

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

MASS | THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **Sunday, November 16th 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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AT HOLY TRINITY

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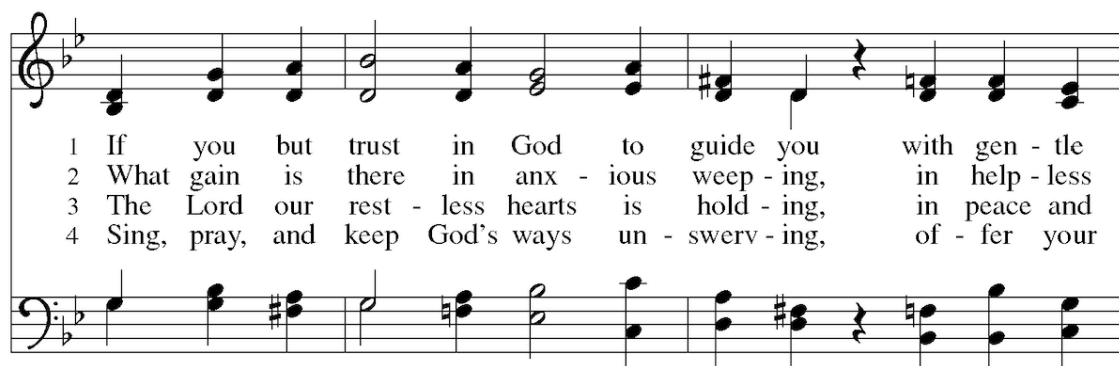
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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Austin Philemon
PASTOR	The Reverend Timothy Weisman

GATHERING

At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.

prelude	Prelude and Pastorale	P. Roberto de la Riba (1912-1999)
	II. Pastorale	

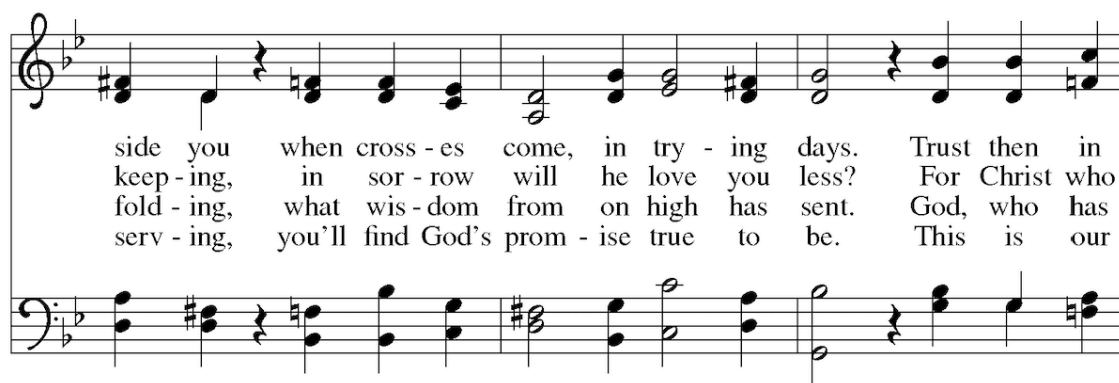
The assembly stands to sing.



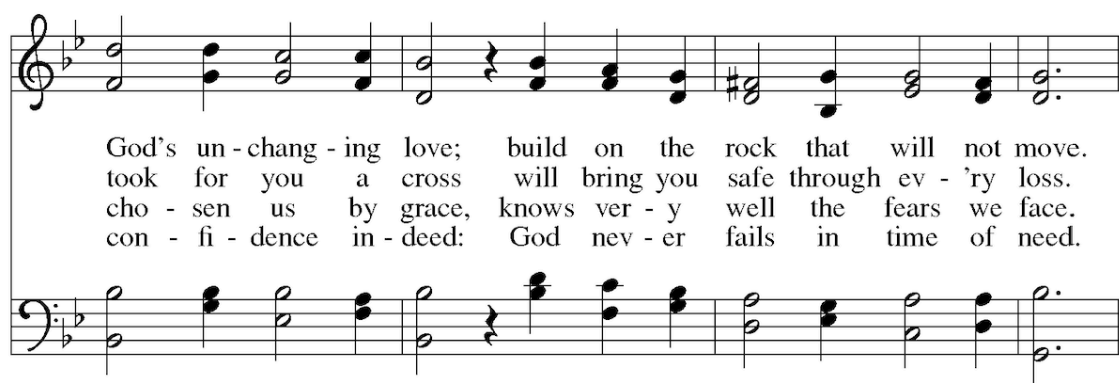
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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)



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



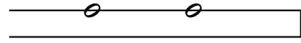
heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev' - ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spi - rit ev - er blest, in



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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



A - men.

