

Liturgy at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

February 24, 2019 + 9am & 11am

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

Prelude

Help Us Create **SACRED SPACE** by powering down

Please do not use cell phones and other electronic devices.

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

As you pass the **baptismal font** upon entering or leaving the church, and/or on the way to communion, you may **dip your hand in the water** and **make the sign of the cross**. This is an ancient body prayer to remember you are a baptized child of God. Simply touch your forehead, chest, left shoulder, then right shoulder.

GATHERING

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

Our liturgy is multi-sensory and shows the significance of our bodies and all of God's creation. Used in many religions, the sweet smell of **incense** represents the rising of our prayers and the aroma of Christ spreading in procession throughout the world. We honor (cense) the primary symbols of the liturgy: the people, font, ambo (lectern), book of scriptures, cross, and table (altar).

Gathering Hymn

#651 *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power*
Stanza 4 – High Voices Alone (sopranos/altos)
Stanza 5 – Low Voices Alone (tenors/basses)

Greeting

*During the greeting the presiding minister and assembly **bow toward one another**. We learn from Eastern cultures the deep significance of a bow as a sign of mutuality and the presence of Christ among us.*

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.





1. Glo - ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; of
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son, you
 3. A - lone, O Christ, you on - ly are the Lord, at



heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing. We wor - ship
 bore for us the load of this earth's sin. O Lamb of
 God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high; who, with the



you, to you our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
 God, your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, re - ceive our
 Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored, with all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 pray'r, grant us your peace with - in.
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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 Music: Walter Creatorox, 1877-1949, © Oxford University Press

Canticle of Praise

Glory to God, We Give You Thanks

Let us pray... Amen.

~ be seated ~

WORD

According to the Genesis narrative, Joseph is aided toward forgiving his brothers because he trusts that God had directed everything for the greater good. However, for many Christians, it is difficult to see the hand of God underneath the power of evil. Thus this story might be helpful to some contemporary believers, but to others not. Over the centuries Christians have seen Joseph as a picture of Christ, who forgives everyone, even those who crucified him, and through whom God saves the people from certain death.

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

Prayer of the Day

First Reading
 | Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm 37

This paraphrase of Psalm 37 is sung by the assembly.



1 Com - mit your way to God the Lord— your cause will
2 Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and do not
3 Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the faith - ful
4 Com - mit your way to God the Lord, to peace and

shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's ho - ly
fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger, turn from
know their help is sure; to heav - en all our needs are
truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be your re -

word and you shall find what you de - sire.
hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.
known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.
ward, God's prom - is - es your heart's de - sire.

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Music (ROCKINGHAM 8.8.8.8): *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807), 1790, P.D.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians
15:35-38, 42-50

Paul's description of the resurrected body exemplifies the inability of human speech to articulate our faith in God's new creation. Paul writes about the seed dying, which is not literally true. None of our language about eternal life can be literally accurate. Yet together we "look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

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

Stand to welcome the gospel as Christ—the Word of God—as it is proclaimed among us in this place and time. Turn to face the book as the gospel is read in the midst of the assembly, a sign of Christ among us.



Verse: Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:35, 37)

Alleluia...

The forgiveness from God that Luke stresses in his gospel has implications: we are to forgive others. Followers of Jesus are called into extraordinary ethics, not merely towards general goodness. The stark radicalism of these passages—love your enemies, offer the other cheek, give to everyone who begs, do not judge—has inspired some saints, such as Francis, and some movements, such as Christian pacifism, to adopt exceptional lifestyles that challenge the more ordinary life lived by most of us.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia...(sung as above)

~ be seated ~

Following the sermon there is a time of silence for reflection and quiet meditation. Our liturgy is not only made up of words, gestures and music, but also moments of silence.

~ stand~

#716 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

~ be seated ~

Gospel Acclamation

Setting: John
Ferguson

The cantor/choir sings the acclamation and the assembly repeats. The cantor/choir sings the verse.

Gospel

| Luke 6:27-38

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.

Sermon

Silence

Hymn of the Day

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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

MEAL

A special welcome to newcomers! We invite you to fill out the yellow slip in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate when you come up for communion or as you depart.

