

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 ▪ 7:00 pm



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Laying on of Hands

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Prayer after Communion
Stripping of the Altar

*Psalm 88 is sung by the choir
as the altar and chancel are stripped.*

The assembly departs in silence.

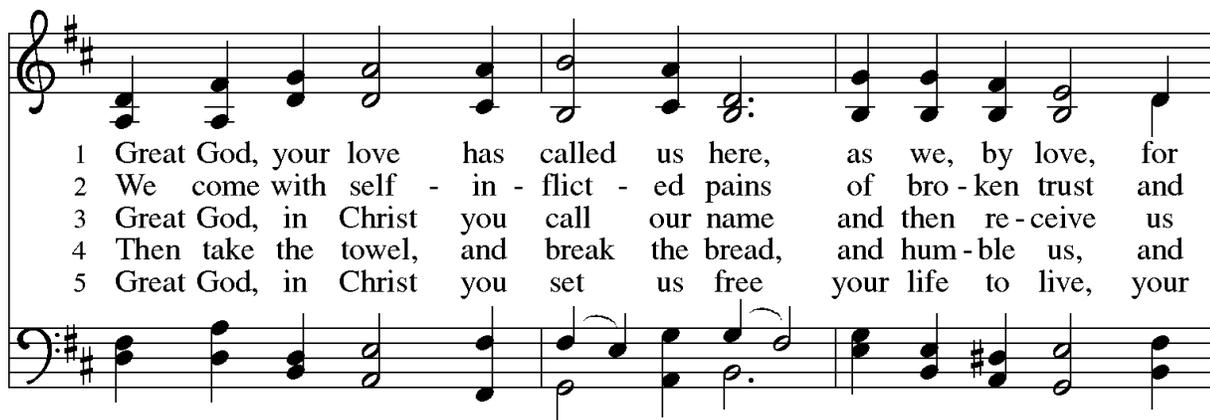
Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Monika Kraemer
Greeters:	Diane Goring & Jim Arbuckle
Usher:	Ken Seltzer
Altar:	Nancy Brodrecht
Musicians:	Jamie Courtney, Trinity Choir

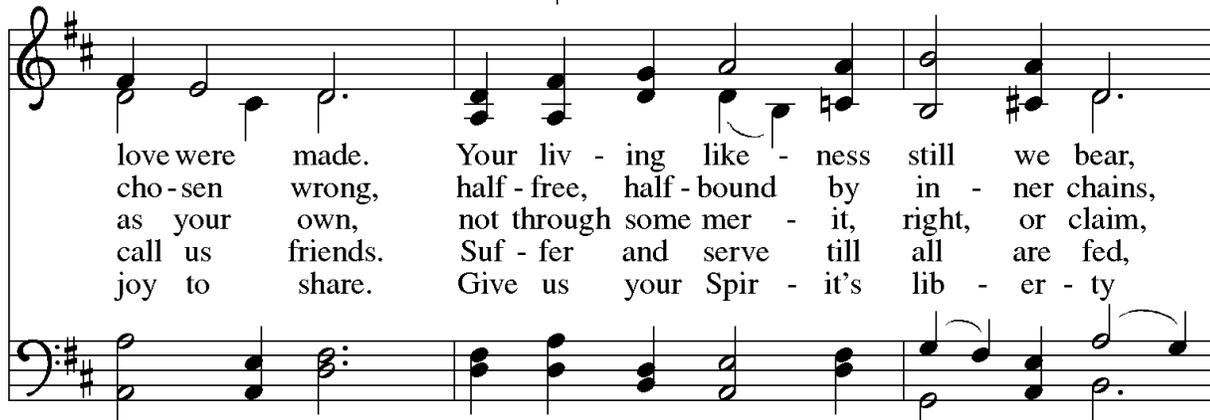
We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Gathering Song

