

MASS | REFORMATION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 26th 2025

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

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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AT HOLY TRINITY

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Austin Philemon
PASTOR	The Reverend Timothy Weisman

GATHERING

At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.

prelude	Fantasia on “Wir glauben all an einen Gott”	Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
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The assembly stands to sing.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

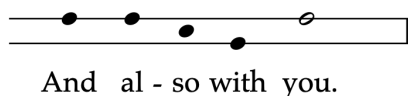
has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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

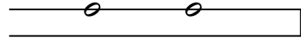
- will breaks forth from hea - ven! Lord God Al - might - y,
 sin a - way for ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord

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.* Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the
hebrew
scriptures

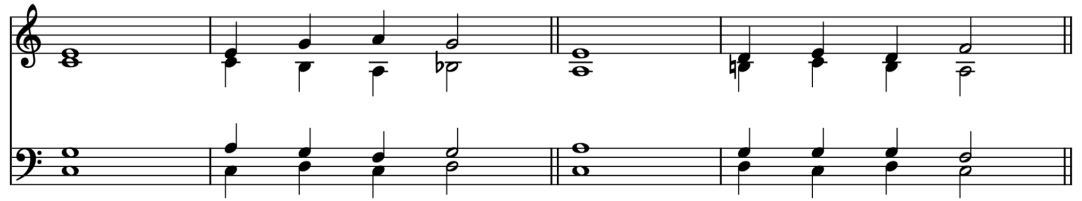
Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.



*God is our / refuge and strength,
a very / present help in trouble.*

Therefore we will not fear, | though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the | depths of the sea;

though its wa- | ters rage and foam,
and though the mountains | tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the | city of God,
the holy habitation | of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;

God shall help it | at the break of day.

The nations rage, | and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the | earth melts away.

The Lord of | hosts is with us;

the God of | Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the | works of the Lord,

what desolations God has | brought upon the earth;

behold the one who makes war to | cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,

and | burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and | know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be ex- | alted in the earth.”

The Lord of | hosts is with us;

the God of | Jacob is our stronghold.

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

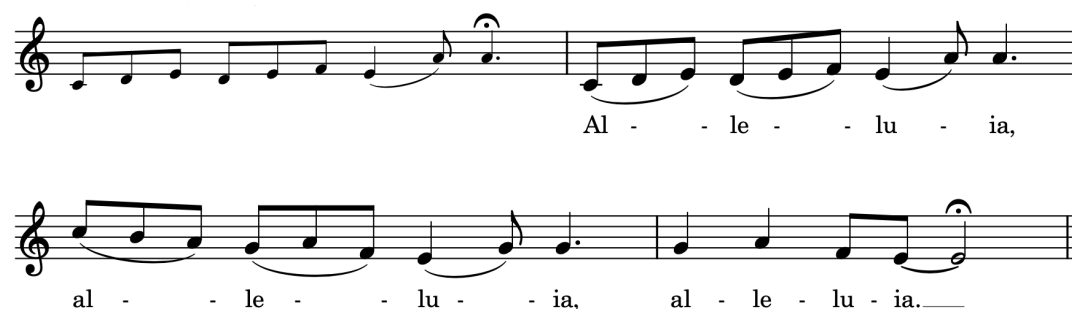
Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel
acclamation



The choir sings: If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. (John 8:31-32)

from the
holy gospels

Luke 18:9-14

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.

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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.

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1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
 2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
 3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
 you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
 and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
 We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
 to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
 you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
 to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
 Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
 for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
 un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
 in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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
(W. E. B. DuBois)

In the midst of life and deeds it is easy to have endurance and strength and determination, but your Word, O Lord, teaches us that this is not enough to bring good to the world. For this we must endure to the end: to learn to finish things and bring them to full fruition. We must not be content with plans, ambitions, and resolves, but be set and determined to fulfill the promise and complete the task. Give us then, O God, to resist today the temptation of shirking, and the grit to endure to the end, 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.

M E A L

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offertory

Ein feste Burg

Franz Tunder
(1614-1667)

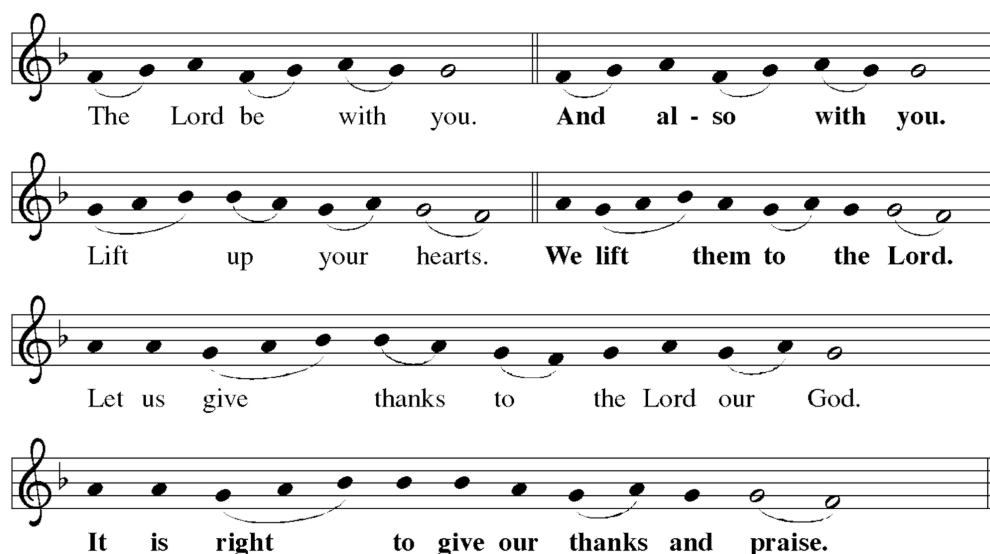
*A secure fortress is our God, a good defense and weaponry;
He helps free us from every distress that has befallen us now.
The ancient wicked enemy, he means it seriously now,
Great power and much cunning is his gruesome suit of armor;
On earth there is not his equal.
With our own power nothing is done, We are quite soon lost.
The right man fights for us, whom God himself has chosen.
You ask who he is? He is called Jesus Christ, The Lord of Sabaoth,
And is no other god; He must hold the battlefield.*

offertory
prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through 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.

