

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

MASS | THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 18th 2026

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.

GIVE ONLINE

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.

LIVE STREAMING AT HOLY TRINITY

Please be aware that worship this morning is being filmed, photographed, and live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness and/or voice may be captured by our equipment. Please alert an usher at the entrance if you have any concerns. Selections from this live stream may be used on our website and in our public relations materials.

PLEASE NOTE

Weapons, including firearms, knives, scissors, aerosols such as pepper spray and mace, and any hazardous materials are strictly prohibited on church property. All bags are subject to inspection upon entry into the sanctuary.

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The Reverend Timothy Weisman

GATHERING

prelude

Organ Symphony No.6, Op.59: II. Aria

Louis Vierne

(1870-1937)

At the entrance of the cross, the assembly rises in body or spirit; turn to face the cross in procession, bowing in reverence to the cross as the procession passes by.

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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 Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

prayer of
the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

W O R D

from the
hebrew
scriptures

Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!

 The Lord called me before I was born;

 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;

 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,

 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;

 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord

 and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,

 and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,

 and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

 to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up;

 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,

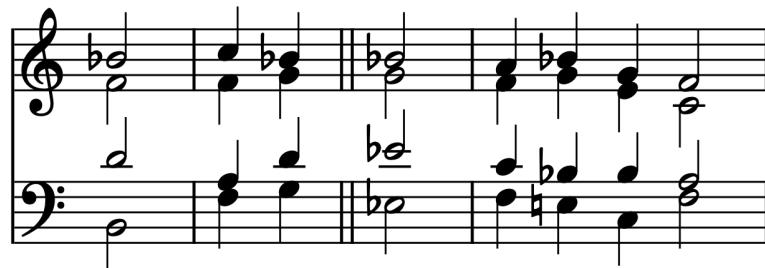
because of the Lord, who is faithful,

 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.



I waited patiently up- | on the Lord,
 who stooped to | me and heard my cry.
 The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | miry clay,
 and set my feet upon a high cliff, mak- | ing my footing sure.
 The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and | put their trust in the Lord.
 Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!
 They do not turn to enemies or to | those who follow lies.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us,
 none can be com- | pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
 But they are | more than I can count.
 Sacrifice and offering you do | not desire;
 you have opened my ears:
 burnt-offering and sin-offering | you have not required.

And so I said, “Here I | am; I come.
 In the scroll of the book | it is written of me:
 ‘I love to do your will, | O my God;
 your law is | deep within me.’”

I proclaimed righteousness in the | great assembly;
 I have not restrained my | lips, O Lord, you know.
 I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de- | liverance;
 I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth
 from the | great assembly.
 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;
 may your steadfast love and your truth con- | tinually keep me safe.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

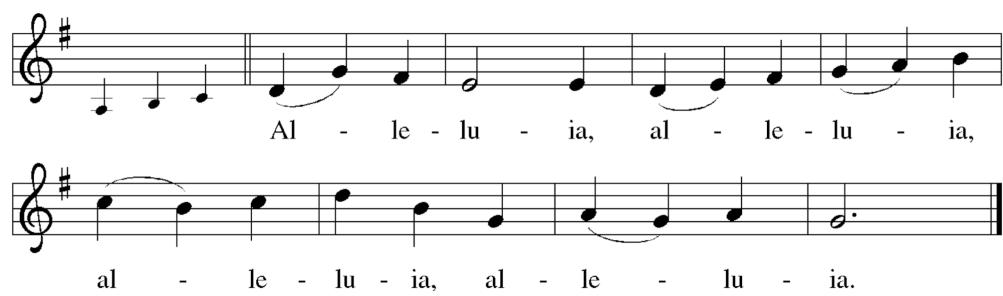
Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel
acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The choir sings: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. (John 1:4)

from the
holy gospels

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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.