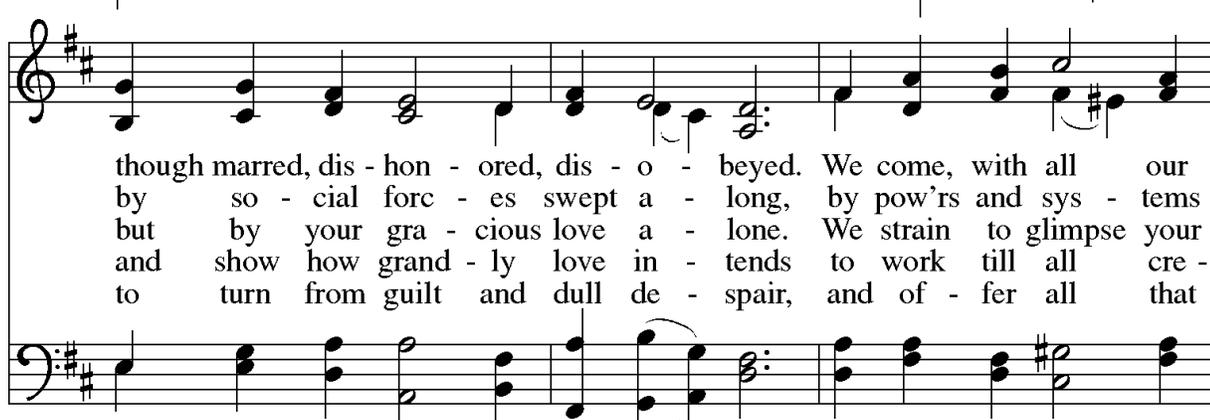
Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



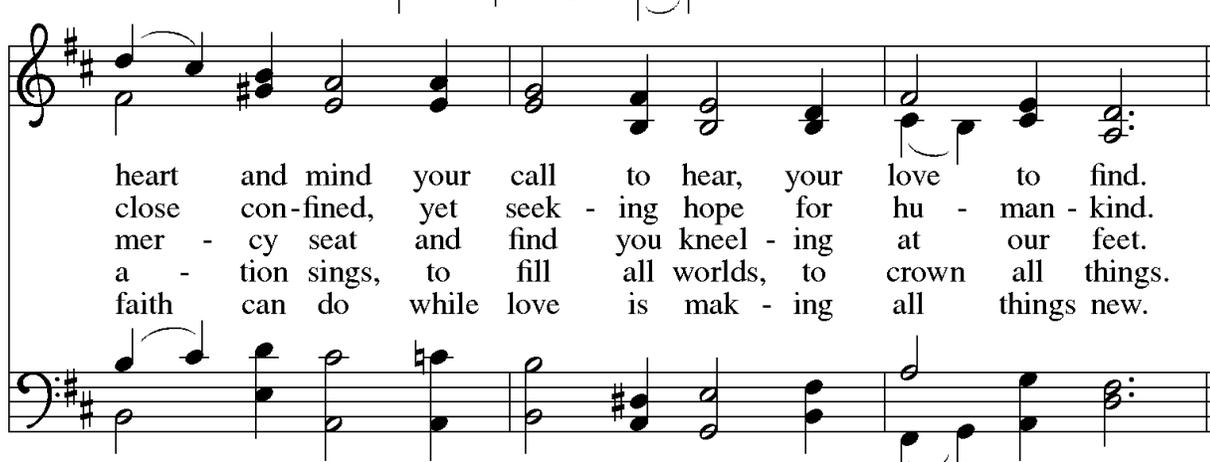
1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Confession & Forgiveness

The presiding minister leads the assembly in the confession.

Most merciful God,
we confess
that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us
even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated. People may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands.

The assembly sings during the laying on of hands.

Forgive Your People, O Lord

Per - don - na_a tu pue - blo, Se - ñor. Per -
For - give your peo - ple, O Lord. For -

don - na_a tu pue - blo, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.
give your peo - ple, for - give us, O Lord.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the second line. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the second staff.

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

Gospel**John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took

off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

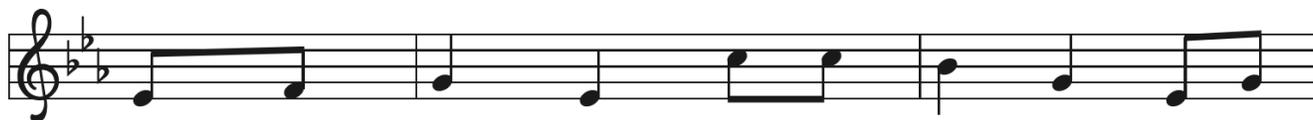
¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b} "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

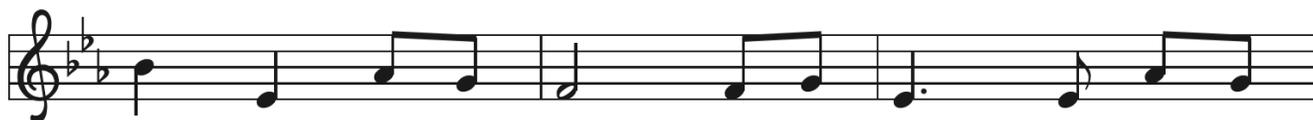
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

