

Liturgy at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

March 6, 2019 + 9:30am and 7:15pm

Ash Wednesday



OUR LITURGY DURING LENT

Kneeling: Lent is a time for penitence and reflection. The posture of kneeling during Lent suggests repentance and dependence on God. You are welcome to use the pew kneelers before the liturgy or after receiving ashes.

Environment: During Lent our worship environment and liturgy are simplified, helping us to focus on essentials. Flowers are not used during Lent and the word “alleluia” is not spoken or sung until Easter. The stones and bare branches in the worship space evoke the wilderness. The word Lent means “spring” and we await the turning of winter to spring as we prepare our hearts with joy for the annual paschal celebration of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear in today’s readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord. During Lent the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection. The sign of ashes suggests our human mortality and frailty. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God’s mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

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

Please do not use cell phones and other electronic devices.

We invite you to participate in the *rituals and practices* of our liturgy as you feel comfortable and are able.

GATHERING

At 9:30am the liturgy begins with the Prayer of the Day. At 7:15pm the choir sings as the ministers enter.

7:15pm only:
Entrance

| O Jesu Christe
Rinaldo del Mel
(c.1554-c.1598)

Prayer of the Day

First Reading

| Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The assembly enters in silence.

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

○ Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.

We with sorrow languish here.

○ Lord, Our God,

Thou art our only hope,

Cry we then to thee,

have mercy upon us.

Let us pray... Amen.

~ be seated ~

WORD

The reading from Joel begins Lent with the stark call to repentance. The community is to meet together to weep and fast and pray. At the conclusion of this long season of Lent and Easter, the lectionary returns to a quote from Joel in Peter's sermon on Pentecost that promises the coming of the Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 51

The assembly sings the
Psalm paraphrase
together.

1 Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it
2 So shall sin - ners be re - stored and re - turn to
3 Not the for - mal sac - ri - fice has ac - cept - ance
4 Pros - per Zi - on in your grace and her bro - ken

right and true; in your pres - ence let me stay,
you, their Lord; Sav - ior, all my guilt re - move,
in your eyes; bro - ken hearts are in your sight
walls re - place: then our right - eous sac - ri - fice

by your Spir - it show the way; your sal - va - tion's
and my tongue shall sing your love; touch my si - lent
more than sac - ri - fi - cial rite; con - trite spir - it,
shall de - light your ho - ly eyes; free - will of - ferings,

joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.
lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac - cord.
plead - ing cries, you, O God, will not de - spise.
glad - ly made, on your al - tar shall be laid.

Words: *Psalter*, 1912, alt., P.D.

Music (REDHEAD 76 | 7.7.7.7.7.7): Richard Redhead, 1853, P.D.

7:15pm only:

Gospel Acclamation

Setting: Aaron
David Miller

Sung by the choir.

Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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

Eternal Lord of Love,
Behold Your Church

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.

Return to the LORD, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

Since the Middle Ages, this text was proclaimed on Ash Wednesday, and its call for alms-giving, prayer, and fasting lays out what have been called the three disciplines of Lent. The discipline of fasting means not to denigrate the human body, but to symbolize the turn from self-indulgence so as to care for the neighbor and rely on God. In the surprise of faith, we discover that these disciplines can accompany us as we journey to the alternative treasures that come from God alone.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

~ 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 ~

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has three verses of lyrics. The second system has two verses of lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
 know - ing our - selves hap - tized in - to your death:
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
 so we are dead and live with you in God.
 so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

~be seated~

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Kneel. The assembly keeps an extended period of silence for reflection and self-examination.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.



Most holy and merciful God,
 we confess to you and to one another, and before the whole company of
 heaven, that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault, by our own
 most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done
 and by what we have left undone.

Invitation to
Lent

Silence

Confession of
Sin

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as...

Presiding minister		Assembly
		
1 ...we	have been for - given,	Have mercy on us, O Lord.
2 ...grieved	your Ho - ly Spirit,	
3-8 ...we	con - fess to you.	

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

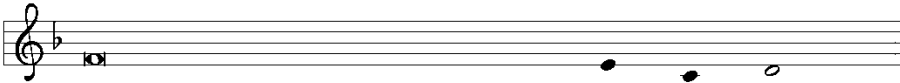
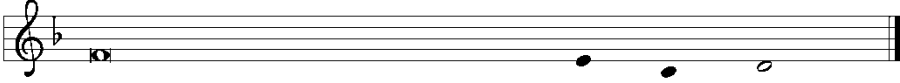
Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you. **Have mercy on us, O Lord.**


9 Restore us, O God, and let your anger de - part from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mer - cy is great.

Blessing of Ashes

Imposition of Ashes

Please be seated. Those who desire to receive ashes as an outward sign of repentance may come forward to receive ashes on the forehead. As the ashes are imposed, the minister says, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Sung during the imposition of ashes:

Refrain

Ash Wednesday: Sign us with ash - es, mer - ci - ful God,
Chil - dren of dust, as to dust we re - turn. Sign us with
ash - es, mer - ci - ful God; Mark us and make us your
own. *Last time* own, mark us and make us your own.

~kneel~

Presiding minister

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your sal - vation,
Assembly
that we might show forth your glory in the world.
By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to joy of his res - ur - rection.

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

After each petition:

Hear us, O God,
your mercy is great.

Silence

Prayers of
Intercession

Peace

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

Great Thanksgiving

The thanksgiving includes the following:

| Dialogue

| 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.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

~ be seated ~

MEAL

The table is set in silence and the liturgy continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

~stand~

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.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts

and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,

that, renewed in the gift of baptism,

we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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:



...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

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.



