

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

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AT HOLY TRINITY

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FUNERAL MASS FOR ROBERT ALAN RIMBO **Sunday, March 22nd 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.

Please be aware that the funeral mass this evening 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.

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

USHERS **Gayle & Douglass Seaton, Carolyn Hinsey, and Patty McGreevey**

CRUCIFER **Robert Crumb**

PARTICIPATING CLERGY **Bishop Kevin Strickland, Southeastern Synod**
Bishop Katrina Foster, Metropolitan New York Synod
The Reverend John Morris
The Reverend Jared Stahler

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VOCALISTS **Meredith Krinke, Erin Reppenhagen, AJ Rodriguez, Oliver Holt,**
and Mark Senechal

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC **Austin Philemon**

PASTOR OF HOLY TRINITY **The Reverend Timothy Weisman**

GATHERING

prelude “Alle Menschen müssen sterben,” BWV 643 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

introduction Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Robert, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief. Bishop Katrina Foster

thanksgiving for baptism When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

hymn of
baptismal
thanksgiving



In-to par - a - dise may the an - gels
lead you. At your com - ing may the mar - tyrs re - ceive you and
lead you in - to the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, Je -
ru - sa - lem. May a choir of an - gels wel - come you, and where
Laz - a - rus is poor no more, may you have ev - er - last - ing rest, may you
have ev - er - last - ing rest, may you have ev - er - last - ing rest.

acclamation

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Robert was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Bishop Kevin
Strickland

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you. **We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you. **We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

greeting
and prayer
of the day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Bishop Foster

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our
brother Robert. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a
companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion,
console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and
hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company
of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly sits.

eulogy

Richard "Rick" Rimbo

WORD

from the
hebrew
scriptures

Isaiah 43:1-7

The Rev. John Morris

¹ But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight

and honored and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.

psalm 121

A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.



*I lift up my eyes / to the hills;
from where is my / help to come?*
My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

gospel
acclamation

☞ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The choir sings: I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)

from the
holy gospels

John 1:1-14

Bishop Strickland

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

homily

Bishop Strickland

hymn of the day "Lord, thee I love with all my heart"

HERZLICH LIEB

1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos - om bear me home,

with ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth has no plea - sure I would share,
 in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
 that I may die un - fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham - ber keep

yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.
 may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.
 my bod - y safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.

And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can noth - ing shake.
 Let no false teach - ing me be - guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 And then from death a - wak - en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
 O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior

my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.
 my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
 my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

the apostles'
creed

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

Bishop Foster

**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.**

prayers of the
people

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept.*

Pastor Morris

Almighty God, in holy baptism you knit your people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

the peace
(John 20:19)

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Bishop Strickland

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

While no offering will be collected, memorial gifts may be made to the Robert Rimbo Memorial Fund at tinyurl.com/rimbofund or by using the QR code to the right. In addition, you can avoid service fees by sending a Zelle to office@holytrinitynyc.org.



Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins. Who loved us all and shed his blood, that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God; who was, and is, and is to come. Sing Holy, Holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below. For Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

The assembly stands at the invitation of 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.**

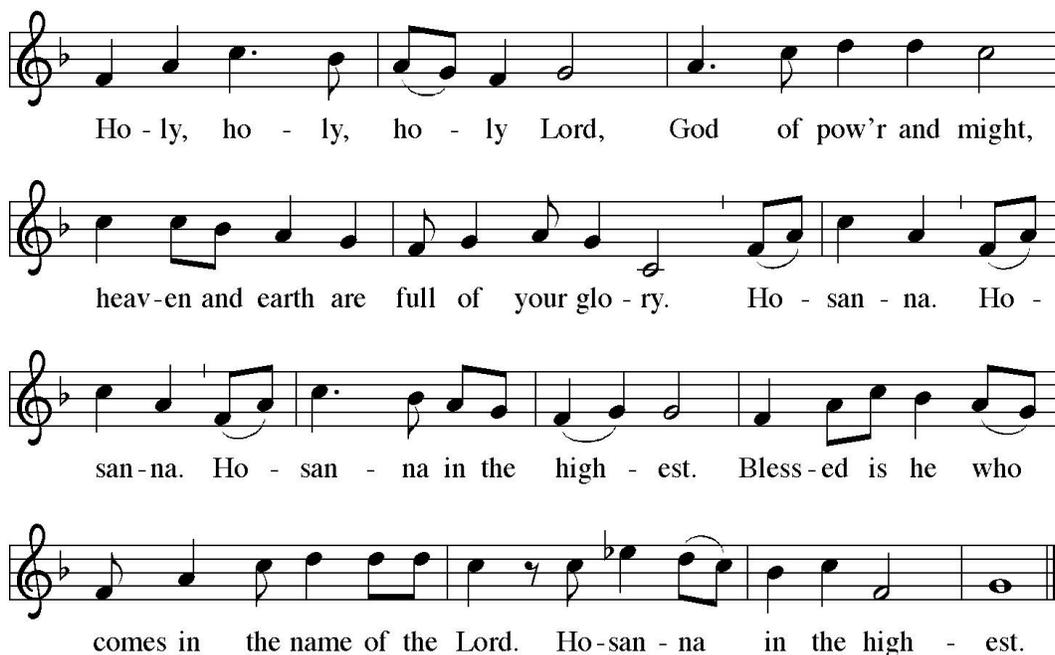
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

eucharistic
prayer

O God, Creator of our wilderness world, O God, Savior of the lost, O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering, we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.

