

WELCOME TO  
HOLY TRINITY

MASS | THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the largest progressive Lutheran body in the United States. As Lutherans, we go about Christianity in a Lutheran way, emphasizing that we are reconciled with God (justified) not by anything we do, but through and because of God's love, freely given (grace). We love questions more than quick fixes (paradox), and we read the Bible in a way that honors it as the source and norm of faith, but not as a literal handbook. As Lutherans, we also lift up the gifts and capacity for ministry (vocation) that every person unquestionably holds.

As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation (and the first in the Metropolitan New York Synod), Holy Trinity welcomes all persons, including all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. Holy Trinity is also committed to practicing racial equity, learning anti-racism, and modeling radical hospitality and inclusion across age, class, national origin, physical and mental health and ability, family configuration, and language.

With a heart for the city, a passion for justice, and a commitment to the arts, we seek to be a place where all God's people will know they are loved. Welcome. We've been waiting for you. There is a place for you here.

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If you contribute to the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity through online giving, please pick up an "I give online" card from an usher to participate in the offering as the offering plates are passed.

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AT HOLY TRINITY

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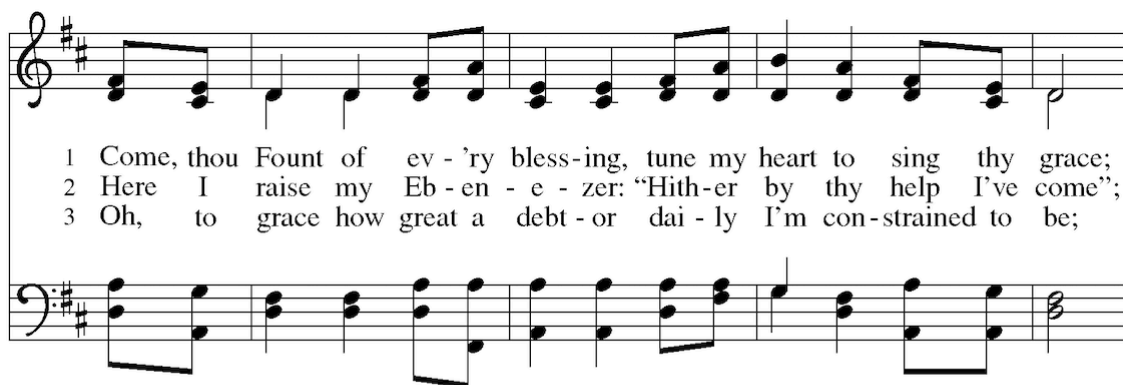
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PASTOR	<b>The Reverend Timothy Weisman</b>

## GATHERING

*At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.*

prelude	Steal away	Iain Farrington (b. 1977)
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*The assembly stands to sing.*



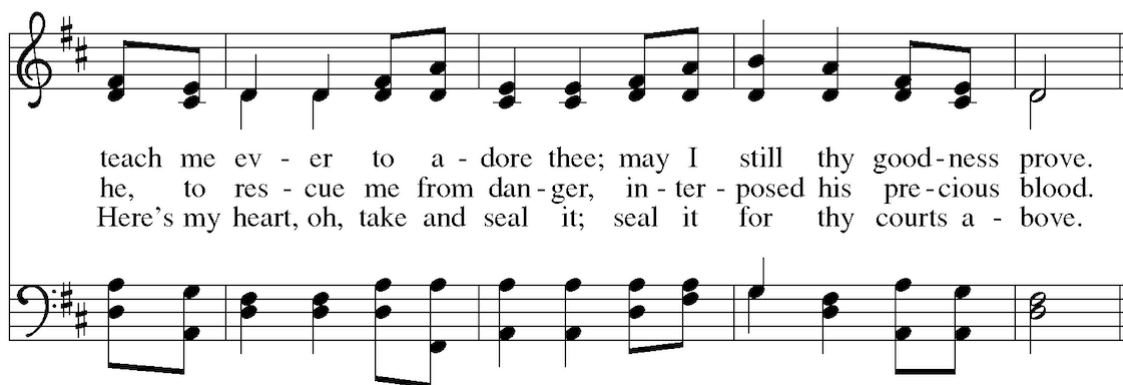
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



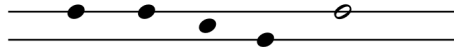
teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

*All may bow during the response, mirroring the presider.*

## greeting

(2 corinthians 13:14)

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



And al - so with you.

## hymn of praise

(from *The New Liturgy of the Holy Trinity* by Elizabeth Gartman)

glo - ry... 1. All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth be  
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
3. To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we

giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -  
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes  
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one

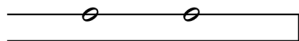
- will breaks forth from hea - ven! Lord God Al - might - y,  
sin a - way for ev - er. Stretch out your arms to  
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we  
ev' - ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spi - rit ev - er blest, in

praise you for your glo - ry.  
- ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.  
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - men.

prayer of  
the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



A - men.

