



March 10, 2024

10:00 am

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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We are blessed that you
have joined us today.

Notes on worship:

BOLD type = people of God =You

Regular type = leader

Italic type = directions or explanations

Introduction to the Day



The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to

him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bellerose! We are so glad that you are here to worship with us either in person or online. **If you are seeking a church to call home, welcome and we hope you find the comfort of Christ's Beloved Community here.** If Pastor Analyse or the Prayer Team can provide any care for you at present, please reach out in person or at pastoranalyse@holytrinitybellerose.org or the church office at office@holytrinitybellerose.org.

~Please stand as you are able~

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.
Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
**we confess that we are caught in snares of
sin**

and cannot break free.

**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you
know,**

forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life

through † Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ELW 592 vs 1, 3, & 4

Just As I Am without One Plea

**1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,**

**4 Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE WOV 718 vs 1 & 3

Gather Us In

**1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

~Please be seated~

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

The first reading is from Numbers, beginning at the twenty-first chapter.

⁴From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107

We will now read responsively from Psalm 107.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

¹⁷Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.

¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

¹⁹Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave.

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Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.

²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:1-10 NRSV
While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

The second reading is from Ephesians beginning at the 2nd chapter.

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

~Please stand as you are able~

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:14-21 NRSV
To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

The Holy Gospel according to John beginning at the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

~Please be seated~

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

~Please stand as you are able~

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #666 vs 1, 3, 4
What Wondrous Love is This

**1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

**3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Let us confess our faith saying the words of 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*~Please remain standing as you desire,
otherwise please be seated~*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, your love unites. Give vision to the global church and foster cooperation in mission. Increase inter-religious understanding and ecumenical dialog. Make your church a sanctuary for all fleeing persecution, war, and natural disasters, especially those in California,

Nevada and Utah experiencing the blizzards and all affected by the Texas wildfires.

Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your love enlivens. Restore balance to the earth's fragile habitats. Preserve wilderness lands, rainforests, and wildlife. Cleanse oceans and rivers especially the Atlantic Ocean, Long Island Sound, Jamaica Bay, Little Neck Bay, the East River, Harlem River, the Bayside Marina, and the Hudson River. Make us good stewards of the earth. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Righteous God, your love liberates. We give thanks for those who courageously witness to your liberating love. Free all people from the evils of racism, religious strife, and hatred. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, your love heals. Care tenderly for all whose loved ones perished from pandemic disease in every nation. Strengthen health care workers, first responders, and caregivers. Relieve all who live with chronic illness and pain. We pray especially for those in need in our community: *Bob Sarro, Janice Rajgopaul, Linda Lago, Anil Sharma, Ruth Nouza, and Rosetta Fiorella.* Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Incarnate God, your love enlightens. Open our hearts and minds to fresh understandings of our faith. Deepen our love for you and for one another. Teach us to pray for our enemies. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, your love saves. Those who died in the faith are made alive in Christ. We give thanks for your promise that we also will be raised to newness of life. Receive our prayer, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you!

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another. (In the method of your comfort level.)

~Please be seated~

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

~Please stand as you are able~

OFFERTORY HYMN W&P 41

Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus
Christ, his Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus
Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and
might; Heav'n and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord
Jesus took bread, gave thanks broke it, and
gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin. Do this for the
remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life
among us, his death and resurrection, we await
his coming again when all things will be
restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you, we may live
as your children, shining with the light of your
Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your
holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

~Please be seated~

COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. We receive communion in the form of a wafer and a small cup of wine or grape juice. Please tell the ushers if you need the bread and wine brought to you. If you are not yet receiving communion, or do not wish to receive today, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Follow the usher's directions.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #660 vs 1, 3 & 4

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

- 1** Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 3** O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4** So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

~Please stand as you are able~

TABLE BLESSING & COMMUNION PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.
Amen.

~Please be seated.~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~Please stand as you are able.~

BLESSING

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #779 vs. 1, 2, 5
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

- 1** Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2** 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 5** When we've been there ten thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

DISMISSAL

What is our Mission? **Welcoming all to grow in faith; living Christ's message of serving and loving neighbors near and far.**

Go in peace. Share your bread.
Thanks be to God.

***Thank you for worshipping
with us today. We are blessed by
your presence.***

***ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING
EVENTS***

IN PERSON SERVICES every Sunday Live and via Facebook Live @ 10:00 am. You don't have to belong to Facebook to watch. Video will also be available on our interactive bulletin at: holyltrinitybellerose.wordpress.com.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Lenten Bible study will continue through Monday, March 18th at 10am and 7 pm.

COUNCIL MEETING

Next meeting March 12 @ 7:30 pm.

YOUTH GROUP

Meets 1st & 3rd Saturdays. 2nd-8th graders: 6pm – 8pm. 9th Grade & Up: 7:30pm – 9:30pm. Bring your friends and neighbors. Enjoy the fun, games and snacks.

ALTAR GUILD

Looking for volunteers to help Denice & Pastor Analyse with Altar Guild responsibilities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm. All are welcome. Next meeting: March 20th. Topic: Mitch Albom's book "The Stranger in the Lifeboat." Any questions contact Carol Robinson or Denice Watkins.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Holy Trinity's Youth Group is having a fundraiser at Five Below through the entire month of March! Bring the flyer to the New Hyde Park location at any point in March and 10% of the cost of your purchase will go toward their trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering. See office for flyers.

PINECREST REGISTRATION

Pinecrest registration for the 2024 session is now open!!! Camp will be August 4-10, 2024 for campers ages 15-26. Early Bird cost is \$450. (Holy Trinity provides a half scholarship for new campers). Sign up and get scholarship info at <https://www.pinecrestilm.org/pinecrest-2024> Please reach out to Pastor Analyse if you have any questions.

STAIRLIFT FUNDRAISER

Help us lift you up! Our stairlift to the Sanctuary was replaced this week! Our goal to cover the cost is \$3,700.00. Thank you for helping make HTLC more accessible. We've raised approximately \$2,300.00 so far!

VIDEOGRAPHER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Learn a new skill. The camera is really user friendly. See Pastor for additional information.

YOGA PRACTICE

Yoga, Thursdays, at 7 pm in the Friendship Hall. One hour for only \$10.

Contact Carol Robinson, 917-208-7340, for additional information.

BIRTHDAY CAKE SIGNUP SHEET FOR 2024

Please see signup sheet in the narthex. We need someone for June.

HELP LEAD SINGING IN WORSHIP

Voices needed!!!! Anyone interested in singing on Palm and Easter Sundays, please see Olivia and Jean after church today for rehearsal.

EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Memorial forms are now available in the narthex. Memorial forms are due no later than Tuesday, March 26th.

March Celebrations

- 1 Ray Holm
- 7 Ruth Loomis & Michael Greene
- 9 Patrick Clark
- 17 Marilyn Weickert
- 24 Helen & Rich Kunz
- 27 Joyce Holm
- 28 Charlotte Williams
- 28 Jeff Slatkin





LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

LENTEN SUNDAY WORSHIP

Services at 10am
Coffee Hour after Worship

PALM SUNDAY † MARCH 24, 2024

Service at 10am
Palm Sunday Breakfast
after Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY † MARCH 28, 2024

Potluck & Service at 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY † MARCH 29, 2024

Tenebrae Service at 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY † MARCH 31, 2024

Service at 10am

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