



March 27, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Holy Wednesday with Order of Healing

Rev. Harry Royer

This day was formerly called “Spy Wednesday,” an allusion to the gospel reading, in which Judas is identified as the betrayer of Jesus. As Jesus endured the suffering of the cross, we are called to run the race of life with perseverance, confident of the joy to come. In the Three Days, which begin tomorrow evening, we will journey with Christ from darkness to light, from captivity to freedom, from death to life.

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HOLY WEDNESDAY

THE ORDER FOR RECONCILIATION, ANOINTING, AND HEALING

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God.

Why no alleluias or hymns of praise during Lent? You may have noticed that the hymn of praise following the assurance of forgiveness is missing from our worship. We join other churches in omitting alleluias, glorias, and other hymns of praise as we turn again to our Lenten journey of exile and repentance. We long for the eschatological New Jerusalem "...the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:26). We walk in darkness awaiting the city of God where... "there will be no more night; the servants of God need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5). Until then, we travel with our Lord Jesus into the desert to face the devil, we join him in his triumphant procession into Jerusalem, we pray with him in the garden of Gethsemane, and we follow him to the painful cross and to the cold dark tomb. We trust that our journey with Christ does not end there. On Easter we once again join the praises of the choirs of heaven: "The Lord is risen; the Kingdom has come; our joy is complete; and, in concert with the angels and saints, we greet the risen Lord with shouts of 'Alleluia!'" (http://catholicism.about.com/od/worship/f/No_Alleluia.htm).

PRELUDE

O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde gross
(Please use the prelude as a quiet time to begin worship)

J. S. Bach

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

#322

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND LENTEN VERSICLES

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.

And also with you.

The prophet Joel calls us to return to the Lord with all our hearts.

Lord, use this holy season of Lent to reorient our lives toward you.

As we raise our voices in lament,

Comfort us and give us cause for hope.

Bless our worship, our work, and our play.

Guide us with your Spirit, that we may follow where you lead in confidence and trust.

EXAMINATION

(kneeling or seated)

Hear the commandments of God: I am the Lord, your God, who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me. **God have mercy upon us and guide us in your way.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

SILENCE

You shall not invoke with malice the name of the Lord, your God.

SILENCE

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it Holy.

SILENCE

Honor your father and your mother.

SILENCE

You shall not kill.

SILENCE

You shall not commit adultery.

SILENCE

You shall not steal.

SILENCE

You shall not bear false witness.

SILENCE

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. God have mercy upon us and guide us in your way.

Jesus said, the first commandment is: **Hear, O Israel, the Lord, our God, is the only holy one, and you shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

The second commandment is this: **you shall love your neighbor as you love yourself.**

No other commandment is greater than these.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep all these laws.

PRAYER

O God, the Father in heaven, **have mercy upon us.**

O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O God, the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, **have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, ever one God, **have mercy upon us.**

Let us pray together.

Merciful God, from whom come all holy desires and just works, breathe into our hearts by your Holy Spirit the gift of obedient faith, that we, knowing your will, may treasure these words in our minds and hearts, and may in all things love and serve you. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

COLLECT

Let us pray the collect together.

Holy God, whose presence is in Jesus Christ has drawn us closer to you, we give you thanks that our humanity is affirmed and our potential for good celebrated as we gather for instruction. Teach us to value the opportunity to serve with Christ that we might grow daily in understanding and commitment, not so much for our own fulfillment as to glorify our Savior and introduce others to discipleship. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.

Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

Let those who say, “Aha, Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

Let those who love your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”

But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

THE EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the

throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

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

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

St. John 13:21-32

Glory be to you, O Lord.

No. 498

After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining close to his heart; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival," or that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to you, O Christ.

No. 498

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Run the Race with Eyes Fixed on Jesus"

Rev. Harry Royer

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall 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.

HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
(PLEASE BE SEATED)

#323

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prelude I
(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

Frederick Jacobi

OFFERING RESPONSE

We Give Thee But Thine Own

#506

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ACT OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

To bear one another's burdens in prayer is a holy privilege. It also demands a willingness to be a channel for God's power. Therefore, in silence, let us offer our confessions to God that we may be cleansed of anything that might hinder our efforts as intercessors.

(PLEASE BE SEATED OR KNEEL)

SILENT CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF SINS

Let us confess together

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MERCY (TRISAGION)

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

ABSOLUTION

In Christ's name, and as one with you in the church, I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven!

In Christ's name, and as sisters and brothers in the church, we declare to you: your sins are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

THE ORDER FOR ANOINTING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we have confessed that which separates us from God, ourselves and one another and have received the promise of healing grace, so let us pray silently for all who need special healing.