We thank you for your generous support of Holy Trinity. We seek to **do church differently** as we address racial justice, climate change, and take stands for the rights and dignity of all people created in the image of God. Most of our congregation gives online and you can set up one-time or recurring donations at giving.htchicago.org.

Today's loose offering will support **ONE Northside**. Checks and envelope offerings support Holy Trinity's overall ministry unless designated otherwise. Offerings may be put in the basket **on the way to communion**.

Setting the Table

Offertory Hymn

| Blessed Be God Cantor/choir first, then sung several times by all.

~stand~

Bless-ed be God, who for-gives all our sins, who
heals all our ills, who crowns us with mer-cy and love.

Text: *Life Passages, Renewing Worship 4*
Music: Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960
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Great Thanksgiving

The thanksgiving includes the following:

| Dialogue

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, 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 Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The responses during the Thanksgiving at the Table echo the presiding minister.

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.

| Preface

| *Holy, Holy*

This ancient song is the musical climax of the liturgy and uses texts from Isaiah and Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. At the words "blessed is he who comes," some make the sign of the cross as a connection to our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection.

| Thanksgiving at the Table

| *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.

Breaking of the
Bread
Please remain standing.



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.



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

~ be seated ~



All are welcome at Christ's table, including children. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received either by drinking from the (silver) common cup, or by saving the bread and dipping it in the second (glass) cup. Gluten-free wafers are available from the presiding minister. 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.

Holy Trinity's radical welcome is also an **invitation to baptism** and a deeper connection to community. If you are not baptized, please speak to one of the pastors to learn more about the process of adult baptism.

Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me with faith, with hope, with charity;
That I may run, rise, rest with thee. Lord, who hast formed me out of mud, and
hast redeemed me through thy blood, and sanctified me to do good;
purge all my sins done heretofore for I confess my heavy score and I will strive
to sin no more. (Text: George Herbert, 1593-1633, alt.)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who, his own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you
out of darkness, into His marvellous light.
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service.
(Text from passages in Song of Solomon, Gospel of John and epistles of Peter and Paul.)

~stand~

Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace: your word has
been ful - filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion
which you have pre - pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple:

Communion

Communion Anthem

(9am)

Enrich My Heart
K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)

(11am)

Greater Love Hath
No Man
John Ireland
(1879-1962)

Silence

Canticle

Now, Lord, You Let
Your Servant Go in
Peace (Nunc
Dimittis)

a light to re-veal you to the na-tions and the glo-ry of your
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son,
 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it, as it was in the be-gin-ning,
 is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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Prayer

Let us pray. *brief silence*

Blessing

...Amen.

SENDING

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.

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

Sending Hymn

#867 *In Thee Is Gladness*

Sending

As God's own, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness and patience, forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you, and crown all things with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (*Col 3:12-14*)

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

9am:

| Prelude in G Major
 J.S. Bach
 (1685-1750)

11am:

| In Thee Is Gladness
 Paul Manz
 (1909-2009)

Following the liturgy, several things happen simultaneously: some folks greet one another and converse; others listen to the organ postlude; and others move to the front of the sanctuary for refreshments and social time.

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Today's flowers are sponsored by Peter Wong.

Signup on the back table for additional opportunities to sponsor the flowers that adorn our worship space each week.

SIMEON'S SONG: On the Sundays after Epiphany we will be singing the Song of Simeon to conclude communion. This canticle was a regular part of many historic Lutheran liturgies, and its place at the end of the service reflects gratitude for seeing the Lord's salvation in the eucharist, and departing in peace. Called the "Nunc Dimittis" in Latin, this biblical canticle from Luke 2 is also sung in Compline (Prayer at the Close of the Day) and sometimes at funerals, as it calls to mind Simeon who is able to die in peace having seen Jesus, the holy child and promised one.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