*The assembly sits.*

## WORD

from the  
hebrew  
scriptures

Exodus 32:1-14

<sup>1</sup> When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” <sup>2</sup> Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” <sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” <sup>6</sup> They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” <sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Silence is kept.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Have mercy on me, O God, according | to your steadfast love;  
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 offenses,  
and my sin is | ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is | evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and | right in your judgment.

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner | from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know | wisdom deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, | and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be | purer than snow.

Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have | broken may rejoice.

Hide your | face from my sins,  
and blot | out all my wickedness.

Create in me | a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right | spirit within me.

from the  
christian  
scriptures

## 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

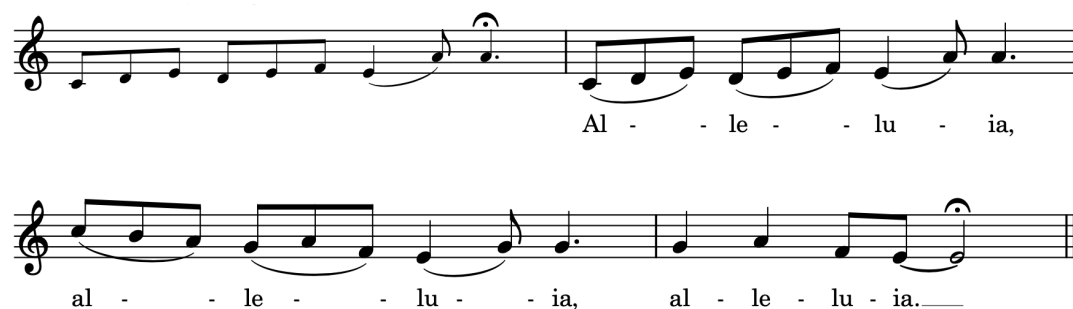
*Silence is kept.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

gospel  
acclamation



*The choir sings:* There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)



from the  
holy gospels

Luke 15:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The assembly is invited to make a small cross over your forehead, lips, and chest, inviting Jesus the Word into your heart, mind, and speech.*

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]

<sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

*Silence is kept after the sermon. The assembly stands to sing.*



- 1 There's a wide-ness
- 2 There is wel-come
- 3 For the love of
- 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;  
for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows  
in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands  
ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row  
through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place  
of new worlds as great as this; there is room for  
by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -  
let us take you at your word, and our lives will



where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

the apostles'  
creed  
(4th century)

**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.**

*The assembly kneels or sits to pray.*

prayers of the  
people

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The assembly responds to each petition.*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

prayer for  
racial justice  
(Howard Thurman)

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Teach us how to order our days that with a sure touch we might say the right words at the right times and in the right ways, lest we betray that spirit of peace. Let us not be deceived by our own insecurities and weaknesses which would make us hurt others as we try desperately to help ourselves. Keep watch with us, O God, over all the days of our lives, that with an abiding enthusiasm we may be in such possession of ourselves that each day we may offer to thee the full, unhampered use of us in all our parts as instruments of thy peace, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

*The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

the peace  
(john 20:19)

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The assembly is invited to pass the peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them. If you, for any reason, wish to avoid physical contact during the peace, please feel free to cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a verbal greeting. Following the peace, the assembly sits.*

## MEAL

*In addition to giving towards the ministry of Holy Trinity as the offering plates are being passed, you can*

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- *Give to Holy Trinity through a Donor-advised Fund by searching for our EIN: 13-1685538.*



offertory

His eye is on the sparrow

arr. Zanaida Stewart Robles

(b. 1979)

*"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;*

offertory  
prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

the great  
thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

the proper  
preface

*The presider continues: 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. . . 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. . .*

sanctus

(from *The New Liturgy  
of the Holy Trinity* by  
Elizabeth Gartman)

I - sa - iah, ho - ly proph - et it be - fell, that in the Spi - rit

he the Lord be - held, High sit - ting on His throne, which bright - ness

gave; His gar - ment's hem en - tire - ly filled the nave.

There stood two se - ra - phim on ei - ther side; Six wings had

each of them, and spread them wide: With two they did con - ceal their

fac - es bright, With two their feet they cov - ered ov - er quite,



eucharistic  
prayer

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, and your mercy endures forever. By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing the steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.

By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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. *The assembly may bow.*

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.      *The assembly may bow.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to  
 be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and  
 cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. Through Christ,  
 with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is  
 yours, almighty God, now and forever. And let the church say. **Amen!**

the lord's prayer  
 (Matthew 6:9-13)



the invitation  
 (psalm 34:8)

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord  
 is good. **Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly sits until invited forward by an usher.*

*All are welcome at this table. This is not a Lutheran, Episcopal, or a Roman Catholic table; it is God's table and all are invited to receive. The small cups contain either white wine or red grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available, just ask. After receiving, you may leave your empty cup on the table near the side aisle. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing, and you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat during distribution, knowing that this table is open when you are ready.*

communion  
motet

Verleih uns Frieden

Heinrich Schütz  
(1585-1672)

*O grant us peace most graciously, Lord in our times distressful, for there's none other, none indeed, who for us all could wrestle, but Thee our Lord God, Thee only. Give to our princes and all authorities peace and good government that as faithful subjects we may have a quiet and peaceful way of living, dwelling in all godliness and honesty.*

communion hymn  
#608

"Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling"

THOMPSON

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



*Refrain*

watch-ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me?  
par - don for you and for me.

