

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

MASS | THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Sunday, February 8th 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.

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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.

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Austin Philemon
PASTOR	The Reverend Timothy Weisman

GATHERING

prelude	Prelude in b minor, BWV 544	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
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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 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

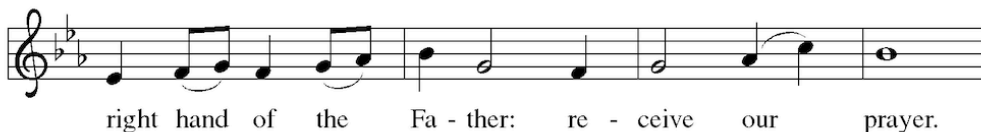
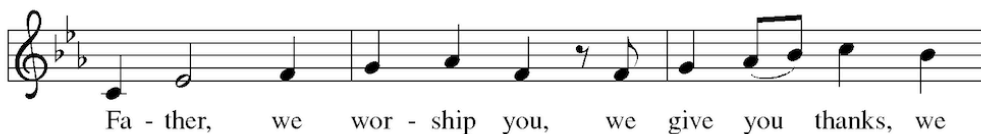
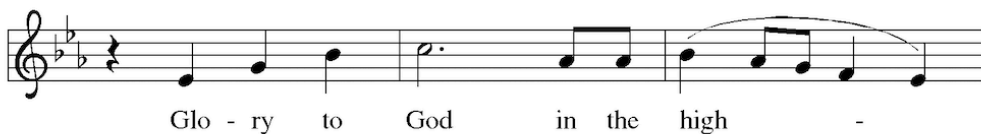
greeting
(2 corinthians 13:14)

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, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A - men.

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the
hebrew
scriptures

Isaiah 58:1-9

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day

and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you;

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

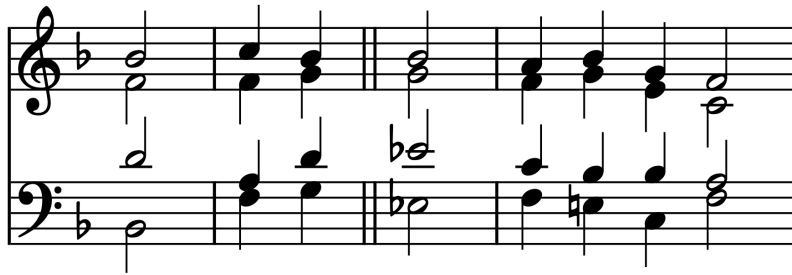
⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.



*Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord
and have great delight in | God's commandments!*

Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.
Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, | trusting in the Lord.
Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.

from the
christian
scriptures

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I came

to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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 says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

from the
holy gospels

Matthew 5:13:20

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.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music. The first system includes three verses of lyrics. The second and third systems repeat the first verse. The fourth system contains a chorus. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and lyrics.

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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
(Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until the day when all God's children will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. **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.

M E A L

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.

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

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- Venmo @holytrinitynyc;
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offertory

Light of the world

Edward Edgar (1857-1934)

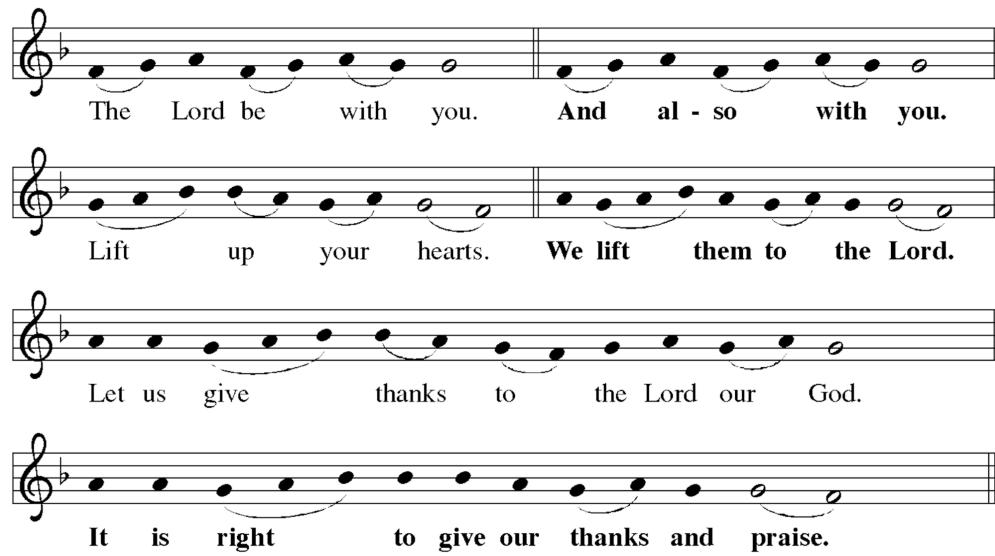
*Light of the world, we know thy praise, the angels and arch-angels raise,
And all the host of Heav'n; more worthily than our faint hymns,
Whose jarring sound that glory dims, which God to Thee hast given.
But Thou didst not disdain to take our low estate,
Or e'en to make the tomb Thy resting place;
So Thou might bring into our night the dawn of Thine eternal Light
to shine upon our face.
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin is Lord, but Thou, O Son of God.
Thy word is now our sovereign law. Therefore we thank Thee and we pray
Thy light may shine unto the perfect day;
Thy light may shine on us for evermore.*

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.