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the
hebrew
scriptures

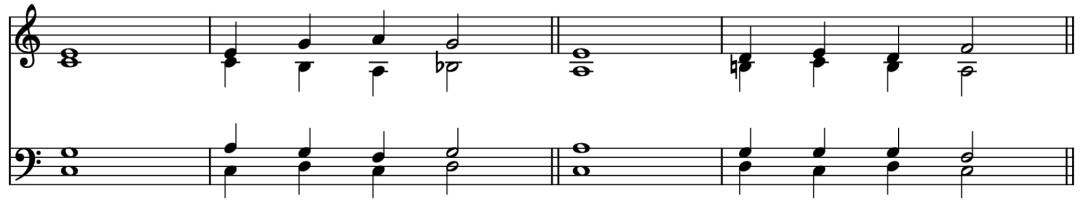
Malachi 4:1-2

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God



*Sing a new song to the Lord, who has / done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm / have won the victory.*

O Lord, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the | sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victo- | ry of our God.

Shout with joy to the | Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, | rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the | Lord with the harp,
with the harp and | the voice of song.
With trumpets and the | sound of the horn
shout with joy before | the king, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those | who dwell therein.

Let the | rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes | to judge the earth.

The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness
and the | peoples with equity.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel
acclamation



The choir sings: Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. (Luke 21:28)

from the
holy gospels

Luke 21:5-19

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.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death.

¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

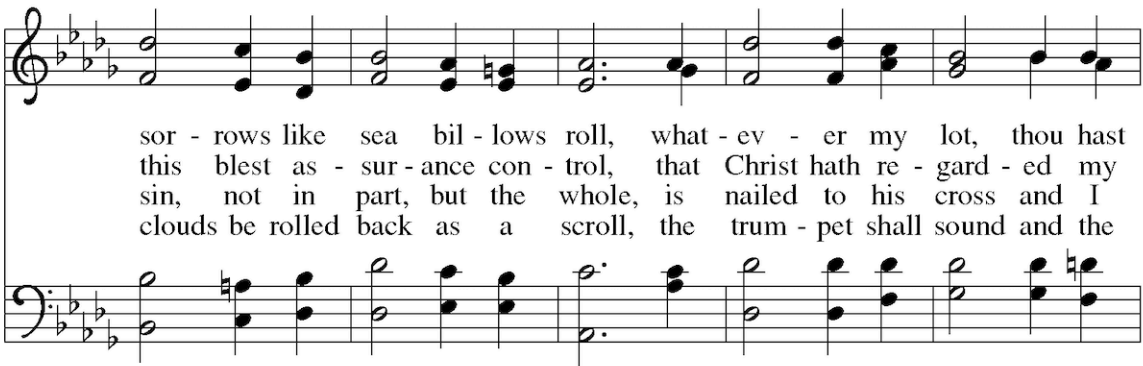
sermon

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

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



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

B A T H

presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

His baptismal sponsors present the candidate:

Pad and Richard, do you present Moses to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism? *Response:* We do.

Jessica and Adrian, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Moses baptized into Christ? *Response:* We do.

As you bring Moses to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Moses grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:* We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Moses and pray for him in his new life in Christ? *The people respond:* **We do!**

profession of faith (4th century)

I ask the whole assembly to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

thanksgiving
at the font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

holy baptism

Moses, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Moses with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized.

Moses, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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)

O Lord God, help us to hope that the seeming shadow of death is to our human blindness but the exceeding brightness of a newer and greater life, 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

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God, when we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer; unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.

Glory to the father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name, and through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You; endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.