“Come home, come home!  
Come home, come home!

You who are wea-ry, come home.” Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

*The assembly stands.*

prayer after  
communion

Let us pray. **Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

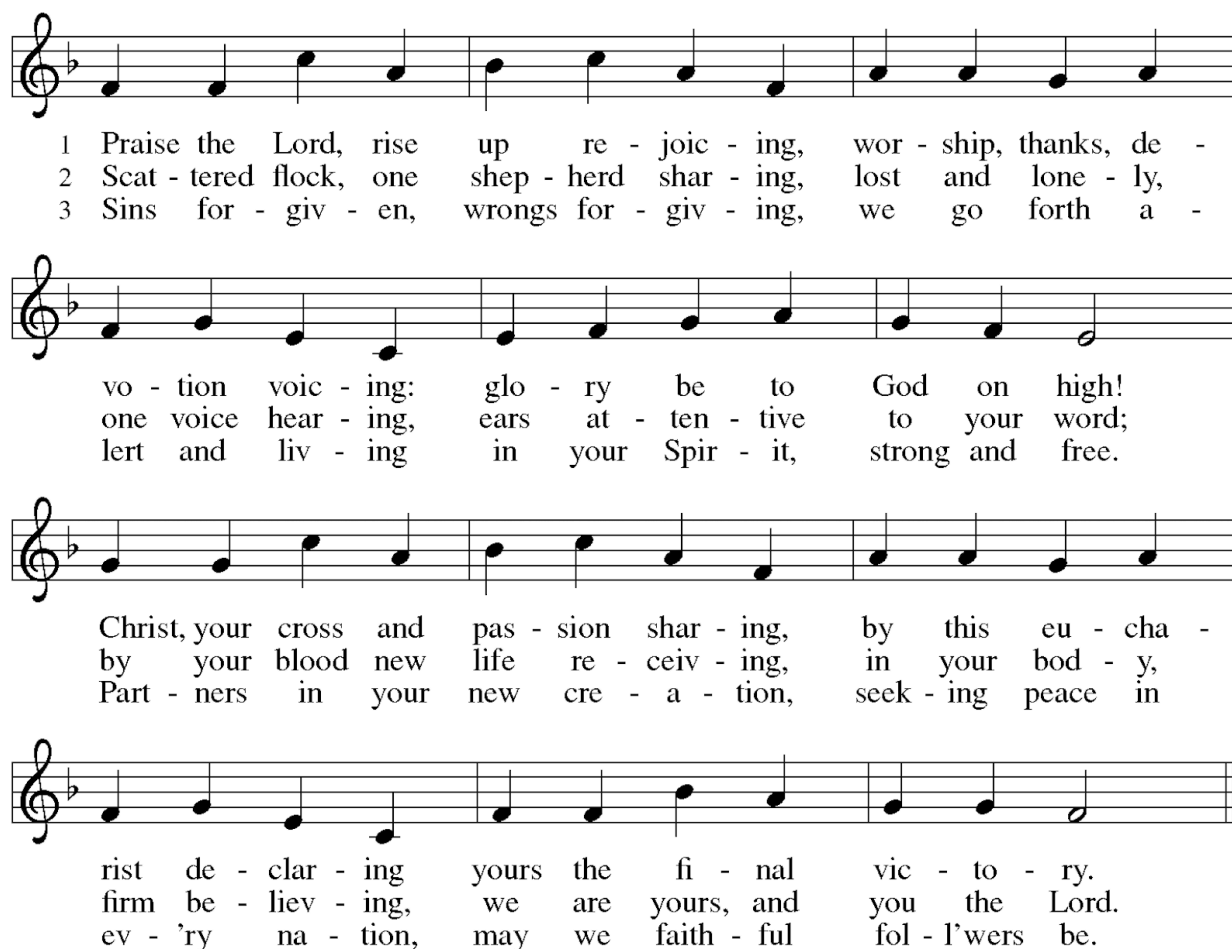
final blessing

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

sending hymn  
#544

“Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing”

ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

dismissal

The Mass is ended.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly sits for the postlude.*

postlude

Two English settings of “Old Hundredth”

Henry Purcell (ca. 1659-1695)

Iain Farrington (b. 1977)

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REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS

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Ruth Farrell  
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## WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

**If you are new to Holy Trinity**, we are glad you're here. Whether you've worshiped at Holy Trinity a thousand times or are here today for the first time, there will always be a place for you here.

**Restrooms** are located on the lower level.

**Please follow safe church practices** during worship and other activities at Holy Trinity. Parents and guardians, please do not allow children to go anywhere in the building unattended. Thank you for your help in keeping Holy Trinity a safe place for all people.

**During the passing of the peace**, you may greet those around you in whatever way is most comfortable to you. If you, for any reason, wish to avoid physical contact during the peace, you may cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a verbal greeting.

After Mass, **please join us for Coffee Hour** in the Community Room located on the lower level.

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