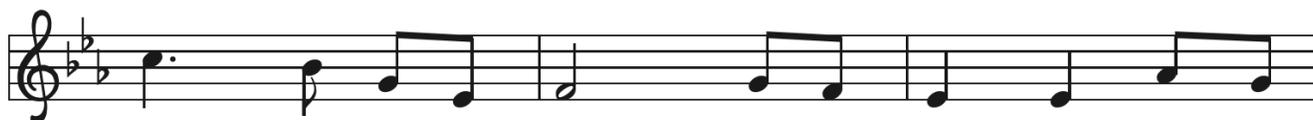


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Prayers of Intercession

On this night when Jesus gave us a new commandment to love one another, let us bring our prayers before the One whose love knows no bounds.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious host, you knelt to wash your disciples' feet. Cleanse us from pride and self-centeredness, and teach us to love one another as you have loved us.

Wellspring of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, the earth is yours and everything in it. Awaken us to care for all you have made and conserve the rich diversity of your good creation.

Wellspring of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, guide the world's leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Where they wield power unjustly, confront them. Where they are indifferent to suffering, awaken their conscience.

Wellspring of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate One, embrace all who are lonely or in captivity, comfort the grieving, and relieve those in pain. Draw near to all who suffer.

Wellspring of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed redeemer, we give you thanks for this community of faith, and for all who gather around your table of grace. Unite us in love for you and for one another.

Wellspring of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who now rest from their labors. At the last, gather us with them at your heavenly banquet.

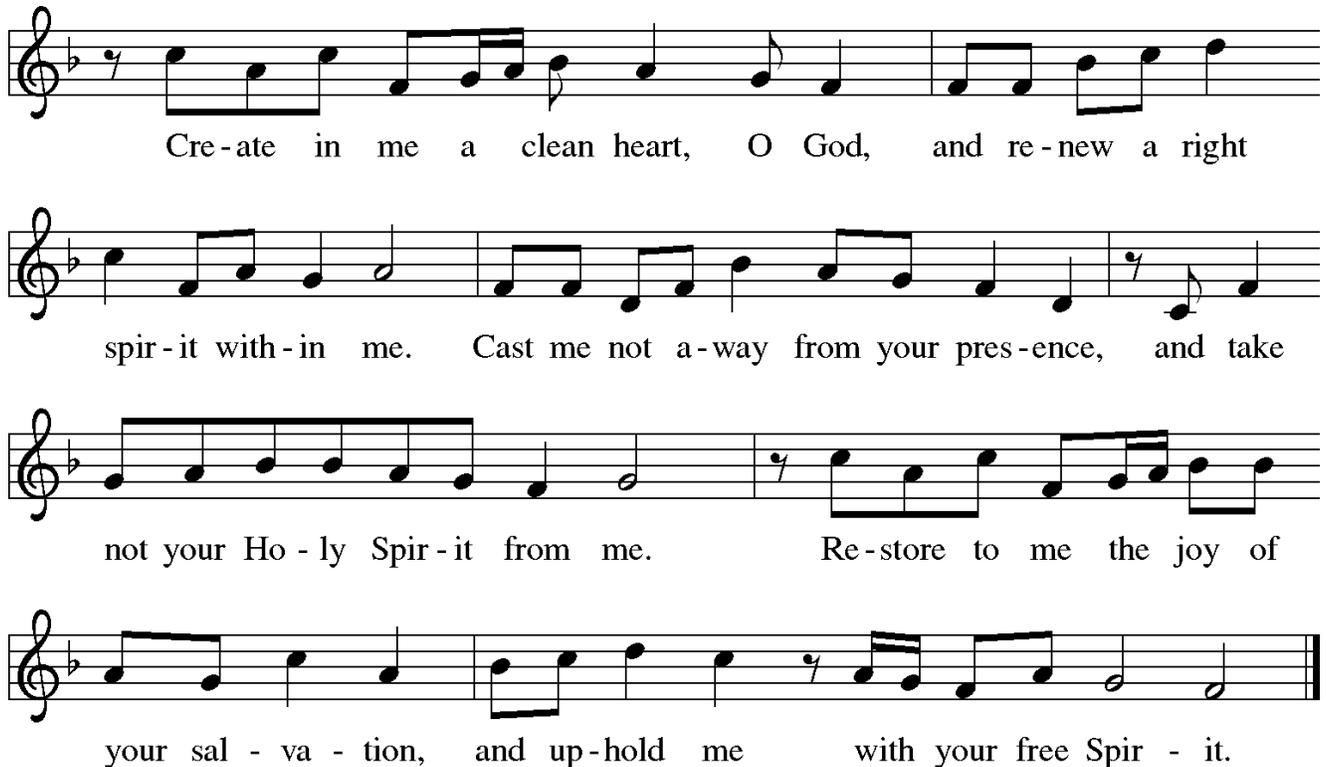
Wellspring of Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, confident that you will strengthen us by your Spirit to love one another as Christ has loved us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

