

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

MASS | THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
AND RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) SUNDAY

Sunday, January 25th 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.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

ASSISTING MINISTER	Jenn Nelson & Damon Gray
ALTAR GUILD	Jenn Nelson & Dee Scholz-Beyer
LECTOR	Bill Eggers
USHERS	Robin Samuel & Tiffany Galvez
DIGITAL SACRISTAN	Michael Galvez
COFFEE HOUR	Brian Rodriguez & Carver Duncan
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Austin Philemon
PASTOR	The Reverend Timothy Weisman

Today's altar flowers are given by Brian Rodriguez and Carver Duncan
in honor of their upcoming wedding.

GATHERING

prelude	Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F minor IV. Adagio	Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
---------	---	------------------------------------

*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 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

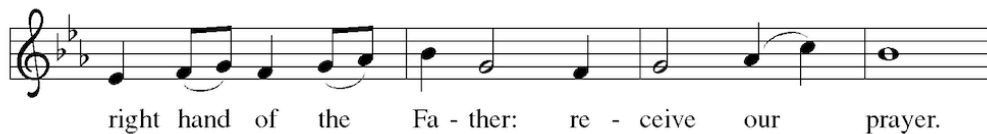
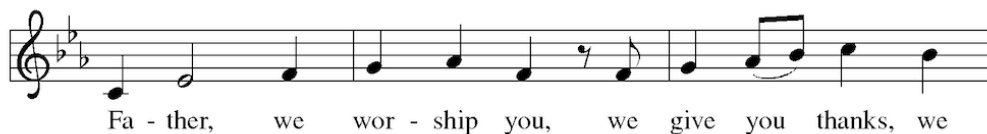
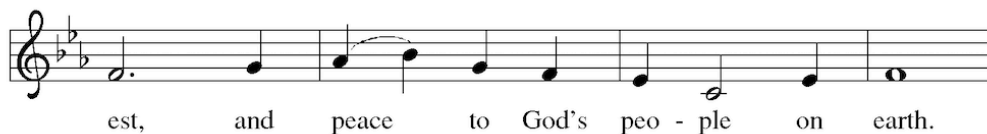
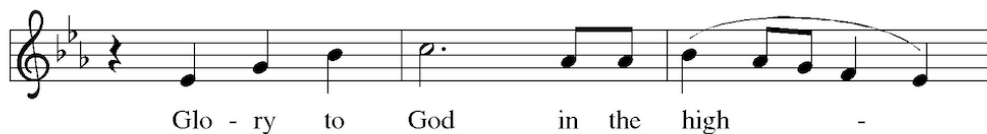
greeting
(2 corinthians 13:14)

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)



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.* Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the
hebrew
scriptures

Isaiah 9:1-14

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

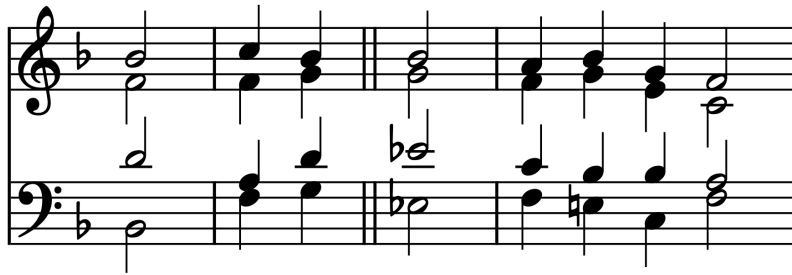
³You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom | shall I be afraid?

One thing I ask of the Lord; one | thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze
upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God | in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me | shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,

and raise me | high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who sur- | round me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make | music to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, | when I call;

have mercy on | me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”

Your face, O | Lord, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in | anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper;

forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.

¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel
acclamation



The choir sings: Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people. (Matt. 4:23)

from the
holy gospels

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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.

