

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

MASS | THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (TRANSFERRED)

Sunday, May 17th 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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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 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.

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

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ALTAR GUILD

Robert Crumb & Tim Cage

LECTOR

Jean Silliman

USHERS

Joseph Gedeon & Lee Helms

DIGITAL SACRISTAN

Tom Barritt

LUNCHEON

Tim Cage

MUSICIANS

Edson Scheid & Kiyoun Jang, violins; Dan McCarthy, viola; Adam Young, cello; Patricia Neely, bass; Gonzalo Ruiz & Andrew Blanke, oboes

GUEST CONDUCTOR

Rick Erickson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Austin Philemon

PASTOR

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

GATHERING

prelude

Improvisation on all 20 stops

As the procession enters the church, the assembly turns to face the cross, bowing in reverence to the cross as the procession passes by.

processional hymn
#526

“God is here!”

ABBOT'S LEIGH

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

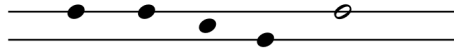
world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

All may bow during the response, mirroring the presider.

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
(revelation 5)



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



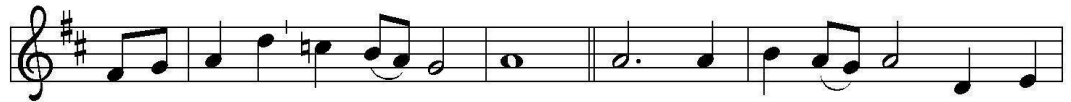
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

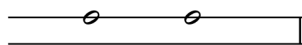
Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

prayer of
the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

WORD

from the
christian
scriptures

Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

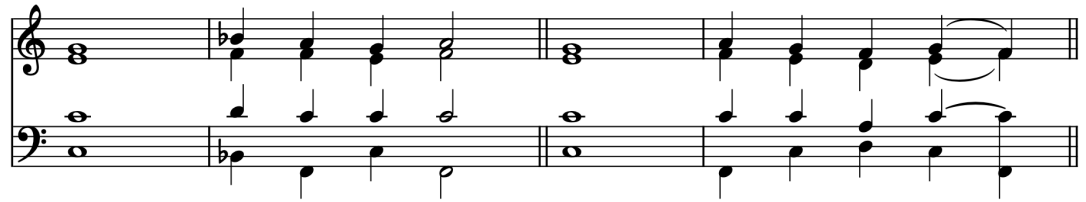
³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.



*Clap your hands, / all you peoples;
shout to God with / a joyful sound.*

For the Lord Most High | is to be feared:
a great king ov- | er all the earth,

who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations | under our feet;
who chooses our inher- | itance for us,
the pride of Ja- | cob, whom God loves.

God has gone | up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound | of the ram's horn.
Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.

For God is king | of all the earth;
sing prais- | es with a song.
God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is | enthroned on high.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

from the
christian
scriptures

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³ All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, ⁴ but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

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. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The choir sings: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matt. 18:19,20)

from the
holy gospels

Mark 16:14-20

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.

¹⁴ Later [Jesus] appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table, and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. ¹⁶ The one who believes and is baptized will be saved, but the one who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

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.