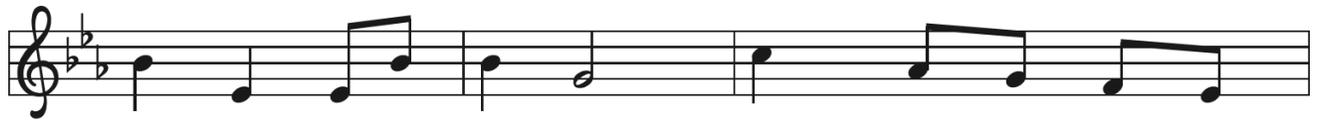
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Lamb of God



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.

Communion Song

Where Charity and Love Are Shown

Refrain / Estribillo



Don-de hay ca - ri - dad y a - mor, a - llí es -
Where char-i - ty and love are shown, our God is



tá el Se - ñor, a - llí es - tá el Se - ñor.
there made known, our God is there made known.



1 U - na sa - la y u - na me - sa, u - na co - pa,
1 One as - sem - bly at one ta - ble; one the cup, the
2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet
3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing



vi - no y pan, los her - ma - nos com - par -
bread, the wine; in one love we are com -
from a - bove. We re - call the Lord's com -
cup we claim, draw us close with - in one



tien - do en a - mor y en u - ni - dad.
pan - ions, and in u - ni - ty we dine.
mand - ment that we live and grow in love.
fam - 'ly, make us one in Je - sus' name.



Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y el re - cuer - do
Brought to - geth - er by the pres - ence and the prom - ise
As the gifts of God are giv - en, Je - sus' bod - y
Let us tell the liv - ing sto - ry of his suf - f'ring



del Se - ñor;
of God's Word,
and his blood,
and his pain,

ce - le - bra - mos su me -
here in joy and in re -
so we give our - selves to
and pro - claim the ho - ly

Refrain / Estribillo



mo - ria y la en - tre - ga de su a - mor.
mem - brance we re - ceive our lov - ing Lord.
oth - ers and we seek our neigh - bor's good.
mys - t'ry: Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

✦ The Great Three Days

2 – Thursday	7:00 pm	Hybrid Worship + Maundy Thursday
3 – Friday	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship + Good Friday
	11:00 am	Prayer Vigil Begins at Trinity
4 – Saturday	6:00 pm	In-Person Worship + Easter Vigil
5 – Sunday	6:30 am	In-Person Worship + Easter Sunrise
	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Easter Sunday
	10:30 am	Easter Breakfast

With nightfall our Lenten observance at Trinity draws to a close, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. The Maundy Thursday liturgy, with Jesus' commandment to love one another, leads to the Good Friday liturgy, with its passion account, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The pinnacle of the Three Days, and the entire church year, is the Easter Vigil, where the resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, as we gather around a pillar of fire to hear the ancient stories of faith.

✦ Easter Feaster Food Drive

During the season of Lent, our Trinity community has been invited to pause in thanksgiving for the bounty that will be on many of our tables for our Easter dinners. In response, consider sharing with those using the Food Bank at Wilmot Family Resource Centre by donating an item or two to our "Easter Feaster" food campaign. All donations can be left in the baskets at the entrances. Monetary donations are welcomed also; simply mark an offering envelope or e-transfer as "food bank".

+ Easter Breakfast

Following Easter Sunday worship we gather for Trinity's Annual Easter Breakfast! Please use the sign-up sheet at Trinity to let us know how many might attend from your household for this potluck celebration.

+ Prayer Vigil

Each year, Trinity hosts a prayer vigil from Good Friday through Holy Saturday. Individuals or families from the congregation sign up for one-hour timeslots from the conclusion of the morning Good Friday liturgy, through to the Easter Vigil service on Saturday night.

In this personal time of devotion, as folks contemplate Christ's death and resurrection, many will pray, sing, or read. A few timeslots remain available on Saturday. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those interested.

+ Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

As violence in the Middle East escalates, CLWR, the ELCIC and the Humanitarian Coalition are asking for your help to provide life-saving aid. Please join us in prayer and consider donating today. Give now at clwr.org/middleeast, call 1-800-661-2597, or mark a Trinity offering as "Middle East".

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