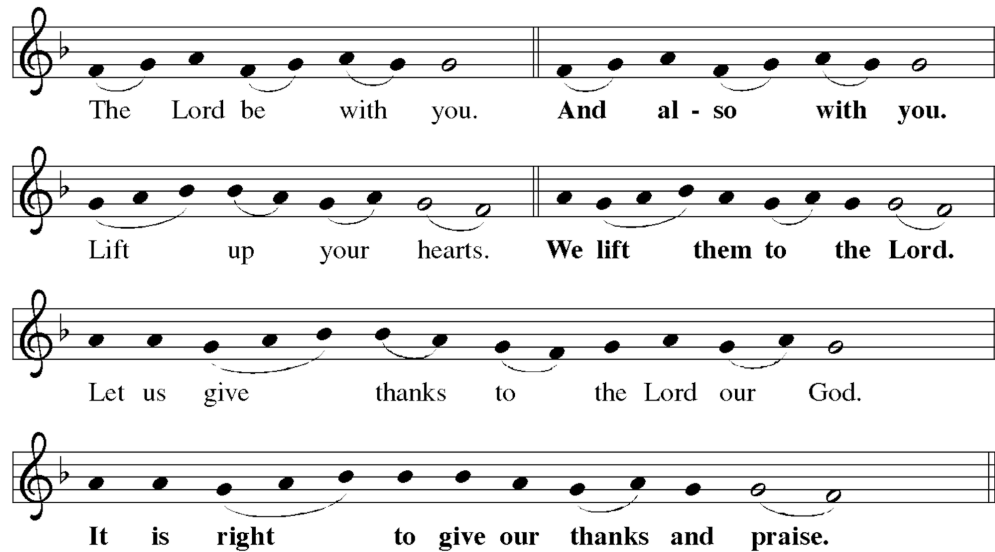
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, amen.

offertory
prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. Take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and impoverished, trivial and tyrannical, that we and all the world might know ourselves to be blessed, through Jesus Christ our 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.

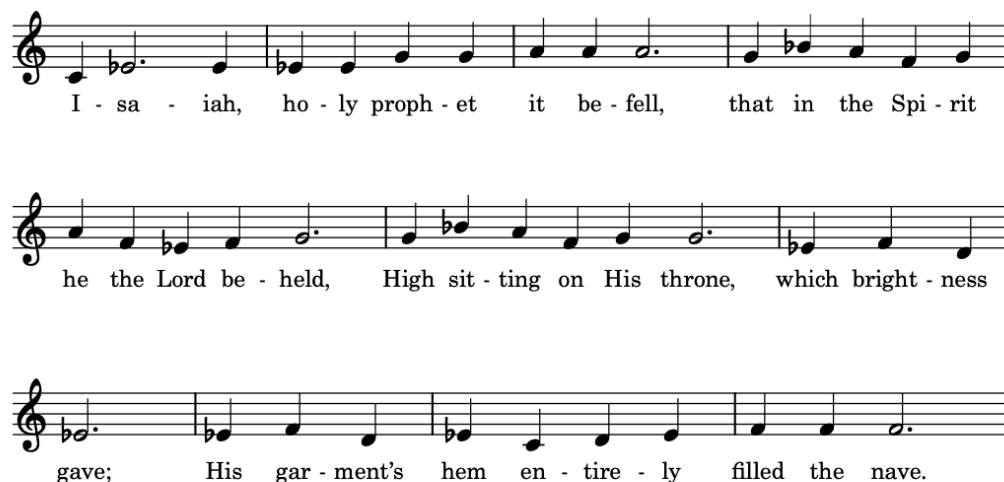
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. . .

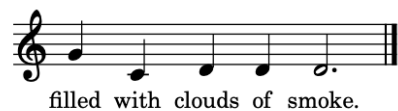
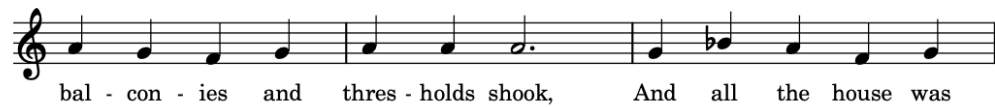
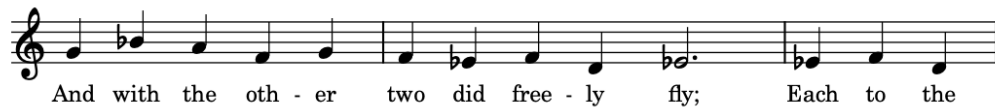
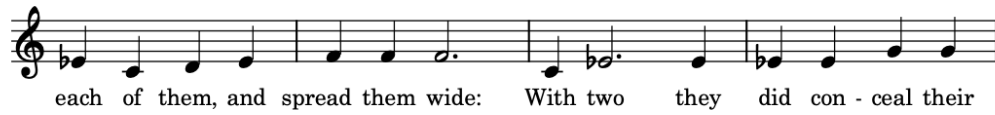
sanctus
(from *The New Liturgy
of the Holy Trinity* by
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I - sa - iah, ho - ly proph - et it be - fell, that in the Spi - rit