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’
³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

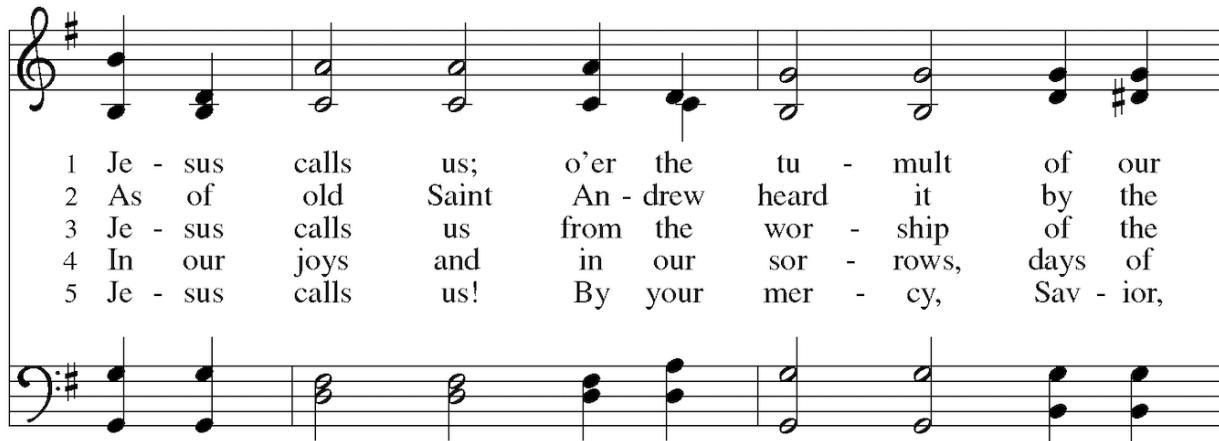
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

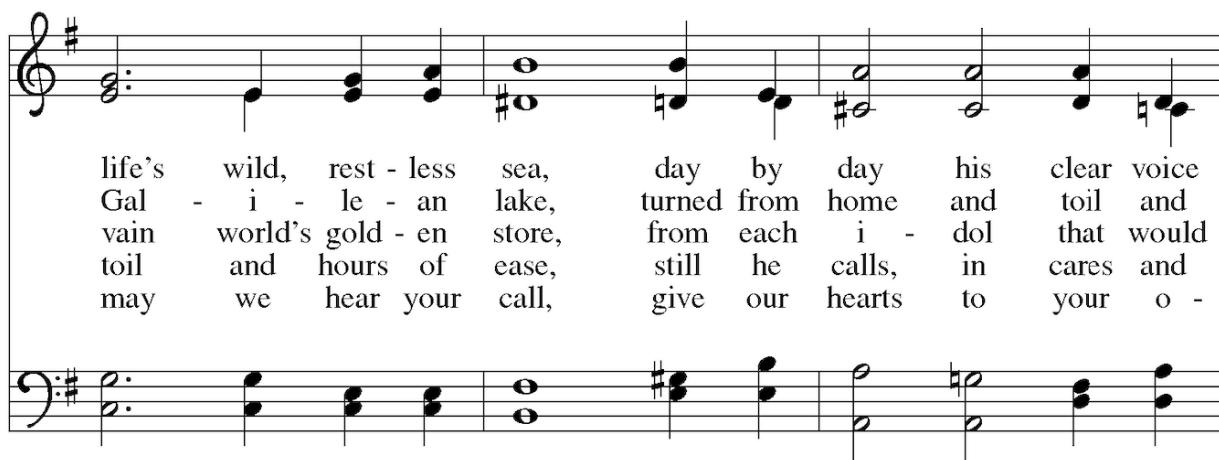
sermon

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

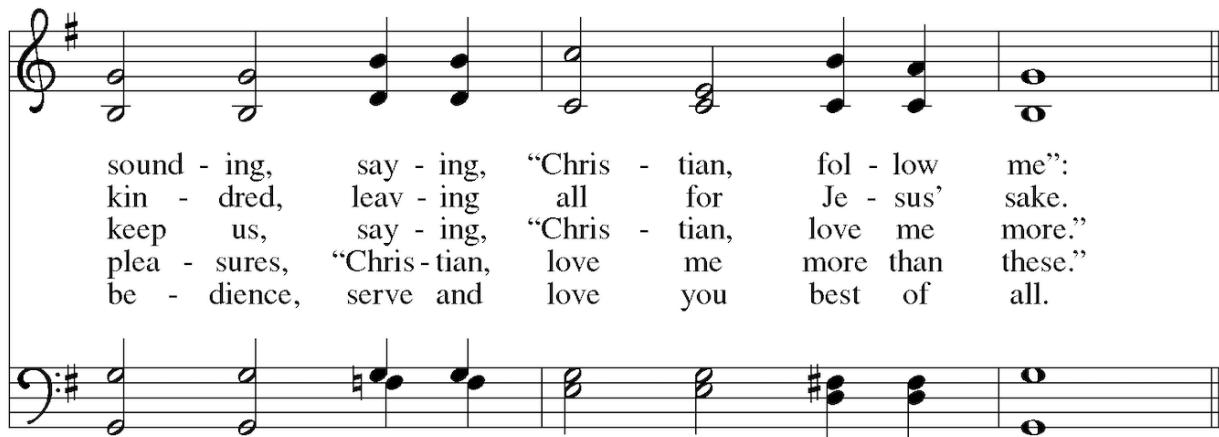
Silence is kept after the sermon. The assembly stands to sing.



