

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Buffalo, New York**

**Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday**  
**March 28, 2010**

**HOLY COMMUNION –10:30 a.m.**

**VOLUNTARY**

From the *Opus 122, Five Chorale*

Preludes for Holy Week

Johannes Brahms

*Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended?*

Two settings of *O World, I Now Must Leave Thee*

Two settings of *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

**SILENT PROCESSION OF CHOIR AND CLERGY**

*The Baptismal Party, the choir and all the children of the church are invited to gather at the font.*

**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*  
We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness,  
grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Who presents this child for Holy Baptism?

*Abigail and Garrett respond*  
We present Anders McAllister for baptism.

*Pastor Olsen addresses the baptismal party:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Anders baptized into Christ?

*Margaret and David respond:*  
We do.

*Pastor Olsen continues:*

As you bring Anders to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten  
Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that Anders may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Margaret and David respond:*

We do.

*Pastor Olsen addresses Abigail and Garrett:*

Abigail and Garrett, do you promise to nurture Anders in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*They respond:*

We do.

*Pastor Olsen addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Anders and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Pastor Buerk addresses the baptismal party. The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Congregational Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

**I renounce them.**

*Pastor Buerk addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

Anders McAllister Ulrich, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, Pastor Bang prays:*  
Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Anders McAllister with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Anders McAllister, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## **WELCOME AND BAPTISMAL SHAWL PRESENTATION**

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the new member you have sent to us!

May this child be blessed with love, wrapped in your loving arms and protected from all evils. With this Baptism, this child has been knit together in God's love and woven into the fabric of our community. Give us all the wisdom to be the nurturers and teachers God wants us to be.

**Amen.**

*A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized as Pastor Olsen says:*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## THE BLESSING OF PALMS AND PROCESSIONAL HYMN

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and for the promises of heaven bestowed on Anders and upon all of us at our baptism. We participate in his life, death and resurrection through baptism and on this day we recall that he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless the branches we carry and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us go forth in peace,

C **in the name of the Lord.**

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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*Refrain:* All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels is praising you on high;  
Creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. *Refrain*
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims with palms before you went.  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present. *Refrain*

- 4 To you, before your Passion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- 5 Their praises you accepted; accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious king. *Refrain*

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE GREETING**

## **THE OFFERING**

## **THE MOTET**

*Christus Factus Est*

Anton Bruckner

Christ was made obedient for us, obedient even unto death on the cross! Wherefore hath the Lord exalted Him, and given to Him a great name. That is highest, higher than all great names.

## **THE READING: Luke 23:1-12**

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to



see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

## **THE PRAYER MEDITATION**

### **THE READING:** Luke 23:13-25

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

## **THE MEDITATION**

The Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

**THE READING:** Luke 23:26-31

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

**THE HYMN**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

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**THE READING:** Luke 23:32-38

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

**THE PRAYER MEDITATION AND COMMUNION**

(Communion this day will be distributed by station, one at the head of each aisle.)

## COMMUNION MOTETS

### *Panis Angelicus*

Pierre Villette

The bread of angels becomes the bread of men; the heavenly bread gives an end to earthly forms. O thing marvelous: ingests the Lord doth the poor man, slave, and humble one. Thou triune God united, we pray that you come to us, just as you do in heaven. Through your path extend to us to dwell in light, to live. Amen.

### *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### **THE READING:** Luke 23:39-49

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

### **THE CLOSING HYMN**

*Beneath The Cross of Jesus*

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Monday – Friday of Holy Week at Holy Trinity**

- 7:00 a.m. Devotions in Mansperger Chapel
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Room

### **Maundy Thursday at Holy Trinity**

- 11:45 a.m. Worship in Mansperger Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Service with full choir in main sanctuary, including footwashing, individual absolution and Holy Communion

### **Good Friday at Holy Trinity**

- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service with full choir in main sanctuary

### **Good Friday at Parkside**

- 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service

### **Holy Saturday at Holy Trinity**

- 8:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Communion and the Affirmation of Baptism

### **Easter Sunday at Holy Trinity**

- 8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion in Main Sanctuary
- 8:30–10:00 am Easter breakfast in Redeemer Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Preservice music with Choir and instruments
- 10:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion

### **Easter Sunday at Parkside Lutheran**

- 9:30 a.m. Festival Service of Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. Easter breakfast

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Bang's Monday morning Bible Study will meet tomorrow, March 29 at 9:30 a.m.

