he Church of the Holy Trinity

Fifth Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Where everyone can find a place

March 17, 2024

What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook. A winter shelter for men, run by Bethesda Project, is held in our Centennial Room daily from Dec-April

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 17	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Lenten Adult Education - The Screwtape Letters Holy Eucharist - The 4 th Sunday in Lent Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Walnut St.
Monday, March 18	Church closed		
	6:30-8:30p	Winter Shelter	Parish House
Tuesday, March 19	10:00-3:00 4:30 pm	Church open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, March 20	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm 7:00 pm 6:30 pm	Church Open Lenten Music Meditation CCRA Community Meeting March Vestry Meeting	Church Church Online
Thursday, March 21	10:00-3:00 11:00 am 12:15 pm	Church Open Finance Committee Healing Eucharist	Online Church
Saturday, March 23	1:30 pm	Camerata Philadelphia Concert	Church
Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Lenten Adult Education - The Screwtape Letters Holy Eucharist - Palm Sunday Refreshments Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church Walnut St.

Save the Date: April 21, 2024 after the 11:00 am service Annual Church Meeting

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS

Emily Bierwirth & Jon Bierwirth, Acolytes
Andy Gutknecht & Frank LaMay, Lectors
Thomas Lipscomb, Intercessor
Boyden Gardner, Streaming
Nancy Rasmussen, Usher
Kathy Greene, Refreshments

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today.

You can find more information on the back of the bulletin.

Our Vivid Vision

This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

Core Values

Inclusion/Welcome

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

Innovation

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

Collaboration

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

Community Mindedness

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

Culture

Joyful

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

Fearless

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

Embracing

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

Engaged

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

Welcome & Parish Notices

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn 495

In Babilone



Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Collect for Purity

Presider

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Kyrie

Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd

Kyrie eleison.Christe eleison.Kyrie eleison.Lord, have mercy.Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

for ever. Amen

Please be seated.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Andy Gutknecht

Reader A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

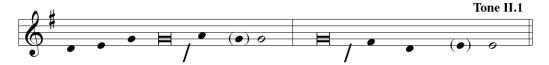
No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51 Miserere mei, Deus

The People sing the **bold** verses, taking a brief pause at the asterisk.



- Have mer cy on me, O God, according to your loving-/kindness;* in your great compassion blot out my / offenses.
- Wash me through and through from my / wickedness* and cleanse / me from my sin.
- For I know my trans/gressions, * and my sin is ever / before me.
- ⁴ Against you only have I / sinned, * and done what is evil / in your sight.
- And so you are justified when you / speak * and upright in / your judgment.
- Indeed, I have been wicked from my / birth, * a sinner from / my mother's womb.
- For behold, you look for truth deep with/in me, * and will make me understand wis/dom secretly.
- Purge me from my sin, and I shall be / pure; * wash me, and I shall / be clean indeed.
- Make me hear of joy and / gladness, * that the body you have bro/ken may rejoice.
- Hide your face from my / sins * and blot out all my in/iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean / heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit / within me.
- Cast me not away from your / presence * and take not your holy Spi/rit from me.
- Give me the joy of your saving / help again * and sustain me with your bounti/ful Spirit.

Reader A reading from Hebrews:

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"; as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." 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. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

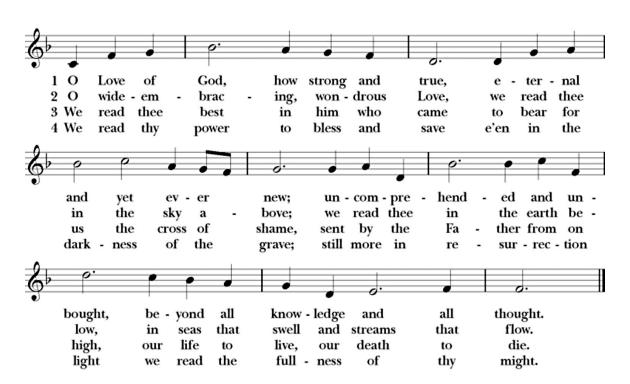
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able

Sequence Hymn 455

Dunedin



The Gospel: John 12:20-33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 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. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"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. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Toneh Smyth Canon for Outreach, The Diocese of Pennsylvania

Following a period of silence, the people stand.

Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People, Lent

Thomas Lipscomb

Leader

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers. We pray for the church, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Daniel our Bishop. And for all leaders, ministers and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,

People

And cleanse us from our sin.

Leader

We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, for our leaders and all who govern and judge. Purge us from our sin,

People

And we shall be pure.

Leader

We pray for all who hunger, all who thirst, all who cry out for justice, all who live under the threat of terror, war and violence, and all without a place to lay their head. For all who are ill, in pain, under stress, and lonely, especially Linda, Don, Ruth & Barry, John, Marie, Catherine, Julia, Matthew, Jamie, Diana, Steve, David, Doris, Judy, Alex & Nolan, Brian, Paula, Jon, Bob, Ramona, Jim & Joann, The Harty Family, and Gwynette. Make them hear of joy and gladness,

People

that those who are broken may rejoice.

Leader

We pray that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you, O God. Create in us clean hearts, O God,

People

and renew a right spirit within us.

Leader

We pray for all who have died and who have entered into the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Cast them not away from your presence,

People

and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

Leader We pray for all the good things that have happened this week, and for our

families, friends and neighbors. Give them the joy of your saving help.

People and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

Presider Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples that 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; as we prepare our hearts to remember your death and resurrection, grant us the

strength and wisdom to serve and follow you, this day and always. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

A brief period of silence is kept.

All God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your

will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit

keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

You are invited to connect with your neighbors by shaking hands, hugging, waving, showing the peace sign, or using fist or elbow bumps. Following the Peace, the people are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Presider Thus says the Lord: I will put my law within you, and I will write it on your

hearts; and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. Jeremiah 31

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship, Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

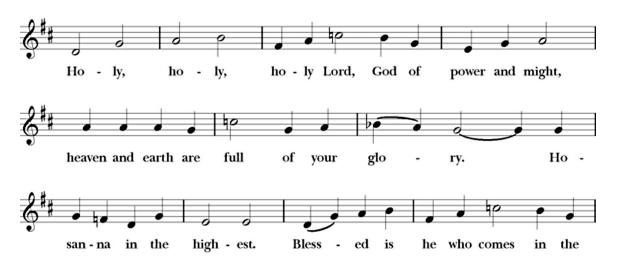
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

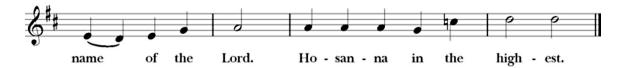
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: S-131





The people remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons and all your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei: S-166



Celebrant The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The people are seated.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those not taking communion or joining online today

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen by St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787),

Distribution of Communion

To receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers to the rail at the front of the church. Glutenfree wafers are available. If you prefer a blessing, let us know! We will bring communion to anyone unable or uncomfortable coming to the rail.

Communion Motet

My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Elizabeth Coxhead

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace: No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:

'Tis named when God's name is said,

'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part Of that celestial fire.

At the conclusion of the Distribution, the people stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

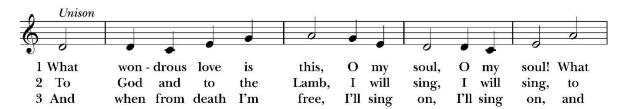
Blessing

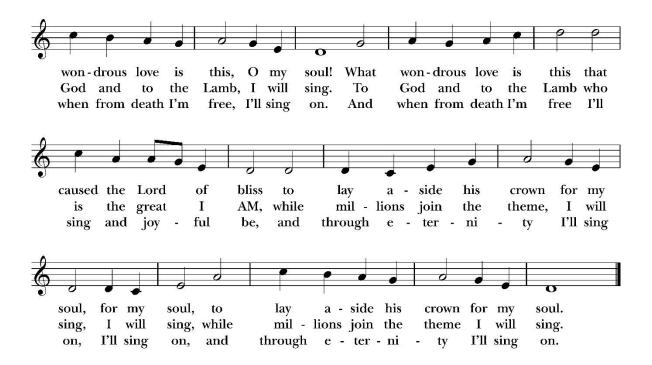
Celebrant

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn 439

Wondrous Love





Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

As a sign of fasting during the season of Lent, there will be no Postludes until the Great Vigil of Easter.