#644



1 Al - though I speak with an - gel's tongue, my faith, my
 2 For love is pa - tient, love is kind, and nev - er
 3 For now we peer at dark - ened glass; our vi - sions
 4 The gifts are man - y, the Bod - y one, and in - to



knowl - edge all sur - pass, but have no love, my gifts are
 vain with boast - ing pride; love bears all things, all things en -
 end; our tongues all cease. In part we know, in part now
 one are all bap - tized. Be - lov - ed, share one heart, one



vain as clang - ing gong or blar - ing brass.
 dures. All things must end; love will a - bide.
 see: then we will see love face to face.
 mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

introduction

Brian and Carver have come to seek the blessing of God upon their upcoming marriage. The uniting of these two men in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy, for the help and comfort they give one another in prosperity and adversity, and that their love may be a blessing to all whom they encounter.

Carver and Brian, dearly beloved of God, when you make your promises to one another, you will draw from the deep well of the promise God made to you the day you were born: to make a home with you wherever you live, to clothe you with forgiveness and mercy, to send you as light into the world, and to give you abundant life in Jesus Christ.

declaration of intention

Carver, do you intend to take Brian to be your husband? Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, to be faithful to him as long as you both shall live? **I do.**

Brian, do you intend to take Carver to be your husband? Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, and, forsaking all others, to be faithful to him as long as you both shall live? **I do.**

Will you, friends, family, and siblings in Christ, support and care for Brian and Carver? Will you sustain and pray for them in times of trouble, give thanks with them in times of joy, honor the bonds of their covenant, and affirm the love reflected in their life together? **We will.**

blessing of the rings

Bless, O Lord, these rings to be signs of the vows by which Carver and Brian will bind themselves to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

marriage
blessing

O God, source of all love, pour down your grace upon Brian and Carver, that they may reflect your steadfast love in their faithfulness to each other. From your great store of strength give them power and patience, affection and understanding, courage, and love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world, that they may grow old together in according to your will in ☩ Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, and let the church say, **Amen!**

acclamation

And now let those whom God joins together let no one put asunder.

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
(in the spirit of
James Baldwin)

God of justice, give us the eyes to see where injustice is happening around us; give us the lips to speak words that demand accountability and responsibility from the powers of this world; give us the spirit of boldness to stand up for what is right, even if it is difficult. Show us paths of participation in the peace of our world, that we may be messengers of your good word. **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

- Scan the QR code to the right;
- Venmo @holytrinitynyc;
- Send a Zelle to office@holytrinitynyc.org;
- Give to Holy Trinity through a Donor-advised Fund by searching for our EIN: 13-1685538.



offertory

Love bade me welcome

David Hurd (b. 1950)

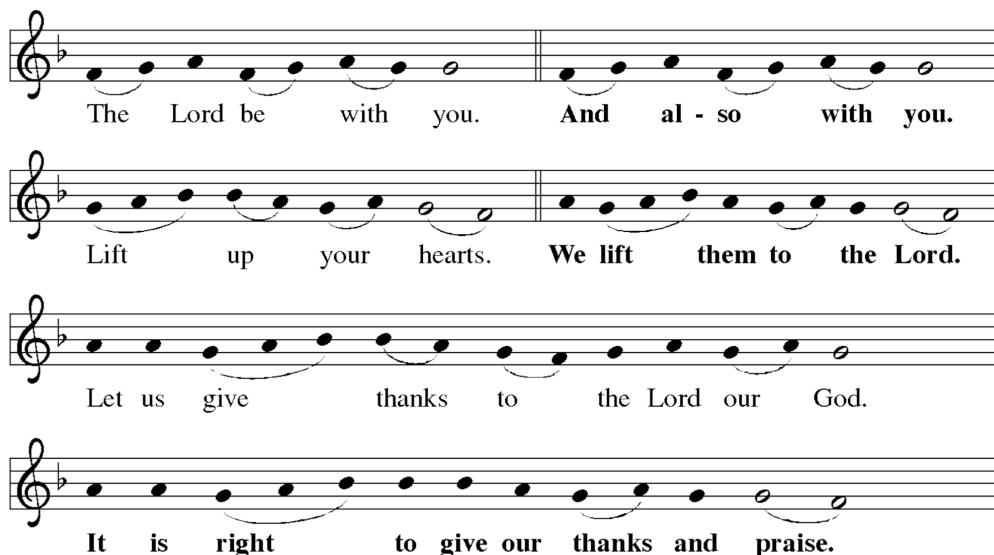
*Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.
A guest, I answered, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, Who made the eyes but I?
Truth, Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame? My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: So I did sit and eat.*

