

# **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Guide**

## **Service of Holy Communion**



*"Of Seeds and Salvation"*

**March 21, 2021**

**+ INDICATES THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS YOU ARE ABLE**

## **WELCOME FROM PASTOR JACK**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of heaven and earth,  
you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,  
embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

P: Merciful God,

C: **forgive us.**  
**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.**  
**We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**  
**We were silent when we should have said something.**  
**We acted when we knew better.**  
**We were still when we know we should have moved.**  
**For the wrong we have done,**  
**for the good we have failed to do,**  
**have mercy on us,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

P: People of God, look to the ✙ Son,  
given to heal you and set you free  
because God loved the world so much.  
Take hold of life—eternal life!

C: **Amen.**

#### **+HYMN      O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

1 O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

4        O Cross that liftest up my head,  
          I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
          I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
          and from the ground there blossoms red  
          life that shall endless be.

## **SALUTATION**

**P:**        The Lord be with you.

**C:**        **And also with you.**

## **+ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE ASSIGNED SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Hebrews 5:5-10**

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## John 12:20-33

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**SERMON**            "Of Seeds and Salvation"

## QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION & PRAYER

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ♪      **When Peace, like a River**  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

1      When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
when sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

3      He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

## **+THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **+ EXCHANGE OF PEACE:**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always

**C:** And also with you

*(Please wave to your nearest worship neighbors)*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*(Offering baskets will not be passed around. At the conclusion of the service, please place your offering in designated baskets in the rear of the sanctuary.)*

**P:** Merciful God,  
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving  
and the offering of our lives,  
that following in the way of the cross,  
we may know the joy of the resurrection;  
through Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *"In the night in which he was betrayed..."*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(At the invitation of the pastor, please open your communion kit and consume the host and grape juice)*

## + POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P: Compassionate God,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:  
may our fasting be hunger for justice,  
our alms, a making of peace,  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Christ our Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

## **+ BENEDICTION**

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,  
and claimed us as children of the light,  
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you ✝ peace.

C: **Amen.**

## **+ SENDING HYMN      Christ, the Life of All the Living**

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving  
to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suffering, death, and merit  
life eternal I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,  
dearest Jesus, unto you.
- 2 You have suffered great affliction  
and have borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion,  
fully to atone for me;  
for you chose to be tormented  
that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,  
dearest Jesus, unto you.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **+THE DISMISSAL**

P: Marked with the cross of Christ,  
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Weekly Announcements

**Lector:** Ellen Crane   **Music Director:** Chad Flynn   **Video:** Jonathan Bollard

**Lectors (Readers) are needed for our Good Friday Service - 6:00pm on April 2.** If you can volunteer for this important role, please contact Pastor Jack at [jackspartan79@gmail.com](mailto:jackspartan79@gmail.com) or notify the church office at 973-625-0110. Please volunteer as soon as possible so that a schedule can be created and "speaking parts" can be disseminated well in advance.

**COVID Vaccinations for those 65 years old and older are available on a "fast track" basis.** Tired of waiting for an appointment? Contact Grethe Zarnitz at 973-975-9524. Vaccinations will be given at the Rockaway Mall location.

### Looking Ahead to Holy Week (all services "in person"):

Palm Sunday – 11:00am	Liturgy with Palms
Holy Thursday – 6:00pm	(No seder dinner; liturgy only)
Good Friday - noon-	Community Service at the Methodist Church of the Rockaways, 1 Hoagland Ave, Rockaway Boro
6:00pm	Liturgy at Holy Trinity
Saturday, 4/3- noon -	"Drive By" Easter Bunny visits
Easter Sunday	NO sunrise service at Nor-bu 11:00am Liturgy

**Meet the Easter Bunny on Saturday 4/3 at noon!** Due to COVID restrictions we will not be able to host an egg hunt, but we will offer a "drive by" visit/photo opportunity, like we did with Santa Claus. Children will receive goody bags, too. For more information, watch future bulletins or contact Erin Osterhout at 973-615-1026.

**Blood Donors urgently needed.** Please consider donating blood at our sister congregation, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Road in Sparta. Hours are 1pm - 7pm on Thursday, April 29. CDC guidelines will be followed. Donors will be asked a series of screening questions and will have their temperatures checked prior to eligibility. For more information contact Shepherd of the Hills at 973-729-7010 or email at [office@sothnj.org](mailto:office@sothnj.org)

**First Holy Communion News:** Due to the COVID pandemic and its restrictions, our first holy communion class will be postponed until further notice. We regret this interruption with respect to family milestones, etc. and pray for your patience and understanding.

**The women of the church (WELCA-Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)** will meet after Sunday Services on March 21. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us. For information, questions, please call Marga Conn (475-330-4128), or via email ([Tantemarga@outlook.com](mailto:Tantemarga@outlook.com)) or the church office.



**Easter Relief to the Poor.** Holy Trinity is supporting the Rockaway Holiday Wishes campaign. Please purchase gift cards in \$20 denominations from Walmart, Target, and ShopRite. Then, either bring the cards to worship on Sundays and drop them off in the designated basket (rear of the church) or mail the cards and/or personal checks to:

Holiday Wishes  
c/o Brenda Dunn  
43 Willow Ave.  
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Deadline to contribute to the Holiday Wishes relief campaign is Sunday, March 21. For more information, contact Brenda Dunn at 201-400-7570.

**Want to sponsor an Easter Lily to adorn our altar?** Please see the order form in today's bulletin. Deadline to place orders is March 21. For more information contact our church office at 973-625-0110.

**Did you know...**approximately two hundred viewers "tune in" each week through our internet streaming of the worship experience. We are reaching viewers as far as Texas, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Maine. Thanks to modern technology we are living out Jesus' great commission to proclaim God's Word near and far (see Matthew 28).

**All liturgical wording for our worship services** comes from the national office of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and is the standard recommended Lutheran liturgy for all Lutheran congregations across the United States.

**Food Collections.** Please note: Please donate only **NON-PERISHABLE** food items. Do not drop off milk, bread, or various dairy products as these items may spoil prior to public distribution.

**Lunch & Learn Adult Bible Study will be offered again on April 7.** Join us at noon...bring a bag lunch. Physical distancing and facial coverings will be mandatory. For those unable or uncomfortable attending in person, the Bible study will be live streamed through the ZOOM format. Please contact Pastor Jack about the ZOOM link.

**Clothing Donations:** Please place in the RED BIN in the rear parking lot of the church. Also taking shoes, handbags, stuffed toys, and linens!

**Want to give electronically?** 40% of our offerings now come in via electronic giving sources. To learn more, simply go to our web page at [www.rockawaylutheran.org](http://www.rockawaylutheran.org) and click on the "donate" button. . . then follow the simple instructions. Still not sure? Please contact Donna Gulliksen at: [Donna.Gulliksen@gmail.com](mailto:Donna.Gulliksen@gmail.com) or call her at 973-697-1895. Regular offerings (with date and frequency of your choice) as well as one-time gifts can be established electronically. All transactions are confidential.



# Order Lilies for Easter

*Help to decorate our Church for Easter!*

**The cost for each plant is \$11.00**  
**Please submit all orders by March 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Make a gift of a Lily in **memory** of,  
in **honor** of, or in **celebration** of . . .*

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*Please return this form with the your check or cash to the  
Church Office or place in the offering plate.*