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.

Please be seated after the "Lamb of God" is sung.

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

Communion Anthem

Return to the Lord,
Your God
Carl Schalk (b. 1929)

Silence

Prayer

Blessing

Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

(Text: Joel 2:13)

~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 recesses, you may **bow** as it passes, honoring the mystery of our salvation.

Sending Hymn

Restore In Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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Sending

The assembly departs
in silence.

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;
be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S LITURGIES

PRESIDING MINISTERS-----	Pr. Craig Mueller, Pr. Michelle Sevig
PREACHING MINISTER-----	Pr. Craig Mueller
ASSISTING MINISTER-----	Vicar Noah Herren
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INCENSE (7:15pm)-----	Joel Cruz
CRUCIFER (7:15pm)-----	Steven Roets
SACRISTAN (7:15pm)-----	Joel Cruz
COMMUNION ASSISTANT(7:15pm)-----	Drew Bradle, Erik Friend
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READER (7:15pm)-----	Johanna Olson
INTERCESSIONS (7:15pm)-----	Ann Sanders
ACOLYTE TORCHBEARERS (7:15pm)-----	Ernest Vasseur, Ken Duckmann
ALTAR PREPARATION (7:15pm)-----	Drew Bradle
WELCOME HOSPITALITY-----	Dinah Wayne, Martin Collerd, James Perez

ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the forty-day season of Lent. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance, cleansing, human mortality, and mourning. Early Christians adapted the Jewish practice of ashes as an external sign of penitence. The imposition of ashes has been part of the Ash Wednesday liturgy since the tenth century.

With the use of ashes we recall God's words to Adam and Eve following their disobedience: *You are dust, and to dust you shall return.* On Ash Wednesday we use an extended Litany of Penitence in which we corporately confess our sin. The spirit of the day is similar to the Day of Atonement on the Jewish calendar. The liturgy is marked by solemnity, restraint and simplicity, and throughout the service there are periods of silence.

Ashes also remind us of our mortality and the shortness of human life, calling to mind the words of committal in the funeral liturgy: *We commit his/her body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.* Yet, rather than leading us to a morbid dwelling on death, the ashes on our forehead invite us to make a new beginning. By honestly facing our need for forgiveness and healing, we turn to the springtime of God's mercy and grace. With the cross on our brow, we journey through Lent, longing for Easter's baptismal waters and our own spiritual rebirth.

WHAT SHALL I GIVE UP OR TAKE ON THIS LENT?

For many Lent is a time to "give something up" like sweets, meat or alcohol. This "fast" can be a balance to our over-indulgent lives and prepare us for the feast of Easter.

The traditional "disciplines" of Lent are fasting, almsgiving and prayer. You might want to consider your own ways to incorporate these aspects into your Lenten observance. Lent can also be a time to take something on for the season.

Fasting can help us identify with those who are hungry and otherwise needy in our world. It can help us reflect on our own needs and hungers as well. You may want to eat simpler meals during Lent, or give up one meal a week (Wednesdays and Fridays are traditional fast days). Or you might consider fasting from television or other electronics. Or you could fast from complaining, fast from talking ill of others, or fast from rushing through your day.

Almsgiving is what we give to others, especially those in need. Folks often begin with giving a financial gift that supports a cause such as world hunger, a food pantry, or many others. Consider also making a visit to someone who is sick, lonely or sad.

Prayer is a discipline that can be expressed in many ways. Perhaps you could commit to being more regular in Sunday worship or attending the Wednesday Lenten services. You could spend time in silence, read a devotional book, or doing something prayerfully that will refresh your soul.

Other things to give up or take on during Lent:

1. Take a day or portion of a day to renew your spiritual life. Don't be concerned about accomplishing anything. Go for a walk. Read a book for pleasure. Spend time with a loved one.
2. As you take something on find something else you can remove from your routine or schedule.
3. Find ways to simplify your life. Focus on essentials.
4. Turn off the TV, radio and computer (fast from screens) and do something more organic like cooking, writing, sewing, cleaning or crafts.
5. Spend some time alone and learn how to be comfortable with solitude and silence.
6. Consider balance in your life. Do you need to focus more on your physical, emotional, intellectual or social side?
7. Read an entire book of the Bible, such as Luke (the Gospel we read in the lectionary this year) or John. Or use psalms as part of your time of prayer and centering.
8. Find ways to be generous and to give of your time, your financial resources, and your God-given talents and abilities.
9. Use Lent to do something you have previously put off or procrastinated.
10. Sign up to volunteer at a pantry or shelter through Grace or Holy Trinity.

These are a few suggestions to get your creative juices flowing. Consider what is appropriate for you during this Lenten season. How might you grow in faith and love and also prepare for the feast of Easter?

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 + 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 its 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.

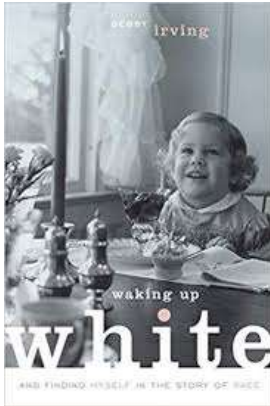
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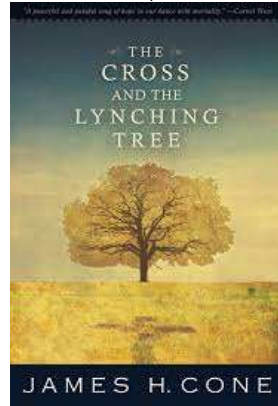
Read

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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