

Liturgy at
Holy Trinity
Lutheran Church

March 3, 2019 + 9am & 11am

Transfiguration of Our Lord



Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.

Prelude

Ballade #4 in f
minor, Op. 52
Frederic Chopin
(1810-1849)

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

#838 Beautiful Savior
Stanzas 2 & 3 – sung in harmony

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.



Canticle of Praise

| *Glory to God*



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Let us pray... Amen.

~ be seated ~

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

| Exodus 34:29-35

WORD

The story of Moses' veil is one of the three Old Testament passages that the lectionary places next to the Transfiguration. Moses can look directly at Jesus; the disciples are able to see the shining divinity of Christ; and in the resurrection by faith, so can we all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

| Setting: Hal H.

Hopson

The cantor/choir sings the refrain first and the assembly repeats. The cantor/choir sings the verses.

Refrain:



The Lord reigns; let the people tremble! God is throned on the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion, God is high above the nations. **Refrain**

May they praise your great and holy name! You are the holy one! Great judge, you love what is right, and have established justice in Jacob. **Refrain**

Glorify the Lord our God; bow down before the throne; Bow down] and worship God. You are the holy one. **Refrain**

Moses and Aaron among the priests, Samuel among those who called on God, all these cried to the Lord; God heard them and answered them. **Refrain**

In the pillar of cloud God spoke; they did God's will and kept the law. O Lord, you answered them; you punished their sins, but you forgave them. **Refrain**

Glorify the Lord our God; bow down at the holy hill, Bow down and worship God; the Lord our God is the holy one. **Refrain**



Contemporary devout Jews do not think of the Torah's representation of God as shining so radiantly that they cannot approach it. However, Paul's encounter with the risen Christ (1 Cor. 15:8) had led him to regard Judaism as a veil that could be removed in Christ. The Spirit of God means to transform us, just as Jesus was himself transformed by God. Paul's interpretation of passages from the Hebrew Scriptures begins the Christian practice of seeing in biblical Judaism the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ and the vocabulary we use in speaking of salvation.

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: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! (Luke 9:35)

Alleluia...

We too have encountered the presence of God, not on a Palestinian mountain, but in Jesus Christ. We too are called children of God, thanks to our baptism into Christ. Here on Sunday we listen to him, and for us now and at the end of time Jesus is the transforming manifestation of God. The optional verses are the one place in the three-year lectionary with the story of the healing of the epileptic boy. To proclaim both stories is to tie the inexpressible glory of God with the power of Jesus to exorcize evil.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glorify 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.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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

Swiftly Pass the
Clouds of Glory

~ stand ~

1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, heav - en's
2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, they shall
3. Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion with the
voice, the daz - zling light; Mo - ses and E - li - jah
gain and keep its truth, not by build - ing on the
pur - est light that shines, and re - cast our life's in -
van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height! Pe - ter,
moun - tain an - y shrine or sa - cred booth, but by
ten - tions to the shape of your de - signs, till we
James, and John fall si - lent, turn - ing from the sum - mit's
fol - low - ing the Sav - ior through the val - ley to the
seek no oth - er glo - ry than what lies past Cal - vary's
rise downward toward the shad - owed val - ley where their
cross and by test - ing faith's re - sil - ience through be -
hill and our liv - ing and our dy - ing and our
Lord has fixed his eyes.
tray - al, pain, and loss.
ris - ing by your will.

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Music: RUSTINGTON, C.H.H. Parry (1848-1918)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

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

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

~ be seated ~

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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

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

~stand~

Stanza 3 – sung in harmony

1. Je - sus on the mountain peak stands a - lone in glo - ry
2. Trembling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E - li - jah
3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God pro - claim - ing in its
4. This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and prophets sing be -

blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak, join the
speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law shout through
thun - der, Je - sus as the Son by name! Na - tions,
fore him, first and last and on - ly One. All cre -

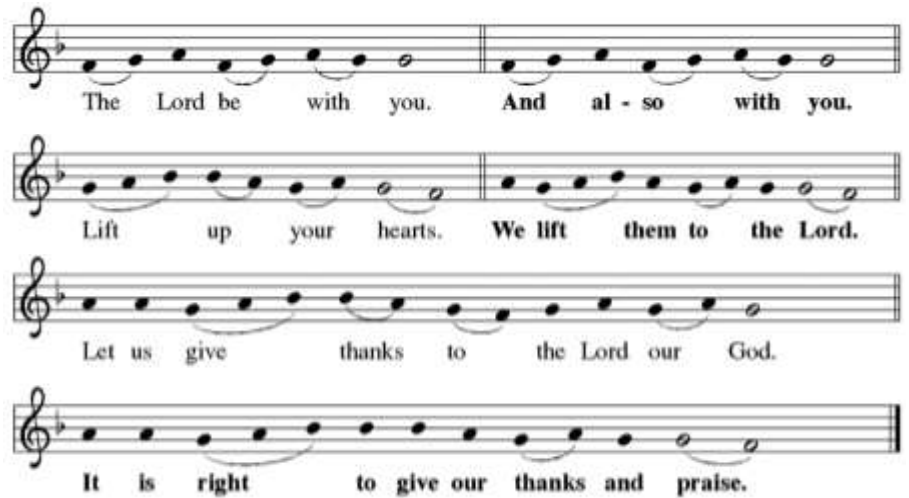
saints and an - gels prais - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
them their joy - ful greet - ing; Al - le - lu - ia!
cry a - loud in won - der: Al - le - lu - ia!
a - tion shall a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

| Preface

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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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:

| 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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