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.

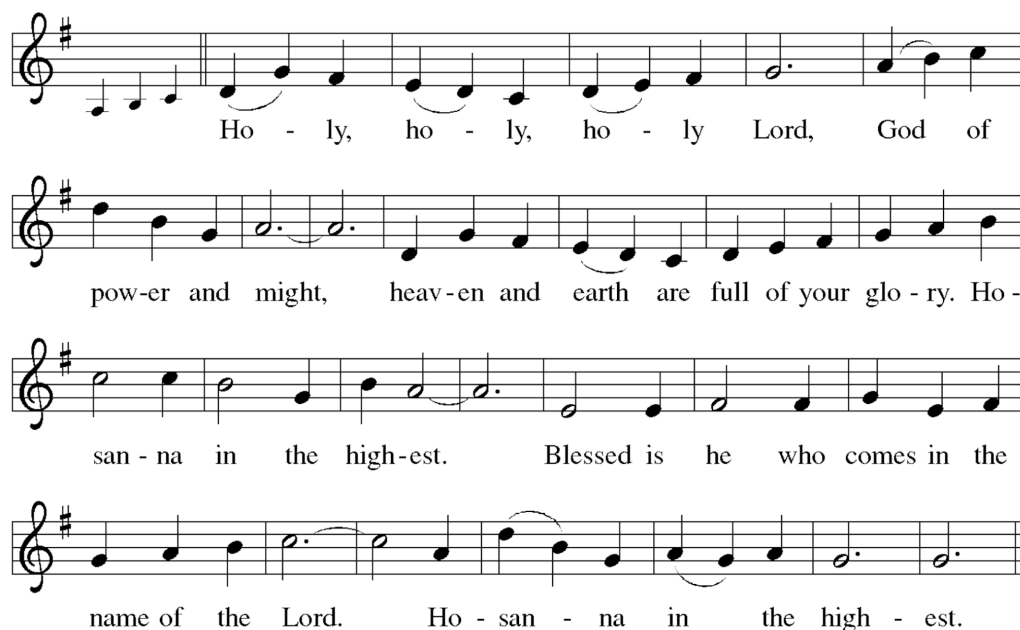
the great thanksgiving



the 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



eucharistic
prayer

It is our joy, O God, to express our gratitude for your work in us. You offer to us life abundant, free from needing to conform to the pressures of this world. You wove us together with all of creation that we might be, like you, creators. You set us in the garden to plant, to grow, to help life to flourish.

You set a path before us to shape a world where truth and goodness might thrive, but we have betrayed that calling. Too often, O God, we turn away from those who do not or cannot conform to our expectations. At times, we even become violent towards anyone who is different. Your creative hand in the formation of our siblings of many genders, sexualities, ethnicities, and abilities is punished by both church and world. Since the beginning, we have struggled to overcome our fear of difference.

But in your love for all of us, you took on the flesh the world despises. The flesh of one on the borders. The flesh of one who broke rules. The flesh of one who hung out with the outcasts, the weirdos, the sinners. In Christ, the status quo is threatened and the sacredness of those on the margins is affirmed.