PRESIDING MINISTER-----	Pr. Craig Mueller
PREACHING MINISTER-----	Pr. Michelle Sevig
MINISTER OF MUSIC-----	David Brackley
GUITAR-----	John Kregor
ORGANIST (9am)-----	John Weit
CANTOR (9am)-----	Beth Kregor
ASSISTING MINISTER-----	Vicar Noah Herren
INCENSE-----	(9am) Megan White; (11am) Ernest Vasseur
CRUCIFER-----	(9am) Micah Cisneros; (11am) Cassie Moran
SACRISTAN-----	(9am) Megan White (11am) Patty Erickson
COMMUNION ASSISTANT-----	(9am) Kirstin Ruckdeschel, Ken Duckmann ----- (11am) Erik Friend, Melissa Ashby
MEDITATION BELL-----	(9am) James Perez, (11am) Jason Moy
READER-----	(9am) Lisa McDaniel, Christian Cisneros; (11am) Joel Cruz, Erik Friend
INTERCESSIONS-----	(9am) Daniel Schleis; (11am) Dinah Wayne
ACOLYTE TORCHBEARERS-----	(9am) Anna Vicknair, Ella Vicknair; (11am) Demi Spalla, Parker Spalla
ALTAR PREPARATION-----	(9am) Staff (11am) Anne Hulslander
WELCOME HOSPITALITY-----	(9am) Eric Breese, Mark Stolt, Jim Hiepler-Hartwig ----- (11am) Martin Collerd, Tom and Laura Spalla
BREAD-----	Karol Weigelt
COFFEE HOSPITALITY-----	John and Celina Flowers

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



A community organization with a history of nearly 60 years of powerful and effective community organizing. ONE Northside organizes people from over 100 institutions, as well as individual community residents, from Rogers Park, Edgewater, Uptown, Ravenswood, North Center, Lake View, and Lincoln Park.

ONE Northside is a mixed-income, multi-ethnic, intergenerational organization that unites diverse communities and builds collective power to eliminate injustice through bold and innovative community organizing. They accomplish this through developing grassroots leaders and acting together to effect change. They envision a diverse, united North Side of Chicago acting powerfully for shared values of racial, social, and economic justice in communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Our loose offering today will go to support ONE Northside.

Upcoming Service Opportunities

Serve with The Night Ministry Youth Outreach Bus + Thursday, February 28 + 6pm

Holy Trinity assembles and distributes 'meals in a bag' with the Night Ministry about every other month. You can help out by sponsoring grocery items financially, assembling the meals, and serving them in the community. Sign up for the next opportunity at serve.htchicago.org. With questions, contact Ken Duckmann (justducky514@yahoo.com).

Ash Wednesday March 6 + Liturgies at HTLakeview and HTLoop

Lent begins with a call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter and receive the sign of ashes – a reminder of our human mortality and frailty.

9:30am and 7:15pm (with choir)
HTLakeview, 1218 W. Addison

Noon at HTLoop (with Grace Episcopal)
Perfect for those who work downtown.



Movie Night at HTLoop + Saturday, March 9 after 5pm Worship

Movie Night HT Loop + *Three Identical Strangers*

This documentary, told by Tim Wade, is the story of triplets, separated at birth, who reconnect with each other, as they head into adulthood. The emotional roller coaster of the film, and it's unfolding of the deeper issues of adoption, nature vs nurture, ethnicity, modern science and secrecy, make this documentary riveting to watch. This is currently showing on CNN in case you'd like to watch it in advance.

Please bring food to share for the potluck we'll enjoy during the movie.

Run time is 1 hour, 37 minutes, followed by the *discussion*.

Newcomer Orientation + Monday, March 18 + 7pm

For those new to Holy Trinity (or Chicago), those who have been attending while but would like to deepen their connection to the church, and those interested in affiliating as a member or associate member. There will an opportunity to get to know each other and learn a little about Holy Trinity and its mission and ministry. Enter at 3609 Magnolia. 383 parking permits provided. RSVP helpful: office@htchicago.org.

A Podcast Conversation with Brené Brown Sunday, March 17 + Noon at HTLakeview Saturday, March 23 + 3pm at HTLoop



What: A Podcast conversation with Brene Brown

When: Sunday March 17 at HT Lakeview at 12:00 (includes a light lunch)

Who: Holy Trinity people who are interested in trying a new format for exploring Spirituality, Vulnerability, Strength, and ways to access tools for Rising Strong into the essence of who we are meant to be.

