

**CHRIST TRINITY**  
AN EPISCOPAL- LUTHERAN WORSHIPING COMMUNITY



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT    MARCH 16, 2025

PRELUDE

*Donald Sosin, organist*

WELCOME AND RINGING OF THE BELL

ASPERGES

*John-Arthur Miller*

Hear us, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, and graciously send Your holy Angel from heaven, to visit, guard, cherish, protect, and defend all that are assembled in this place: through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

H495



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures forever.**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

HS84

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The first three staves are for the 'Kyrie' part, and the last two are for the 'Christe' part. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' for the first three staves, and 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' for the last two staves. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are rests and slurs throughout the piece.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray together: **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Genesis 15

A Reading from **Genesis**

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the

Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.”<sup>8</sup> But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?”<sup>9</sup> He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”<sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.<sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.<sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

Psalm 27



<sup>1</sup>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?

<sup>2</sup>**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.**

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>**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. R**

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>**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.**

- <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, <sup>1</sup> when I call;  
 have mercy on me and <sup>1</sup> answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— <sup>1</sup> “Seek my face.”**  
**Your face, O Lord, <sup>1</sup> I will seek. R**
- <sup>9</sup> 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.
- <sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my moth- <sup>1</sup> er forsake me,**  
**the Lord will <sup>1</sup> take me in.**
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your <sup>1</sup> way, O Lord;  
 lead me on a level path, because of <sup>1</sup> my oppressors.
- <sup>12</sup> **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.**
- <sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness <sup>1</sup> of the Lord  
 in the land <sup>1</sup> of the living!
- <sup>14</sup> **Wait for the Lord <sup>1</sup> and be strong.**  
**Take heart and wait <sup>1</sup> for the Lord! R**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1**

A reading from Philippians;

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

## Day by day

H654

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

## GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

<sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' ”

The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, Lord Christ

## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

response: *receive our prayer*

PEACE

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

Nearer my God to thee

LEVAS54

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

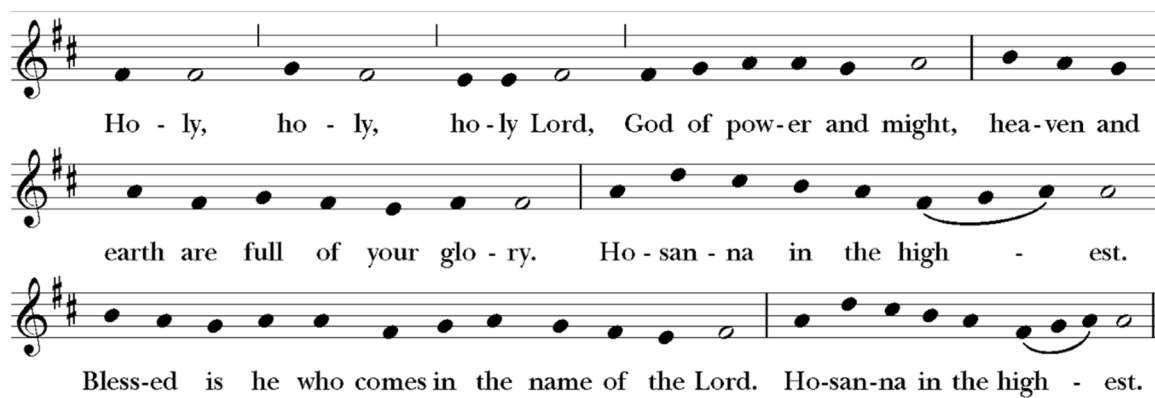
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS

S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD S161 (Hurd)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together; Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### BLESSING

#### SENDING HYMN

The God of Abraham praise

H401

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's flowers are given by Imelda Muller in loving memory of  
John & Imelda Morrissey

Memorial Service for Norman Hettinger will be held on  
March 22nd at 11:00am.

There will be a Spring Equinox Sound Bath in the sanctuary on  
March 22nd at 5:30pm.

Join us on March 30th for two special guests.  
Help us welcome our new Lutheran Bishop Nathan and Episcopal Bishop  
Doug Fisher.

Vendor & volunteer applications for Sheffield Pride are now open at  
[www.sheffieldpride.org/getinvolved](http://www.sheffieldpride.org/getinvolved)

Randy Wilburn's memorial service in Amherst will be held  
on March 29th

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