Wer da gläubet und getauft wird

BWV 37

coro	Whoever does have faith and is baptized, he will become blessed	<i>Wer da gläubet und getauft wird, der wird selig werden</i>
aria tenore	Faith is the pledge of the love That Jesus fosters for those who are his. Thus he has—purely out of love’s impulses, When he would inscribe me into the Book of Life— Committed to me this prize	<i>Der Glaube ist das Pfand der Liebe, Die Jesus für die Seinen hegt. Drum hat er bloss aus Liebestriebe, Da er ins Lebensbuch mich schriebe, Mir dieses Kleinod beigelegt.</i>
duetto soprano e alto	Lord God Father, my mighty hero, You have loved me in your Son eternally since before the world was created Your son has betrothed me to himself; He is my treasure; I am his bride, Exceedingly gladdened in him. Ah yes, ah yes! Heavenly life he will give me There above; My heart shall eternally praise him. You mortals, do you long, with me,	<i>Herr Gott Vater, mein starker Held! Du hast mich ewig vor der Welt In deinem Sohn geliebet. Dein Sohn hat mich ihm selbst vertraut, Er ist mein Schatz, ich bin sein Braut, Sehr hoch in ihm erfreuet. Eia! Eia! Himmlisch Leben wird er geben Mir dort oben; Ewig soll mein Herz ihn loben.</i>
recitativo basso	To behold God’s countenance? Then you must not rely on good works; For although, to be sure, a Christian Is required to exercise himself in good works Because it is the will of God, Faith alone, nonetheless, then makes possible That we are justified in God’s eyes	<i>Ihr Sterblichen, verlangt ihr mit mir Das Antlitz Gottes anzuschauen? So dürft ihr nicht auf gute Werke bauen; Denn ob sich wohl ein Christ Muss in den guten Werken üben, Weil es der ernste Wille Gottes ist, So macht der Glaube doch allein, Dass wir vor Gott gerecht</i>

and blessed.

und selig sein.

aria basso

Faith provides the wings of the soul
So that it soars into heaven;
Baptism is the seal of approval
That brings God's blessing to us;
And then is called a blessed Christian
Anyone who has faith
and has been baptized

*Der Glaube schafft der Seele Flügel,
Dass sie sich in den Himmel schwingt,
Die Taufe ist das Gnadensiegel,
Das uns den Segen Gottes bringt;
Und daher heisst ein selger Christ,
Wer gläubet
und getauft ist.*

corale

Grant me faith
In your son Jesus Christ;
Also, forgive me my sin
Here, in this time span
You will not deny me
What you have promised:
That he would undertake to bear my sin
And would free me from its burden.

*Den Glauben mir verleihe
An dein Sohn Jesum Christ,
Mein Sünd mir auch verzeihe
Allhier zu dieser Frist.
Du wirst mir nicht versagen,
Was du verheissen hast,
Dass er mein Sünd tu tragen
Und lös mich von der Last.*

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
(Langston Hughes)

O God, we dream a world where one person no other will scorn, where love will bless the earth and peace its paths adorn. We dream a world where all will know sweet freedom's way, where greed no longer saps the soul, nor avarice blights our days. A world we dream, whatever race you be, will share the bounties of the earth and every person is free, where wretchedness will hang its head, and joy, like a pearl, attends the needs of all humankind. Of such we dream, heaven on earth, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the peace
(john 20:19)

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

The assembly is invited to pass the peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them. If you, for any reason, wish to avoid physical contact during the peace, please feel free to cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a verbal greeting. Following the peace, the assembly sits.

M E A L

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offertory

Ciacona ex d, BWV 1178 (discovered in 2025)
Rick Erickson, organ

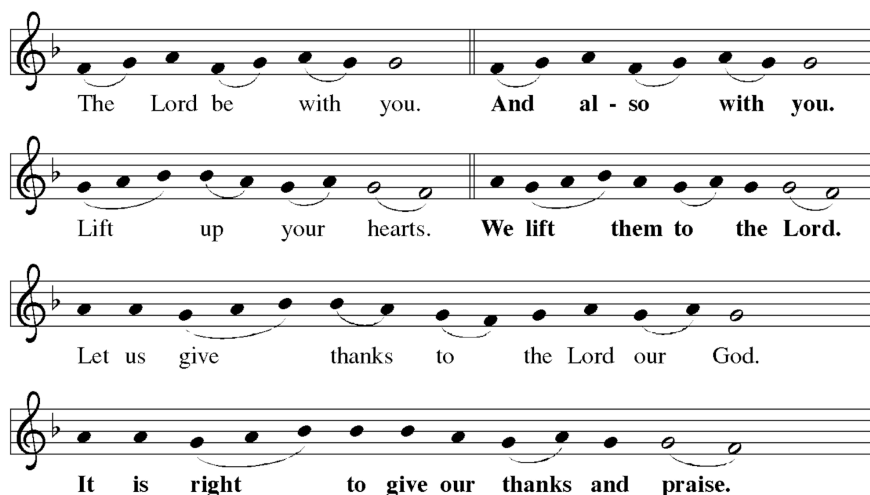
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

offertory
prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise; in name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the great
thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