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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
(Yolanda Pierce)

God grant that we will get on board and start marching with God because we got orders now to break down the bondage and the walls of colonialism, exploitation, and imperialism. To break them down to the point that no one will trample over another, but that all people will respect the dignity and worth of human personality. And then we will be in freedom's land. **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 toward the ministry of Holy Trinity as the offering plates are being passed, you can

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offertory

This little light of mine

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

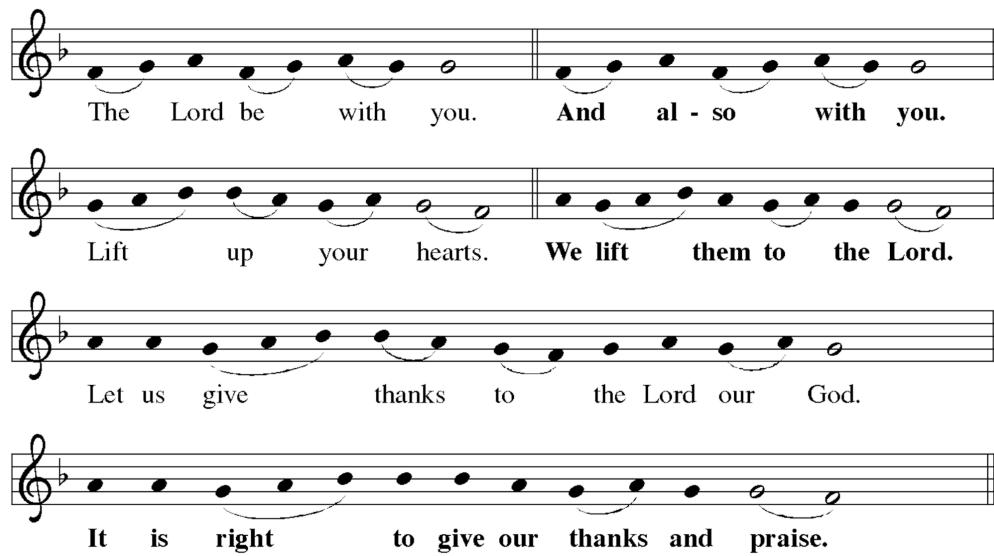
*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
All in my heart, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Shine across the land, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

offertory
prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* God of all creation, all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the great
thanksgiving



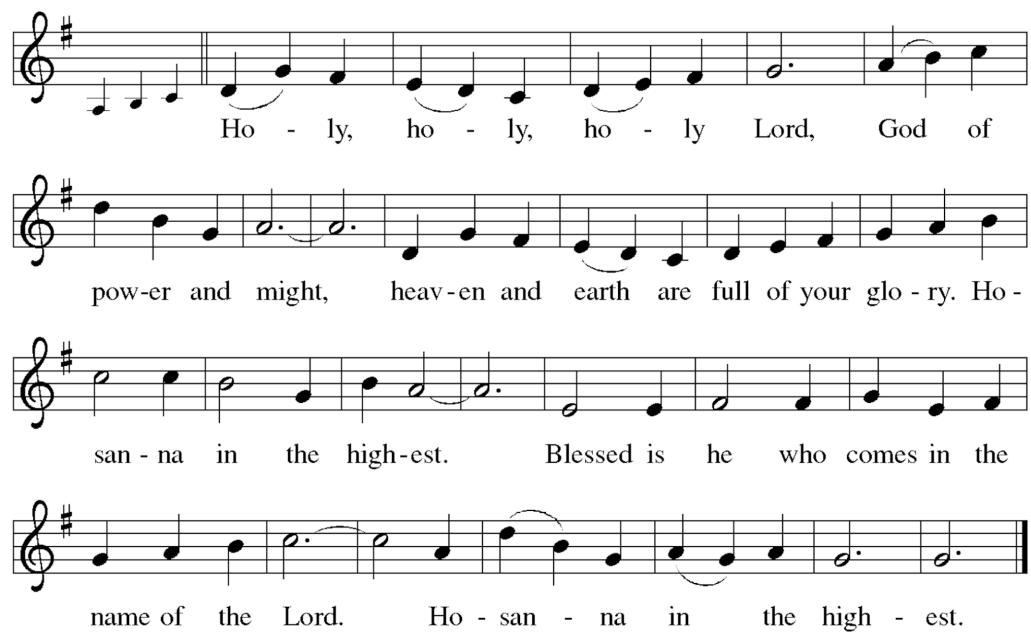
Music notation for the great thanksgiving, consisting of four staves of music with corresponding lyrics:

- Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
- Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4: 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



Music notation for the sanctus, consisting of five staves of music with corresponding lyrics:

- Staff 1: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
- Staff 2: pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
- Staff 3: san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
- Staff 4: name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you do not abandon us, but guide us into the path of love and light. In every age you send prophets who make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, **Amen!**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup. Grant us courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, **Amen!**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
And let the church say, **Amen!**

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

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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
music

Little lamb

arr. Marshall Bartholomew (b. 1885)

*Little Lamb, little Lamb, little innocent Lamb, I'm gonna serve God till I die.
Hypocrite, tell you what he do, he'll talk about me, and he'll talk about you.
Devil he's got a slippery shoe, now if you don't mind, he's gonna slip it on you.*

*Cause there ain't nobody dyin' over there, in that heavenly land.
 Over in that heavenly land there'll be joy!
 Just take one brick from Satan's wall, Satan's wall gonna tumble and fall, I'm gonna
 serve God till I die.*

communion hymn

“We shall overcome”

WE SHALL OVERCOME



1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,
 2 We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
 3 We shall all have peace, we shall all have peace,
 4 We shall see the Lord, we shall see the Lord,
 5 We are not a - fraid, we are not a - fraid,
 6 God is on our side, God is on our side,



we shall o - ver - come some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we shall all have peace some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we shall see the Lord some - day. Oh, deep in our
 we are not a - fraid to - day. Oh, deep in our
 God is on our side to - day. Oh, deep in our



hearts we do be - lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 hearts we do be - lieve we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
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 hearts we do be - lieve we are not a - fraid to - day.
 hearts we do be - lieve God is on our side to - day.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
 communion

Let us pray. **Almighty God, those who come to you will not hunger, and all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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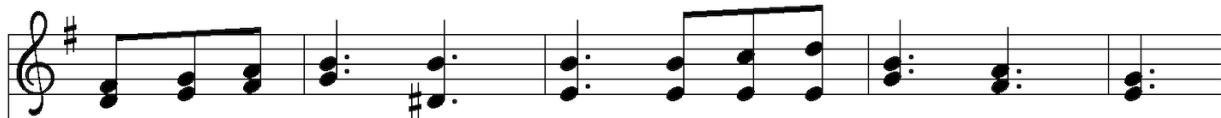
final blessing
(1 Thessalonians 5)

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.**

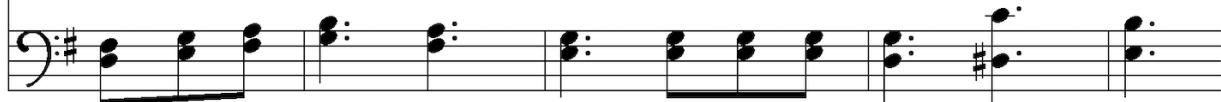
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“Lift every voice and sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,





Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



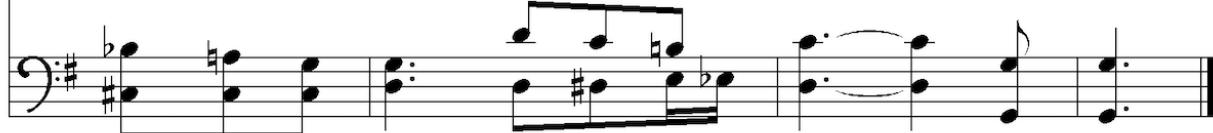
sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread-ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad-owed be -neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.



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

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois (1837-1924)

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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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