What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: (Stand)**

*Congregation:*



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

*Optional Repeat*

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- P The holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 11:17-27**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

- 1     **Christ is the life of all that is,  
God's pure creative Word,  
whose pow'r beyond and through all space  
the worlds to Being stirred.  
Christ is the life beyond all time,  
creation's birth and breath,  
whose labor brings all things to be  
and brings all things to death.**
  
- 2     **Christ is the death of all that is;  
a broad and beck'ning tomb,  
who welcomes us from well-worn ways  
to darkness of the womb.  
Christ is the death, the sinking down  
past all desire and fear,  
whose promise in the gentle dark  
bids newness to appear.**
  
- 3     **Christ is the death of all that is,  
a bright, consuming fire,  
whose flames require our prior self  
as kindling for the pyre.  
Christ is the death of dusty days  
of uncreative strife,  
for out from fire we tread upon  
the threshold of new life.**
  
- 4     **Christ is the life of all that is,  
Beginning and the End;  
creative force, most peaceful death,  
transforming burning brand.  
Christ is the life, in whose wise love  
creation lives and dies  
and thus forevermore shall bless  
the Source, the living Christ.**

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

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## Apostles' Creed:

- C** 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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession:

P Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

P Merciful God,  
C receive our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
C Amen.

## Peace

*Please be seated.*



**Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank's bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here's the link to the secure site: [bit.ly/TLCgives22](https://bit.ly/TLCgives22) Or scan this QR code:

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!





Sanctuary Choir

- 1 O blessed spring, where word and sign  
embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
here Christ enjoins each one to be  
a branch of this life-giving Tree.
- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years,  
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,  
the boughs will shout for joy again.
- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,  
we breathe our last, return to dust;  
still held in Christ, our souls take wing  
and trust the promise of the spring.

All: 5.Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for this blest

6  
mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re - vive and join us

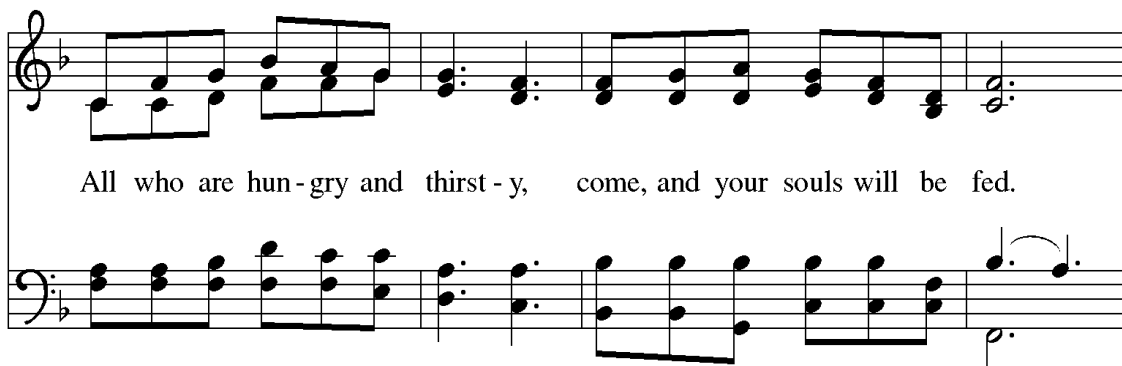
10  
to your Tree of Life.

(Stand as you are able.)

Setting the Table: ELW, No. 481..... "Come to the Table"