We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law.

We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.

We praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.**

You became truly human in Jesus our brother.

For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.

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.*

We extol his life. Amen. **Amen.**
We lament his death. Amen. **Amen.**
We celebrate his resurrection. Amen. **Amen.**

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit. Make this food into manna for
our journey, the body and blood of your Son.
Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**

Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.
Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**

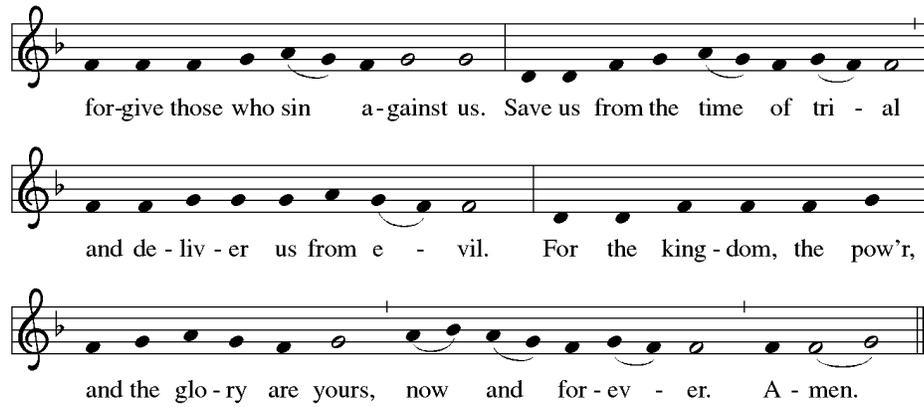
Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.
Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**

Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.
Save us, O God. **Save us, O God.**

At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter
garden. To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and
forever. Amen. **Amen.**

the lord's
prayer

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
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.

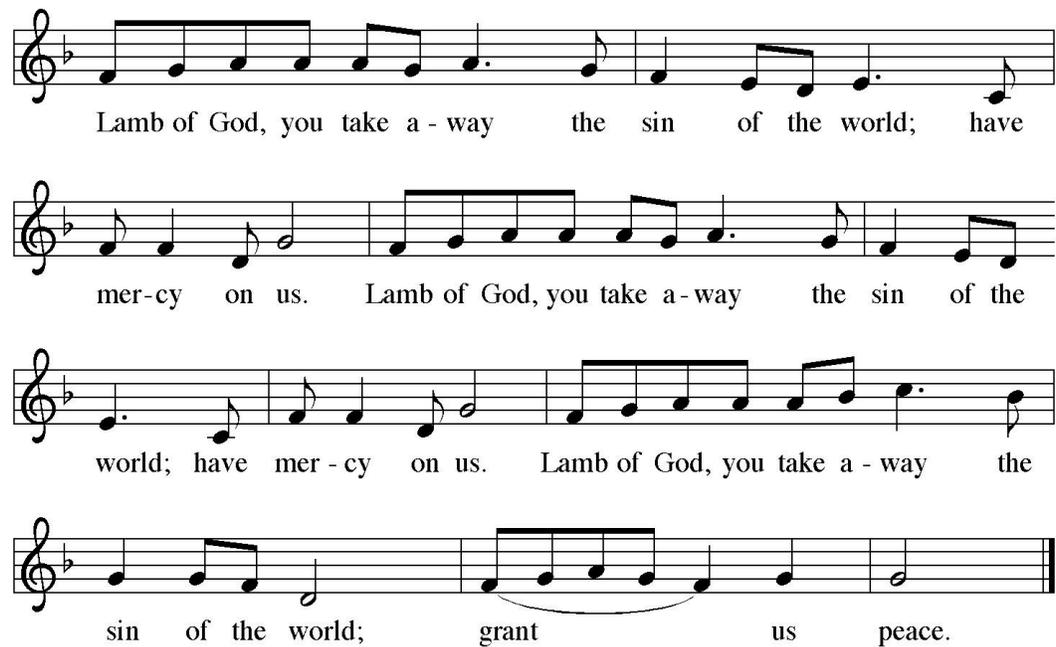
the invitation
(psalm 34:8)

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
hymns



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

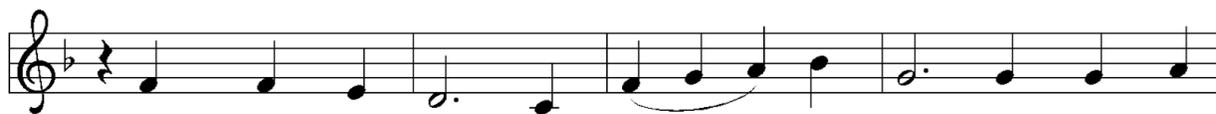
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

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,



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
 communion

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Rev. Timothy
 Weisman

SENDING

commendation Let us commend Robert to the mercy of God, our maker Bishop Strickland
and redeemer. *Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Robert. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

final blessing Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now Bishop Foster
and forever. **Amen.**

dismissal Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

sending hymn “There in God’s garden”

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four numbered lines of text corresponding to the four measures of the hymn.

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils, of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

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