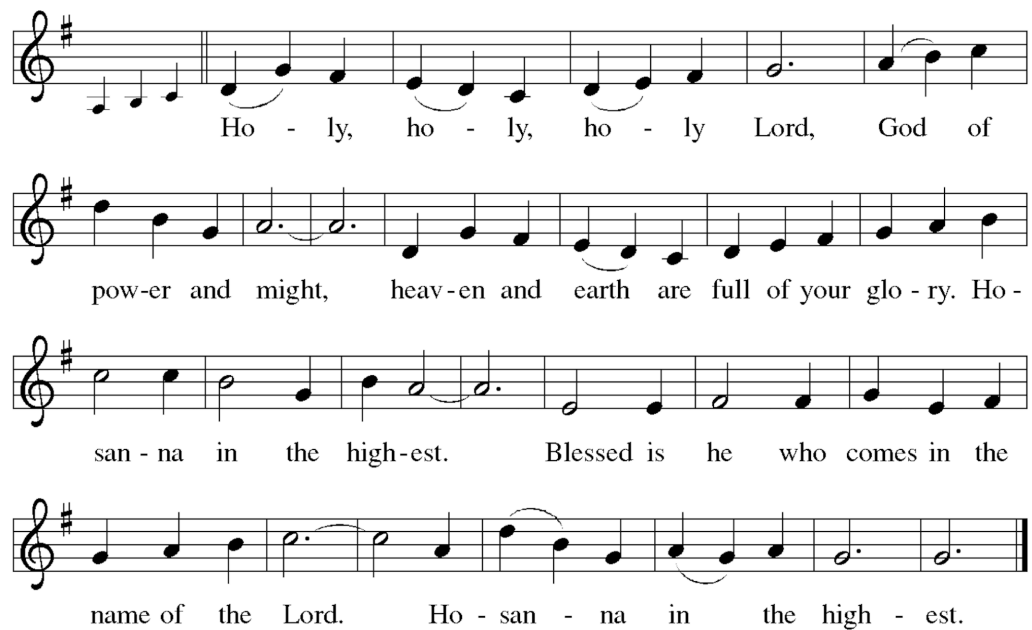
the great
thanksgiving



the 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

Most Holy God, you fashioned us from the beginning, created us from the dust of the ground, and breathed upon us; and all creation was enlivened by your Spirit, free and abroad in all creation, making life by your work of love.

Nothing living is untouched by your Spirit or without your gift of grace, the earth is full of your treasures, and great and small are the works of your hands. Everywhere we behold your glory and the superabundance of your Spirit, and by the same Spirit we are molded together into one fellowship of life. Such is your pattern that everything speaks of you and every speck of dust is transfused with glory.

You set us in the midst of life to care and serve, and to walk humbly with you and trust in your Spirit, but we have betrayed that trust and have served ourselves worshiping our own image and frustrating your Spirit within us. Only your Son, filled with the Spirit, has set us free and liberated us to walk again in newness of life; yet the Spirit of your Son still cries in our hearts so that all creation may be free again with your love.

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

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

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

Through the Holy Spirit we pray that these creatures of bread and wine may be to us the very life of your Son in flesh and blood; signs of life renewed for the whole creation. Driven by that same Spirit we confess you, Lord of Life, source of all that is good, beautiful, and true, and we commit ourselves to that life of care manifest in your Son, Jesus Christ. 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
music

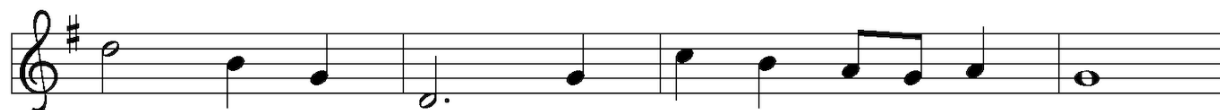
Sing, my soul, his wondrous love

Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace. Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below? God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure. Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts, your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
communion

Let us pray. **God of our ancestors, as the broken bread was gathered into one loaf, you have gathered and healed your people throughout all generations. Send us forth in peace, keep us from danger, order our steps, and guide our feet as we run this race of faith, 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
#688

“Lord of light”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain
Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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

Fugue in b minor, BWV 544

J.S. Bach

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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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