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.*

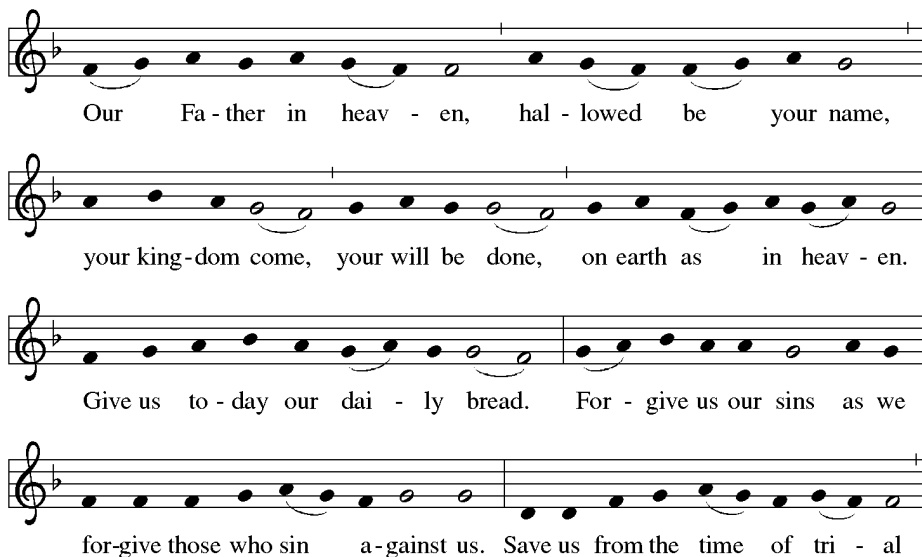
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me. *The assembly may bow.*

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

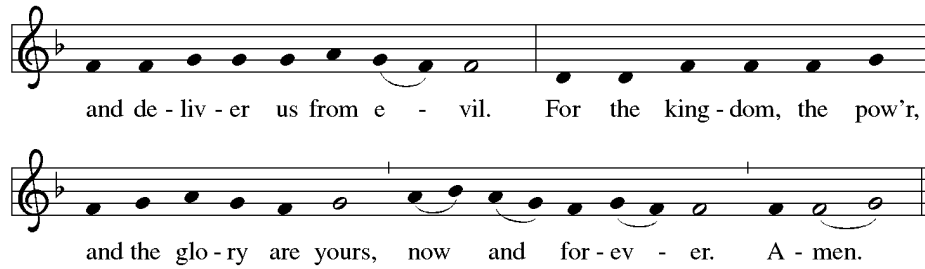
In remembrance of the One who refused to conform to values and practices
that harm, we pray that the Spirit would make us one in our vision for the
kingdom of God, where all are free to flourish in our created forms.

And so pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, that we might be the
body of Christ, the relentless pursuer of love in all its surprising, confronting,
beautiful, and varied manifestations. 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)



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 - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



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

Set me as a seal

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it. Amen.

communion hymn
#470

"Draw us in the spirit's tether"

UNION SEMINARY

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
communion

Let us pray. **God of welcome and compassion, in this holy meal you have fed us with wisdom, forgiveness, and grace. By your Spirit send us out to become what we have received, the body of Christ for the sake of the whole world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