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Today Pastor Buerk will be unwrapping Hans Küng's *A Short History of the Catholic Church*. The series will resume on April 11, the Sunday after Easter, and conclude on May 16 with a presentation by Buffalo News columnist Donn Esmonde.

**COFFEE HOUR:** The Ulrich family invites the congregation to the coffee hour following the service in celebration of Anders' baptism.

Yoga will continue this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunday School. An offering of \$5 is suggested. Please see Uli MacDonald for information.

Health Kits - Last Fall, Lutheran World Relief released a memo that they were experiencing a shortage of Health Kits. At that point, Women of ELCA decided we would coordinate the donation of items at Holy Trinity. Since the decision was made, even more health kits have been distributed through LWR, especially in Haiti. Monetary donations will also be accepted, make checks out to Holy Trinity and mark for health kits. There will be a collection box for items in the sacristy. Items for each kit are: a hand towel and a washcloth, dark color recommended; one bath-size bar of soap, in its original wrapping; one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging; one sturdy comb; one metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached; Six Band-Aids® (or similar brand).

A class of new members will be received on Sunday, May 9, 2010. There are several new member opportunities which you are invited to attend. On Tuesday, April 20, we will host a dinner with the Pastors at 6:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a dessert/coffee hour. Those interested in becoming a new member or in learning more about Holy Trinity and the Lutheran Church are welcome to attend.

Easter Flowers – The Worship Committee has once again arranged for lilies to be placed in the chancel on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a lily in the chancel, please fill out the form located in the church and chapel narthex and mail to the church office. The cost is \$9.25.

Women of ELCA will hold their Spring Assembly at Holy Trinity on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Mark your calendars and look for a flyer on the bulletin boards and further information in the bulletin.

It's the last week for the Annual LYO Plant Sale. Order forms may be obtained from the church or chapel narthex or any LYO member. Orders are due Sunday, April 4 and pick up will be Saturday, May 22.

The *Worship to Go!* ministry gratefully acknowledges the participation of those amazing people who have helped with the services. We visit one facility each Sunday afternoon and we really need some help (especially with music!). Please prayerfully consider joining us one Sunday. Contact Sr. Donna at 812-7363 or call the church office.

The Social Ministries Committee will hold its Annual **Health Fair** on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The event will be divided into two segments. The Adult Education Hour will feature a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association, presenting information on an ever increasing health concern. Following the 10:30 service and the Coffee Hour, various organizations will have tables set up in Redeemer Hall representing a plethora of Health Care problems and their solutions. Parish Nurse, Pat Mohr, has gathered a distinguished group of presenters, including the Alzheimer's Association, Hospice, Erie County Senior Citizen's Services, the Catholic Health System, Hope Chest Dragon Boat Team, the Breast Cancer association of Western New York, and New York Connect, to allow members of the congregation to seek information and aid. The interactive experience should be extremely informational. As always, there will be plenty of free handouts, a children's corner, fellowship, and fun for all.

At 8:30 a.m. the acolyte is Marissa Pellnat. Communion assistant is Sue Fayle. Ushers are David and Pat Ulrich.

At 10:30 a.m. greeters are Pat LaMancuso and Joan and Bob Limburg. Ushers are Paul Biesinger (captain), Paul Bauchle, Richard Bundt, Tony Glieco, Melissa Haller, Cliff Lochhaas, Paul Nikischer, Sue Saur, Herbert Schmidt and Gerard Schneggenburger. Communion Assistants are Paul Bauchle, John Knipler, Graham Marks and Derek Marks. Worship assistants are Graham Marks and Derek Marks, crucifers; Lydia Webb, James Kryszczuk, Amanda Wright, Teddy Marks, Kara Kryszczuk and Jeremy Wright.

The flowers at the altar are given in loving memory of John F, Schleifer, Sr. and Gerrie Schleifer by Lynn, Tony and A.J. Glieco; and in honor of Leah Behrens on the occasion of her birthday by Thomas Johnson.



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and in our fellowship in the gospel Anders McAllister Ulrich, infant son of David and Margaret.

*Communion Statement*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Non-communing adults and children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so. For those who are allergic to wheat, you may receive gluten-free wafers from the Pastor.

**THE FIRST AID KIT AND THE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL  
DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) ARE LOCATED IN THE SACRISTY –  
OPPOSITE THE OFFICE DOORS**

**PLEASE, TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS  
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