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.



eucharistic
prayer

We do well to praise you, O God, and in this we are not alone. Every atom proclaims your glory; the smallest creature and highest mountain both attest to your creative genius; the stunning climax of great music and the trusting grasp of a child's hand bear witness to your love.

Though we do not see them, the hills skip like lambs. Though we cannot hear them, the valleys sing for joy. And we, the work of your hand, are caught up in this universal anthem. But lest we believe that what we have to offer is more than you have to give, we remember the one who is both our host and Savior.

Born into obscurity, baptized into solidarity, touching those whose disease might contaminate him, dining with those whose company might discredit him, denied by those who followed him, crucified by those who feared him, dead, buried, consigned to hell until heaven required his resurrection, he arose to redeem all that we had ruined; and his name is Jesus.

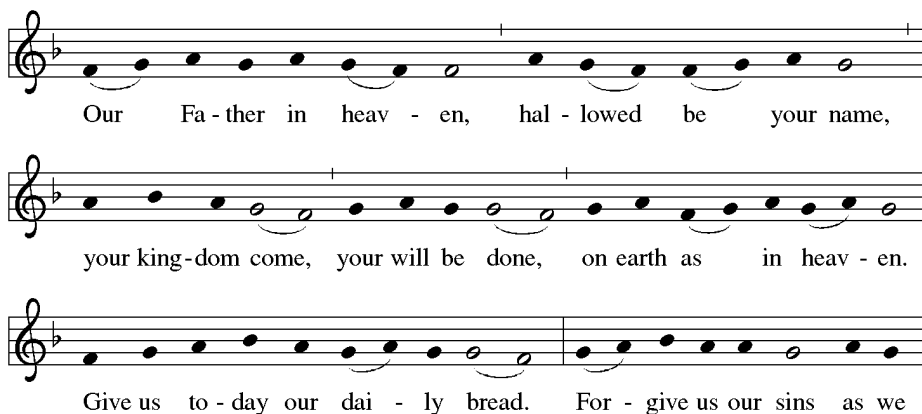
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me. *The assembly may bow.*

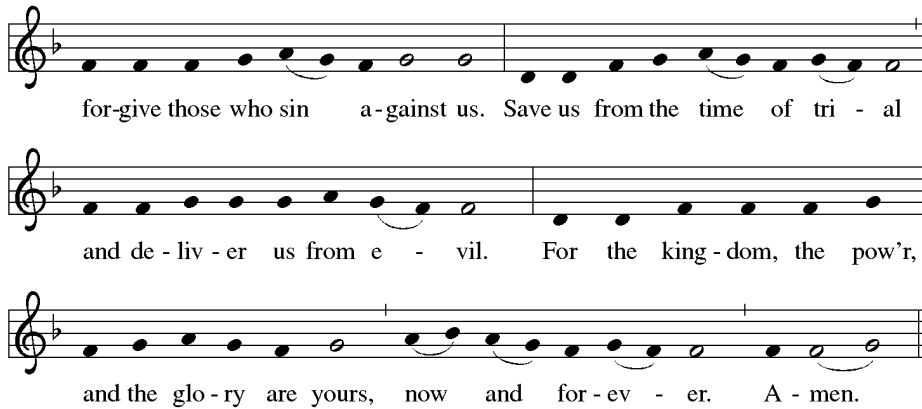
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me. *The assembly may bow.*

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

Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And as we share this holy food, may that same Spirit nourish, cherish and change us until through the mystery of your grace, as we look with hope for his coming again. 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

Der Herr ist mein Hirt

Bernhard Müller
(1842-1920)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
communion

Let us pray. **Most merciful God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling us with the bread of life and our cups with salvation. Now send us out into the world with the promise of your redeeming love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer-cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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

Piano Sonata No. 12 in F major, K. 332

W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

III. Allegro assai

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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.

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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