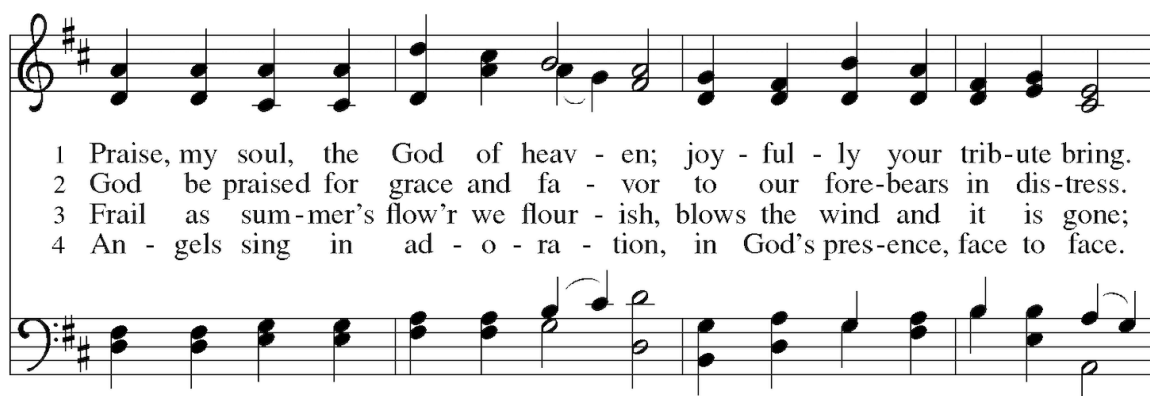
final blessing
(1 Thessalonians 5)

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.**

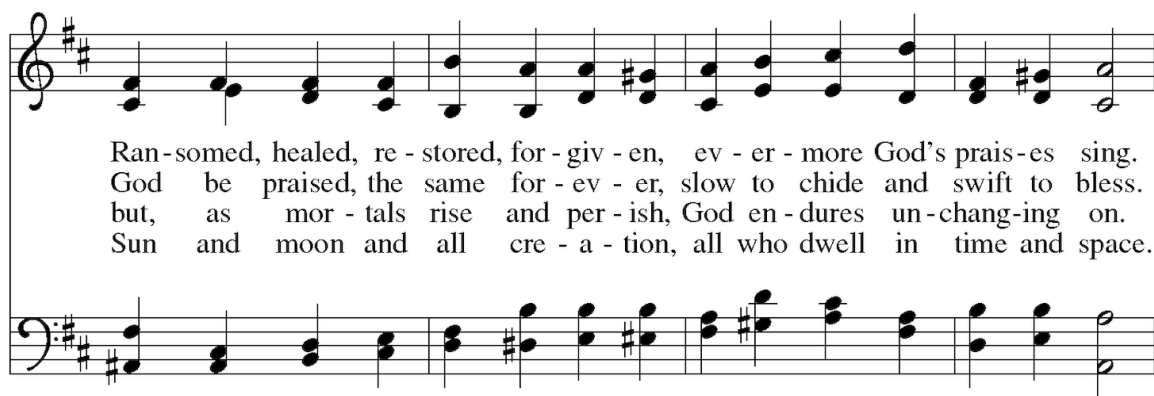
sending hymn
#864

“Praise my soul, the God of heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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 Symphony for Organ No. 5 in F minor Charles-Marie Widor
V. Toccata

The liturgical texts and music are from Sundays and Seasons copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. Our Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License number is SAS003217. The scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, copyright © 2021, National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Hymnody made available through One License Annual License with Podcasting Renewal A-732983. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

PLEASE
REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS

Dorothy Barritt
Dolores Fernandez

John Senig
Stephen Shea
Bonnie Minger
John and Joe K.
Tim Seboldt
Dick Baumann
Rachel Boccio
Raphael Ruiz
Dean Weisman
Thorvald Slater
Mike Rodriguez
Barbara Taylor
Carol Harnett
Kathy VanBlarcum
Angel Luis
Paul Schmidt
Ruth Farrell
Louise Printz
Marilyn Johnson
Jeremy Lee
Nancy McCloskey
Amy Clare Whitaker

If you would like to give
altar flowers in memory
of a loved one or in
commemoration of
an event, email
office@holyltrinitynyc.org

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.

Find all our news and announcements in our e-newsletter:



Sign up for our weekly newsletter at tinyurl.com/signupHT. **And reach out to Pastor Tim** and let him know you're here today. His email is pastortim@holyltrinitynyc.org.

A Reconciling in Christ congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
3 W. 65th Street at Central Park West, New York, NY 10023
(212) 877-6815 | holyltrinitynyc.org