Why: Brene Brown is a popular social scientist who has written several books on Wholehearted Living. She has discovered that we are each brave as we open ourselves to our emotions and use curiosity to sort out what we really know about ourselves and each other. Her spirited thinking is explored in a podcast conversation with Oprah Winfrey based on a recent book, *Rising Strong*. We will listen to excerpts of the podcast and enjoy a conversation about making sense of our lived experience.

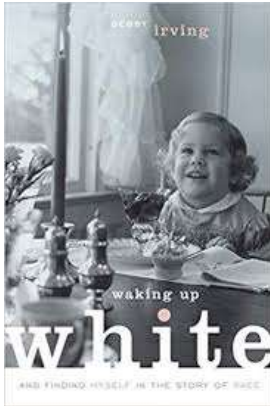
Prep: Those who sign up can watch Brene Brown's 2010 Ted Talk on vulnerability or read any of her books. This conversation will focus on *Rising Strong*.

Sign Up: Register at brene.htchicago.org | Sponsored by The Spiritual Life Center at Holy Trinity

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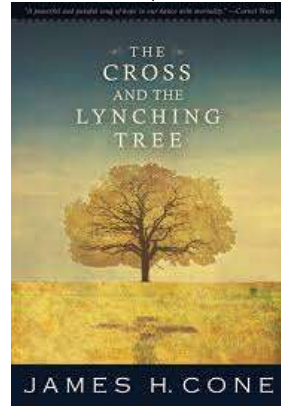
Read

Waking Up White
by Debby Irving
*a beginning exploration of racism
and racial tensions in narrative form*



Purchase the book on your own
Or copies available at church next week

The Cross and the Lynching Tree
by James Cone
*a theological exploration of two
emotionally charged symbols
in the history of the black community*



Purchase the book on your own
or email Pr. Ben (badams@htchicago.org)
If you need help getting a copy

Discuss

Waking Up White
Wednesdays in Lent at 10am
Beginning March 13
at HTLakeview

May (yes, May) 1 at HTLakeview
May 4 at HTLoop

The Cross and the Lynching Tree
Wednesdays in Lent at 6pm
Beginning March 13
at Holy Family Lutheran
542 W. Hobbie Street
Supper, Discussion, Vespers

Pray

Wednesday Morning Eucharist
Each Wednesday at 9:30am
HTLakeview

Hoken Evening Prayer for Lent

Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm + HTLakeview



Join us as we launch the Capital
Campaign Mardi Gras Style!

Food Stations
Choose Your Own Mardi Gras Adventure

Familiar Wait Staff
HTLC Youth Group Helping Us Celebrate

Festive Beverages
New Orleans Beignets and Coffee

Let The Lutheran
Good Times Roll!

(Laissez les bons temps rouler!)

You're Invited!

**Sunday, March 3, 2019
Mardi Gras Celebration**

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Passavant Hall at HTLakeview

Don't miss out on this special night.

RSVP Required by TODAY!

**Register at mardigras.htchicago.org or
via the sheet on the back table.**

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NEWCOMER OR FIRST TIME? WELCOME!

- + **Whoever you are**, wherever you're from, whatever the color of your skin, whomever you love or marry, or whatever your feelings about religion or spirituality, you are welcome here.
- + Please fill out a **yellow slip in the pew rack** and place it in the offering plate.
- + **More information** on Holy Trinity, Lutheranism, worship practices, marriage and baptisms at the welcome table.
- + **To families with small children**: We are glad you are here! If your child needs a break from the service, feel free to walk to the narthex/back of the church. **Nursery**: open 8:45am – 12:15pm Use the garden entrance on Addison; nursery is inside the door. **Special children's materials** are on a rack at the back of the church.
- + **Sunday School for children ages 4-12**: Children age 4- 12 are invited to join us for Sunday school each week. We begin promptly at 10am. Children age 4 through grade 2 meet upstairs in Passavant Hall. Children grades 3-6 meet in the Spiritual Life Center. Contact Pastor Sevig (msevig@htchicago.org) if you have any questions.



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