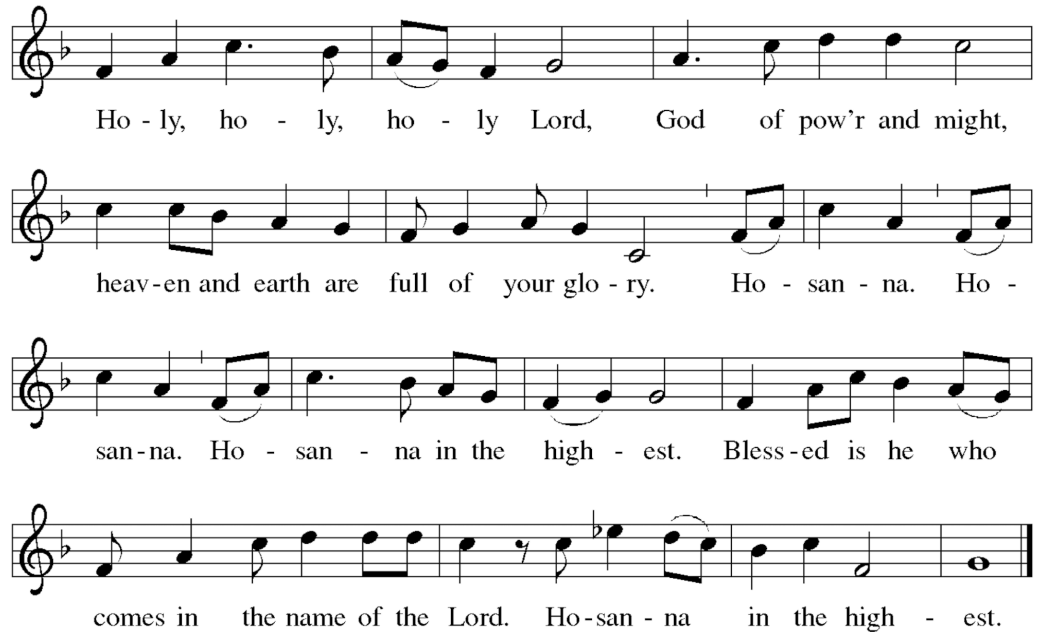
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

the proper
preface

The presider continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you. . . and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn. . .

sanctus



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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, for your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself as a light to the nations, delivered them from bondage, and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign, and to give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said:

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.*

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. 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 small 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

Ascendens Christus

Jacob Handl
(1550-1591)

*Christ, ascending on high, led captivity captive:
He gave gifts to men. Alleluia.*

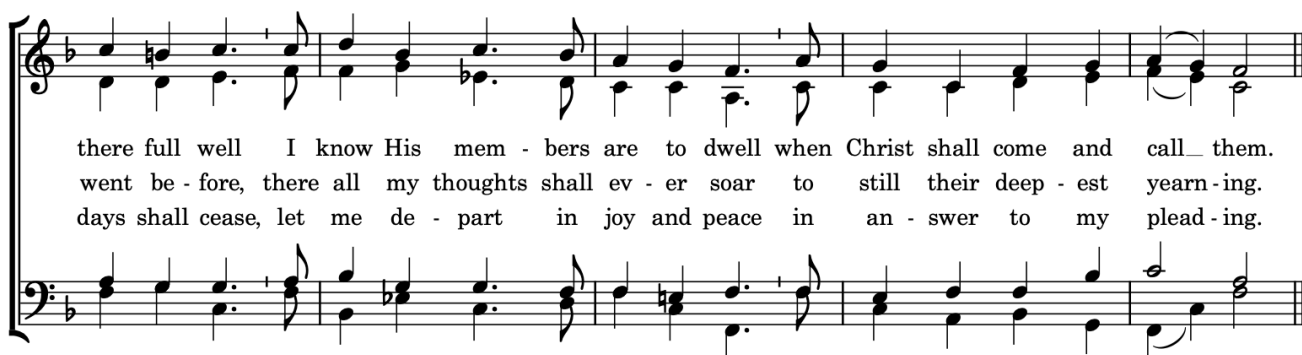
communion hymn

“On Christ’s ascension I now build”