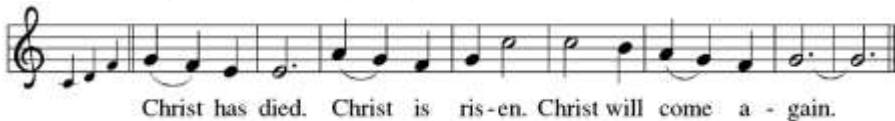
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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 -



...Remembering your faithfulness and mercy we offer ourselves in your service as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



... All glory and praise to you, O God, through the gift of your Spirit and in the grace of your Word, to the glory of your holy name.



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.

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 ~

Communion

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.

Communion Anthem

(9am)

○ *Nata Lux*
Thomas Tallis
(c. 1505-1585)

○ light born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,
With lovingkindness deign to receive our praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
Grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

(Text: Hymn at Lauds for Transfiguration)

O Light of Light, love given birth; Jesus, redeemer of the earth:
More bright than day your face did show, your raiment whiter than the snow.
Two prophets, who had faith to see, with your elect found company;
The heavens above your glory named, your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.
May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the king of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.
(Text: Latin, 10th century, trans. Laurence Housman, 1865-1959, alt.)

~stand~

Let us pray. *brief silence*

...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.*

#318 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Go forth to be the light of Christ for the world, as we journey from mountain to desert.
Thanks be to God!

*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**.*



Today's flowers are sponsored by Kent and Lora Swanson
in celebration of their 30th anniversary.

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

(11am)
| *O Light of Light*
Cary Ratcliff
(b.1953)

Silence

Prayer

**Farewell to
Alleluia**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Sending

Postlude

9am:
| *Fanfare*
William Mathias
(1935-1992)

11am:
| *Fanfare*
John Cook
(1918-1984)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

PRESIDING MINISTER	Pr. Craig Mueller
PREACHING MINISTER	Vicar Noah Herren
MINISTER OF MUSIC	David Brackley
PIANO	Matthew Blancett
ORGANIST (11am)	Beau Surratt
CANTOR (11am)	Lauren Haines Walerow
ASSISTING MINISTER	(9am) Ann Sanders; (11am) Scott Kuhagen
INCENSE	(9am) Matt James; (11am) Molly Beran
CRUCIFER	(9am) Micah Cisneros (11am) Oliver Sevig
SACRISTAN	(9am) Megan White (11am) Jonas Ellison
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INTERCESSIONS	(9am) Matt James; (11am) Erika Robeck
ACOLYTE TORCHBEARERS	(9am) Connor Egan, Jake Johnson; (11am) Grady Donnell, Annika Sevig
ALTAR PREPARATION	(9am) Drew Bradle (11am) Julie Sevig
WELCOME HOSPITALITY	(9am) Jeremy Loch, Andy Snyder, Lisa Snyder (11am) Martin Collerd, Emily Mongan, Laura Spalla
BREAD	Ann Sanders
COFFEE HOSPITALITY	Audrey Frost



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.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 and 6:15pm at HTLoop
(with Grace Episcopal)
Perfect for those who work downtown.



Lenten Devotional Available

Take a free copy of this year's Lenten devotional, *Living Well Through Lent*, found at the back of the church, or sign up to receive it online livingcompass.org/lent

Movie Night at HTLoop + Next Saturday 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*.

KIDS Night Out March 16 + 4-8pm + Passavant Hall at HTLakeview

The kids deserve a night out, away from their parents, to play and enjoy the company of others from HTLC. There will be free-play time and structured time for learning a Bible story and doing a craft. A simple dinner is provided. Ms Audrey, from the nursery, will host each KIDS Night Out and Annika Sevig will be her assistant. Families pay \$5-\$20, whatever seems right for your family. **Pre-registration and RSVP are required by March 13.** Contact Pastor Sevig (msevig@htchicago.org) for more information or to register. Mark your calendar now for the next Kids Night Out on April 27.

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

Upcoming Commemorations

March 7 + Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202

Vibia Perpetua was a noblewoman, and Felicity her slave, who were catechumens at Carthage, northern Africa. They, with four other catechumens, had defied the Roman emperor who had forbidden conversions to Christianity, and were put to death in the amphitheater.

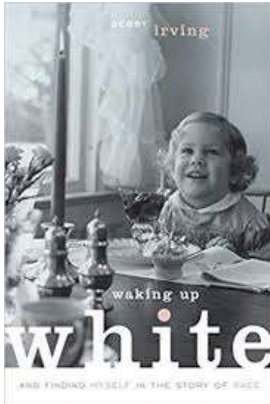
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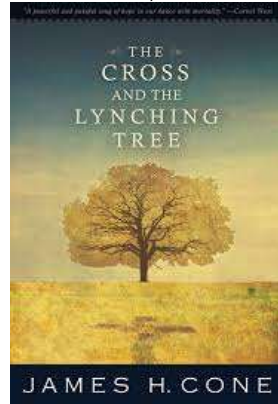
Read

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



Copies available here for \$20.
Pay at church or online at giving.htchicago.org

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

Holden Evening Prayer for Lent

Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm + HTLakeview

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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