



March 18, 2024

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

Dear Friends,

I love spring! In my youth I tended toward autumn's colors, crisp air, and the wonderful scent of nutmeg. But as time has gone by, spring and all the possibilities it brings with it has become my favorite time of year. It is a season of wondrous anticipation.

Based on several coffee hour conversations I've been part of recently, I think I'm safe in saying that we all love walking past the Holy Trinity gardens in late February or early March and seeing those first green shoots appear. Then waiting for the daffodil buds near the tower door to burst open with brilliant yellow blooms. And every year, after the daffodils, the hyacinths, tulips and lilies that Pat lovingly planted are never far behind. We are so lucky that we are able to share in and witness this little miracle of rebirth in our gardens every year.

Like spring, I also love the season of Lent with its wondrous anticipation. Each week brings us ever closer to the joyful celebration that is Easter. And, just as the thrill of seeing those first shoots in our garden is made all the more thrilling when we watch together as they grow week by week, so our Easter joy is made all the more joyous when we travel through the weeks of lent, and days of Holy Week together, faithfully anticipating the Risen Christ.

On the back of this letter is the full schedule of Holy Week and Easter services here at Holy Trinity. Each service is unique, and each holds a part of the promise that is to come. I invite and encourage you to experience as many of them as you are able as we journey together toward the glorious resurrection of our savior, Jesus Christ.

The Lord is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

With Joyful Anticipation,

Theresa Hoyt-Chattin  
Verger and Interim Ministry Coordinator

## HOLY WEEK and EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY

*All services will be in person and live streamed on our website – holytrinity.us*

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY 8:00 PM – Choral Mass of the Last Supper**

March 28

A commemoration of the events in the upper room. Foot washing (after the example of Christ) is included in this Liturgy.



### **March 28-29**

*(At Home and In-Person)*

Maundy Thursday service until the start of the Good Friday service. All hours of the watch can be done from home, with the chapel also available for those who would like to attend in person. The altar of repose will be set aside in the chapel for in-person devotions and meditations Thursday evening from 9:00 PM through noon on Friday. Sign up in the back of the church or contact Theresa Chattin (609-941-1651, [theresa15@aol.com](mailto:theresa15@aol.com)) if you would like to participate. Jesus said, "Could you not watch with me even one hour?"

### **GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 noon – Solemn Liturgy of the Cross**

March 29

With the Mass of Pre-Sanctified and hymns.



### **EASTER EVE 8:00 PM – The Great Vigil of Easter**

March 30

This Liturgy is one of the earliest rites of the Christian Church and celebrates the Passover of our Lord from death to life. The Vigil ends Lent and ushers in Easter. The service includes the Lighting of the Paschal Candle, procession with incense, Old Testament readings, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the First Mass of Easter. The service begins in darkness and ends in joyous light and celebration. Bring small bells to ring.

### **EASTER DAY**

March 31

### **9:00 AM Festival Mass of the Resurrection**

With music and incense, Easter will be celebrated with great Festivity and joy! This is the Queen of Feasts for we are heirs of the resurrection life. Please share this celebration with your whole family, your friends and neighbors. **Invite someone you know to attend Easter services with you!** Weather permitting, the service will be followed by an Easter Egg hunt for children.