NUN FREUT EUCH

On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of mine as - cen - sion; this
Since He re - turned to claim His throne, great gifts for men ob - tain - ing, my
Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing Thine as - cen - sion, that

hope a - lone has ev - er stilled all doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion; for where the Head is,
heart shall rest in Him a - lone, no oth - er rest re - main - ing; for where my Trea - sure
I may ev - er walk with Thee, a - dorn - ing Thy re - demp - tion; and then, when all my



there full well I know His mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call_ them.
 went be - fore, there all my thoughts shall ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.
 days shall cease, let me de - part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
 communion

Let us pray. **O Lord, you ascended through the eternal gates to your Father's throne and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Help us not to be bound to the things of this earth, but lift our hearts where you, our redeemer, have gone before; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SENDING

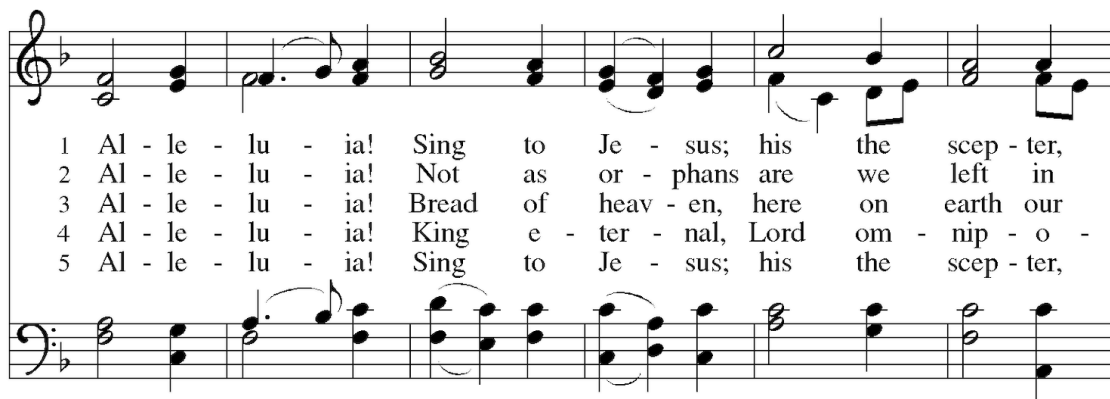
farewell

Taking leave of the sanctuary and organ

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.**

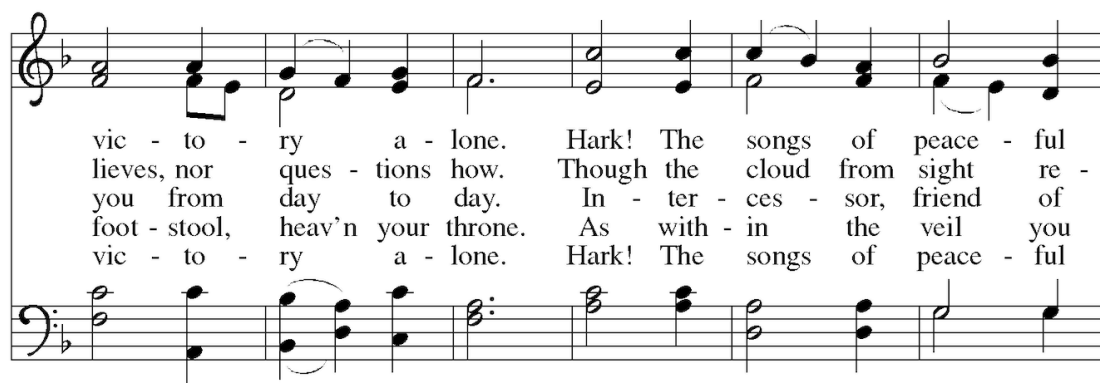
During the sending hymn, the assembly is invited to follow the procession up to the organ gallery to say farewell to Fritts Op. 16.



