# he Church of the Holy Trinit

# Second Sunday in Lent

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II



March 16, 2025

# What's Happening This Week:

Morning Prayer is held every weekday at 9:00 am on Facebook.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sunday, March 16	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 4:00 pm	Adult Education Holy Eucharist - The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Refreshments Youth Confirmation Class Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor PH Library Walnut St.
Monday, March 17	10:00-3:00	Church open	
Tuesday, March 18	10:00-3:00 3:00 pm	Church open Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Walnut St.
Wednesday, March 19	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Lenten Music Meditation - Connor Fluharty	Church
Thursday, March 20	10:00-3:00 12:15 pm	Church Open Healing Eucharist	Church
Saturday, March 22	1:00 pm	Camerata Philadelphia	Church
Sunday, March 23	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:45 pm 4:00 pm	Adult Education Holy Eucharist - The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Refreshments March Vestry Meeting Open Hearts Cafe Meal/Clothing	Church Church Church 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor PH Library Walnut St.

Save the Date: Annual Church Meeting on March 30, 2025 after the 11:00 am service

### **TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS**

Robbin McCarthy & Thomas Lipscomb, Lectors
Gail Caruso, Intercessor
Martha Lipscomb & Mark Ritter, Usher
Connor Gardner, Acolyte
Boyden Gardner, Streaming
Amy Arco, Refreshments
Sally Griffith, Welcome Table

# 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.

# THE ENTRANCE RITE

### Entrance Hymn 401

Leoni



### The Penitential Order

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Presider

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

### The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

A brief period of silence is kept.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.** 





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# Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

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People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

# THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

Robbin McCarthy

Reader A reading from Genesis.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 27 Dominus illuminatio

The congregation joins on the bold verses, pausing at the asterisk.



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I / fear?\* the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall / I be afraid?
- When evildoers came upon me to eat up my / flesh,\* it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum/bled and fell.
- Though an army should encamp a/gainst me,\* yet my heart shall / not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up a/gainst me,\* yet will I put / my trust in him.
- One thing have I asked of the LORD; one / thing I seek;\* that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days / of my life;
- To behold the fair beauty of the / LORD\* and to seek him in / his temple.
- For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his / shelter;\* he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high / upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my / head\* above my enemies round / about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great / gladness;\*
  I will sing and make mus/ic to the LORD.
- Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I / call;\* have mercy on me / and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, / "Seek my face."\* Your face, / LORD, will I seek.

- Hide not your / face from me,\*
  nor turn away your servant in / displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me / not away;\* do not forsake me, O God of my / salvation.
- 14 Though my father and my mother for/sake me,\* the LORD will / sustain me.
- 15 Show me your / way, O LORD;\* lead me on a level path, because of / my enemies.
- Deliver me not into the hand of my adver/saries,\* for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who / speak malice.
- What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the / LORD\* in the land of / the living!
- O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your / heart;\* wait patient/ly for the LORD.

The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Thomas Lipscomb

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians:

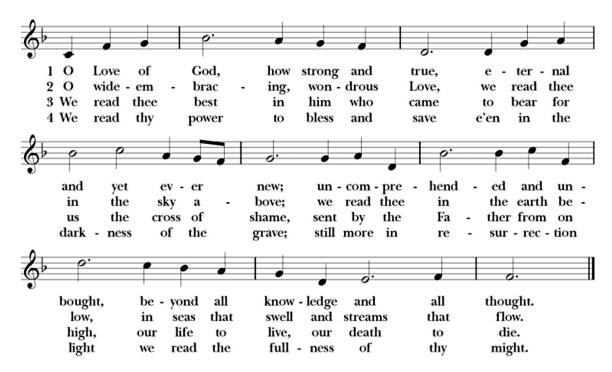
Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn 455

Dunedin



The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner

Following a period of silence, all rise in body or in spirit.

### 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

Gail Caruso

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 those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, war and violence, and those without a place to lay their head. For those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely, especially Judy, Allan, David, Gloria, Barbara, Halli, Reid, Johanna, Alianna, Tonette, Mark, Jessica, Tracy, Mike, Dolores, John, Jason, Lorre, the people and leaders of Ukraine and other war torn areas, Abby, Donna, Anna, Jan, Francis, Nick, Joshua, Patrece, Phillip, Felicia, Glenn, Gwenette, Nyiel, Rosa, Chelbi, Matthew, Paul. 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 those 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 Gracious God, our refuge and stronghold, the God in whom we put our trust;

guide your people through our Lenten wilderness, have mercy on us and answer us as we call, though Christ the Lord of all, who is generous to everyone who

calls upon him. Amen.

### The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome, Parish Notices & Celebration Blessings

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

# Offertory Sentence

Presider Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come

to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted, just as you draw near to us in our struggles. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do.