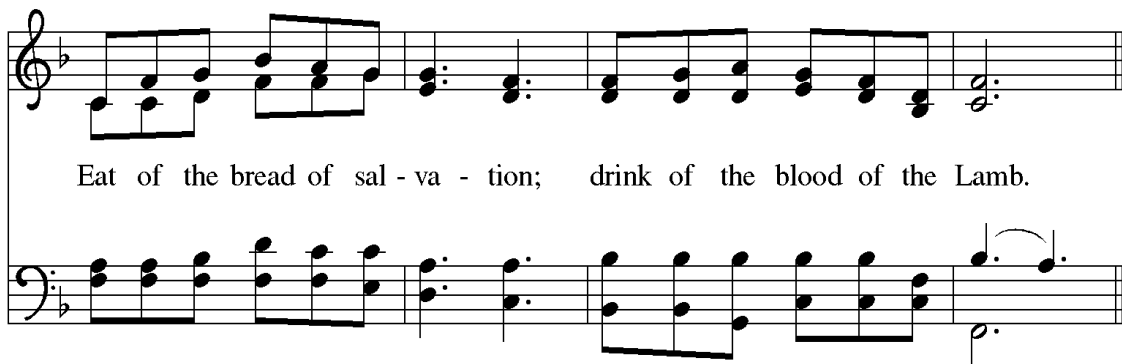
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942  
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956  
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**Offering Prayer:**

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving:**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord in joy.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



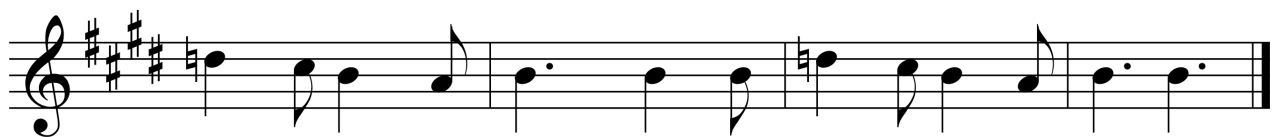
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Thanksgiving at the Table:

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version that speaks to you.

*(Traditional version)*

**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  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

*(Ecumenical version)*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers.  
Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

*Please be seated.*

### We invite worshippers to come forward for communion.

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

Pastor will distribute the bread and a deacon will be distributing the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.

*(Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat.)*

Come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the usher, and return to your seats using the aisle on the east side of the sanctuary.

**Gluten free wafers** are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

### Lamb of God:



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.



Music during Communion: ELW, No. 860 ..... "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

"Christ, the Life of All the Living" ..... arr. Michael Hassell

**Prayer after Communion** (*Stand*)

P O God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.  
C **Amen.**

**Sending**

*The triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing:** (*Stand*)

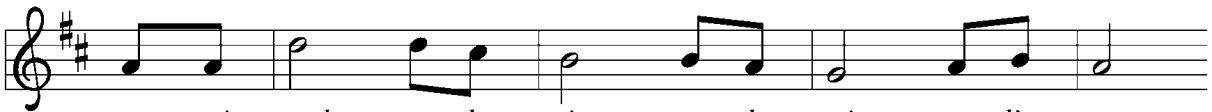
P God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.  
C **Amen.**



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

- 2 *Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route;  
 Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie,  
 et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel;  
 Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.*
- 3 *Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route,  
 Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix,  
 car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang;  
 Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.*
- 4 *Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route,  
 entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi,  
 jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé,  
 Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.*

**Dismissal:**

P Go in peace. Serve in love..  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "Kingsfold" .....arr. Sandra K. Tucker

Handbell Choir

**LENT AT TRINITY  
BREAK BREAD  
WITH US  
COME JOIN US  
WEDNESDAYS IN  
LENT  
SUPPER @ 6:30PM**



**Holden Evening Prayer  
7:30 pm**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT—March 1—March 29**

We hope that you and your family will plan on joining us each Wednesday evening in Lent (March 1—29) for a simple community meal followed by worship.

**The meal will begin at 6:30pm — a pasta bar thanks to the efforts of volunteers coordinated by Carol Wilson**

**Our brief Holden Evening Prayer worship will follow at 7:30pm.**

These Wednesday evenings have offered a wonderful opportunity to re-connect in community and to experience a sort of mid-week "respite of grace" in the midst of our otherwise busy schedules.

Join us as we move through this Lenten season of re-dedication and deepening of our faith. We look forward to seeing you there!

Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in person or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>

**Many thanks to the Women's Book Chat and Men's Study Group for preparing and serving on March 22!**

**HOLY WEEK  
AT TRINITY**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY 7:30PM**

**EASTER SUNDAY  
9:30AM & 11:00AM**