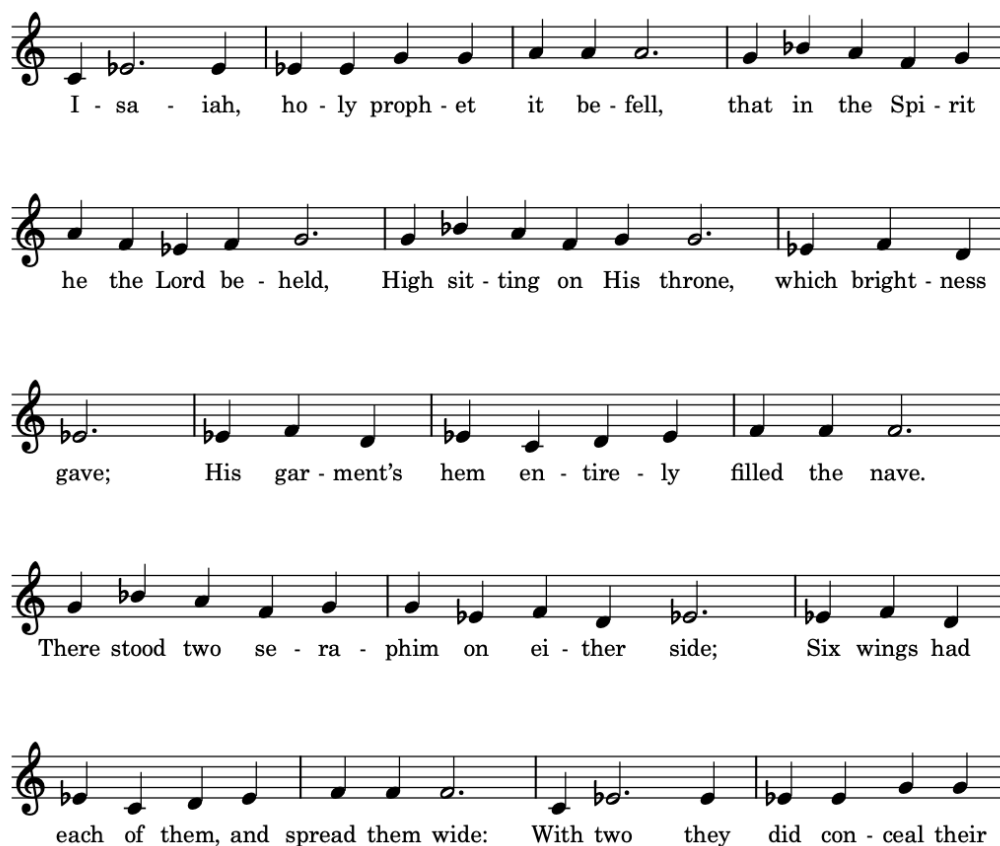
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,

And with the oth - er two did free - ly fly; Each to the

oth - er called with might - y cry: "Ho - ly is

God, the Lord of Sa - ba - oth!" That cry the

bal - con - ies and thres - holds shook, And all the house was

filled with clouds of smoke.

eucharistic
prayer

It is our joy to bless you, Creator of all, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our sight, we especially praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life that informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise and worship you.

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.

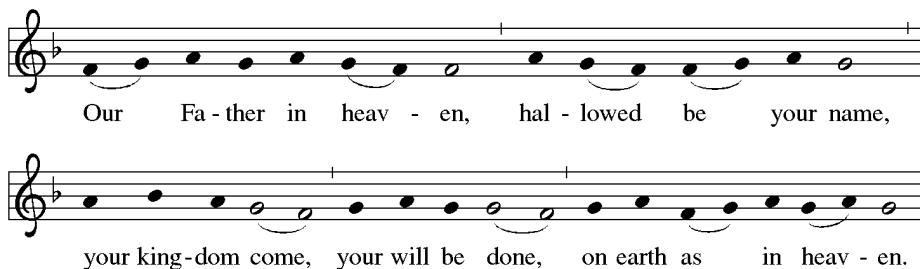
And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall
silent and remember him who came because words were not enough.

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and
bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the
accepting, the forgiving that Christ alone can offer.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread
and wine, and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And then let that same
Spirit rest on us, reforming us from the patterns of this passing world, as we
become the living body of the one whose food we now share.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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

Ein feste Burg

Franz Tunder

*And if the world were filled with devils who would want to devour us,
 Then we should not be much afraid; it shall still go well for us.
 The prince of this world, however fiercely he acts, still does nothing to us;
 That is, he is judged; one little word can fell him.
 They shall let the word stand, and have no commendation for it.
 He is surely by us on the plain, with his Spirit and gifts.
 If they may take from us our body, goods, honor, child and wife,
 Let go over there; They have, in that, no spoils;
 To us, indeed, must the kingdom remain.*

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
 and sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
communion
(Martin Luther)

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

final blessing

(1 Thessalonians 5)

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.**



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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

Improvisation on “Ein feste Burg”

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YOUR PRAYERS

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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 here a thousand times or today is your 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.

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

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