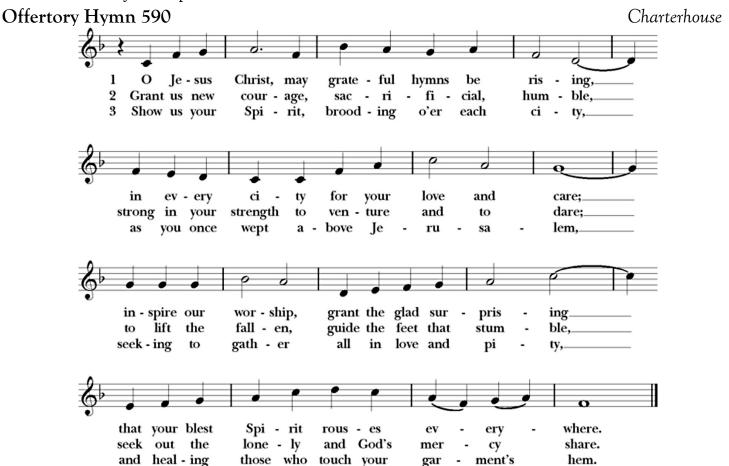
Amen.

In what torne ship soever I embarke
That ship shall be my embleme of thy Arke;
What sea soever swallow mee, that flood
Shall be to mee an embleme of thy blood;
Though thou with clouds of anger do disguise
Thy face; yet through that maske I know those eyes
Which, though they turne away sometimes
They never will despise

I sacrifice this Iland unto thee
And all whom I lov'd there, and who lov'd mee;
When I have put our seas twixt them and mee
Put thou thy sea betwixt my sinnes and thee
As the trees sap doth seeke the root below
In winter, in my winter now I goe
Where none but thee, th'Eternall root
Of true Love I may know

John Donne

Please rise in body or in spirit.



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.

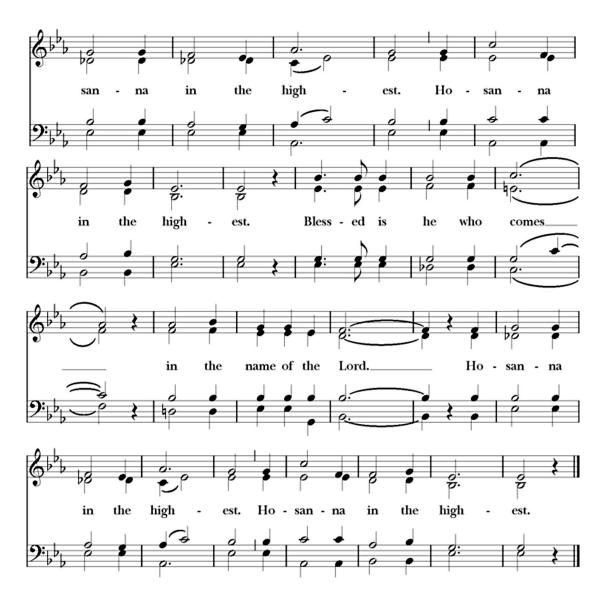
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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-130 Schubert





Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All 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-164 Schubert



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Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people are seated.

### Distribution of Communion

If you wish to receive communion, please follow the directions of the ushers and go to the altar rail to receive. You can receive bread and/or wine, depending on your preference. If you wish to receive the wine, you can retain your wafer and dip it in the cup or drink directly from the cup. If you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer a blessing, please let the priest know. We will bring communion to those who are more comfortable staying in their pew (please alert an usher).

### Communion Hymn LEVAS 89



Words: William R. Featherstone (1846-1873). Music: Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895).

Following the hymn, all rise in body or in spirit.

### Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

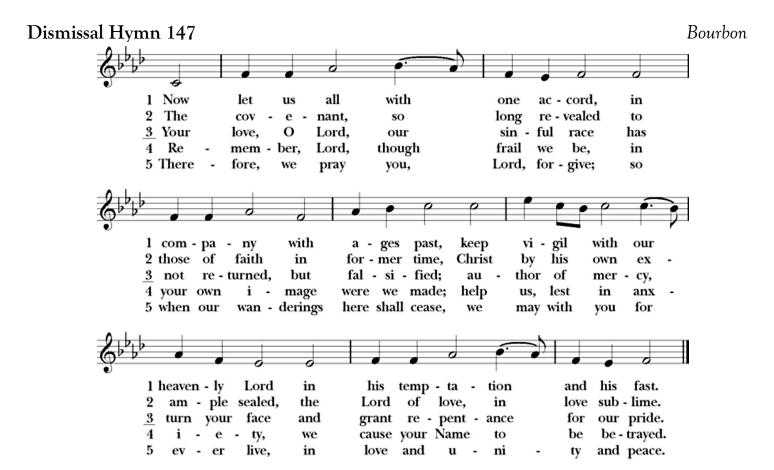
All

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Blessing

Celebrant

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 



# Dismissal

Presider 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.

**Healing Prayer** – all who wish to receive prayers for healing for themselves, a loved one or even the world, are invited to john a member of the clergy and/or the healing team in the Prayer Corner (to the right of the altar area) after the service.

### About this service...

**Service:** Everything you need for 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.

**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 regularly with REALM (<a href="www.htrit.org/give">www.htrit.org/give</a>).



**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.

# Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 17	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm
April 18	Good Friday	12:00 pm
April 19	Holy Saturday	9:00 am
April 19	Great Vigil of Easter	8:00 pm
April 20	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, April** 14. 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!