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About this service...

Service: Everything you need to join in the service is in this bulletin. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask one of the ushers (who handed you this bulletin) or a neighbor in your pew.

Children are always welcome in our worship service and we love to hear their joyful sounds and see their wiggly ways! We have books for all ages and activity bags in the back for children who wish to stay with their families during the service. We also have the "Pew Pen" in the front of the church for those we need a little more space to move around.

Restrooms are located at the front of the church. Walk down the left aisle toward the door with the EXIT sign. Go through the door, and turn left. Men's room is straight ahead, women's to the right. If you prefer a gender neutral bathroom, please ask our ushers to show you where this is.

Masks: We don't require masks, but we support you if you want to wear one. We generally ask staff and service participants to wear them when they aren't feeling well. Please ask if you need one!

During **The Peace**, we connect with our neighbors to say hello and to offer each other the Peace of Christ (which is an incredible gift to give). You can shake hands, wave, show the peace sign or fist/elbow bump. Check in with your neighbor to see what kind of contact they want and follow their lead, and don't be afraid to tell someone what's best for you!

Offering: Halfway through the service you will notice that we pass a plate around to collect the offering. The offerings we give help to support to work this church does, the people who work here, and our programs for the neighborhood. If you wish to help support our amazing programs, you can put something in the plate, text CHT DONATE to 73256 or using the QR code to the right. You can also sign up to give weekly with REALM (www.htrit.org/give).

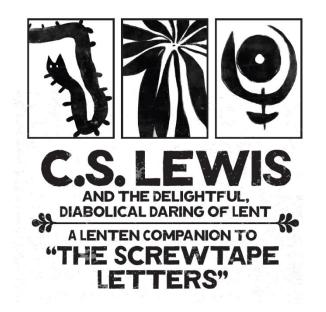


Communion: All who are baptized in any Christian tradition are welcome to join us for communion (all ages are welcome). If you prefer a blessing, please let one of the clergy know. We will share the bread and wine at the altar rail at the front of the church. Gluten free wafers are available. If you are unable to come to the front, or prefer to stay in your pew we will bring communion to you.

More Information? Join us at the Welcome table in the back of the church or visit our website www.htrit.org for more information and to sign up for the weekly E-News.

We ask that you turn off or silence your Cell Phone during the service. Thank you.

Adult Education Join us each week at 9:30 am in the back of the church.



Our Lenten Adult Education will begin this weekend. We will be using a study guide for lent from Salt. Please email rgardner@htrit.org if you would like a digital copy.

The guide will take us through CS Lewis' Screwtape Letters and readings from the Gospels. The book is available for free online or you can purchase for less than \$10 at a local bookstore. There is even an audiobook read by John Cleese, which should be a fun listen! The Screwtape Letters is a "playful, perceptive study of human life and struggle through the eyes of two fanciful characters, Wormwood, a young demon-in-training, and Screwtape, is uncle and mentor. Through 31 letters, Screwtape advises his nephew about how best to sabotage a human being's attempts to live a faithful,

fruitful, beautiful life." What better way to join in Jesus' own temptation and 40 days of Lent than to walk with this book, "leaning into the power of literature to provoke thought and inspire action."

Volunteer Opportunities

Open Hearts Café, our weekly meal and clothing service for our neighbors, is always open for volunteers and donations. Gently used clothing, especially coats, jeans, and shoes, and new socks, underwear and under garments are always needed!

Sign up to volunteer: https://tinyurl.com/OpenHeartsCafeSignUp



Share your Gifts! We want to use YOUR gifts and skills.

Read in church – Jeannie communications@htrit.org
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Welcome Team – Andy

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

March 28	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm
March 29	Good Friday	12:00 pm
March 30	Holy Saturday	9:00 am
March 30	Great Vigil of Easter	8:00 pm
March 31	Easter Day	11:00 am

Easter Flowers

We invite you to give a gift to our flower fund, in thanksgiving of those you love or in memorial of those we love and see no longer. We are asking for all contributions to be made by **Monday, March 25th**. Please look for the envelopes in the back of the church or ask an usher. You can also give through REALM. Please write the reason for gifts of thanksgiving or those names you wish to be remembered if you wish for your donation to be listed in the Easter bulletins. Thank you!

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