SILENT PRAYER

(name those in need of healing)

O God of all comfort, our help in time of need, we humbly ask you in the power of your Holy Spirit to enter and heal your servants. Look upon them with your mercy; comfort them with the assurance of your care and goodness; save them from temptation and despair; give them patience under affliction; and enable them to place themselves in your hands of grace so that they may know and experience the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE OIL

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INVITATION

ACT OF ANOINTING

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you for our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us life; brought ministry, forgiveness, healing, and peace; commanded the disciples to heal the sick; and continued the healing ministry to this day. Keep us mindful of your love and mercy that we may be faithful throughout all our days. In his name we pray. **Amen.**

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

#324

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

MUSICAL MEDITATION

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE

My Heart is Ever Yearning

Johannes Brahms



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

--*Share God's love with our community*

--*Serve God's children*

--*Bring healing and wholeness to those in need*

--*Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study*

Ministering This Evening

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Preacher: Rev. Harry Royer

Building Trustee: John Shelsky

Ushers/Greeters: Betty Tyndall, Dan Otthofer

We welcome Pastor Emeritus Harry Royer as our guest preacher tonight. A graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and Lancaster Theological Seminary, Pastor Royer served the following congregations:

1965-68 Pastor, St. John's U.C.C., Freeland

1969-90 Pastor, St. John's U.C.C., Reading


1990-11 Pastor, Trinity U.C.C., East Petersburg

2011-15 Designated Supply Pastor, St. Luke's U.C.C., Lancaster


2018-19 Bridge Pastor, First Reformed U.C.C., Lancaster

On September 27, 2015, Trinity Church bestowed the title of Pastor Emeritus upon Rev. Royer.

Holy Week



GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29
7:00 PM



EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM - Sunrise Service-Eucharist
(in parking lot)
8:00 AM - Eucharist (in Sanctuary)
9:15 AM - Breakfast
10:30 AM - Eucharist (in Sanctuary)



March 28

2:00 PM **7:00 PM**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

**For those attending the Sunrise Service, please bring chairs.
In case of inclement weather, the Sunrise Service will be held inside.**

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST: The Parish Life Committee is organizing the Easter breakfast on March 31 from 9:15-10:00 a.m. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. There will obviously be no Sunday School classes that day!

LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES: This year our Lenten Denial Offering is being donated to the international disaster relief charity call ShelterBox. ShelterBox was established in 2000, and partners with Rotary International, providing emergency shelter and other aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster and conflict. ShelterBox is funded by public donations. A ShelterBox provides more than just a tent but also includes a kitchen set, blankets, ground mats, hats, gloves, scarves, mosquito net, water filtration system, water carriers, solar light box, children's school kit, hygiene supplies and wash basin. It also has a tool kit with a hammer, saw, wire cutters, and rope. The box weighs approximately 110 lbs. and is approximately 2'3" x 1.4" x 11" in size. The price of a ShelterBox is \$1000. As of April 2021, ShelterBox has provided support to two million people since its start in 2000.

NEW DIRECTORY: Look for a draft of a church directory across from the church office and make any necessary changes by the end of the month!

DEVOTIONALS: The April-June edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

MYSTERY READERS : Trinity Preschool is looking for Spring Mystery Readers for April. Please contact the Preschool through the church office or Email: preschool@trinityeastpete.org to schedule a time to read a book to a preschool class. It's a fun way for Trinity members to support and be part of our preschool.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

\$8 per Sub Coupon
Sign up sheet on table across from the office



TRINITY PRESCHOOL SUB SALE

We would like to thank you for supporting our fund raiser. When you redeem your coupon at S. Clyde Weaver you get to choose from at least seven sub varieties:

**Sweet Bologna · Ham · Italian · Turkey
Roast Beef · Chicken Salad · Tuna Salad**

BREAD OPTIONS:
white sub roll · bread · tortilla wrap

CHOICE OF YOUR CONDIMENTS:
mayonnaise · mustard · creamy horseradish · olive oil · vinegar

CHEESE OF YOUR CHOICE:
American · Provolone · Swiss

YOUR CHOICES OF VEGETABLES:
lettuce · tomatoes · onions · marinated onions · sweet peppers
banana peppers · hot peppers · black olives · pickles
salt · pepper · herb mix · Parmesan

Please make checks payable to: **TRINITY PRESCHOOL**

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **April 7 & 28**. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **April 7 & 28**. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

CHURCH MULCHING: The Property Committee is looking for volunteers on **Saturday, April 6 @ 8:30 am** to mulch the church property. We will be doing this in conjunction with the Trinity Preschool families and the Scout troop. Look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway across from the church office!



**Thursday, April 11
1:30 PM**

MEN OF TRINITY (M.O.T.) BREAKFAST: The men will be meeting in April 13 at 8:00 AM at Family Fare Restaurant. The sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office. This is open to all men of the church!

PRAYER SHAWL: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, April 16 from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.