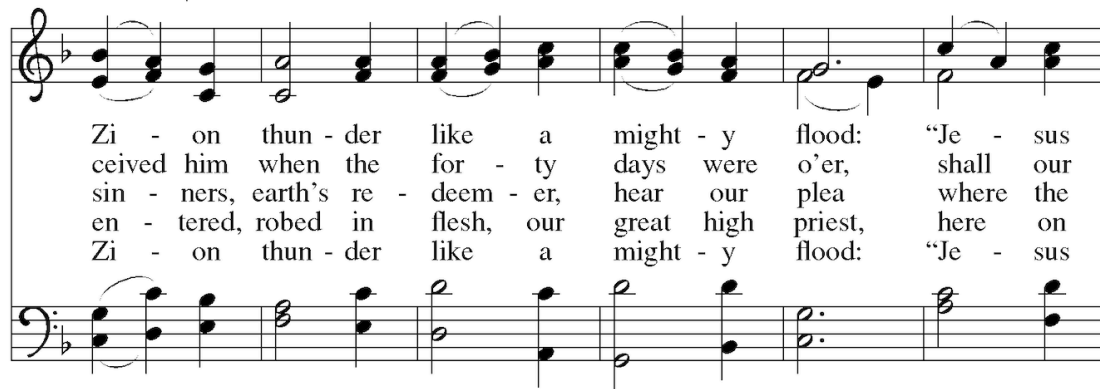
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



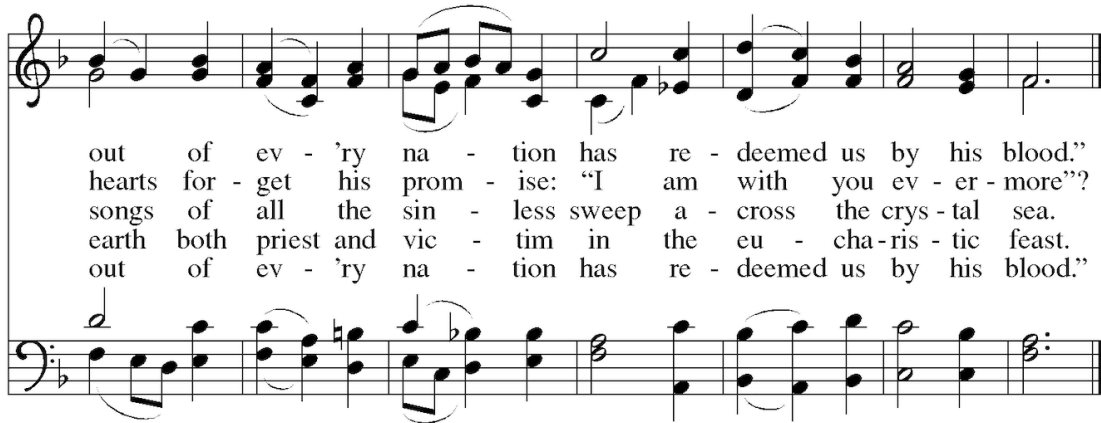
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Mass is ended.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sits for the postlude.

postlude

Toccatà in F Major, BWV 540

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PLEASE
REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS

Dorothy Barritt
Dolores Fernandez

John Senig
Stephen Shea
Bonnie Minger
John and Joe K.

Tim Seboldt
Dick Baumann
Raphael Ruiz
Dean Weisman
Thorvald Slater
Mike Rodriguez
Barbara Taylor
Carol Harnett

Kathy VanBlarcum

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Ruth Farrell
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Marilyn Johnson

Jeremy Lee
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Marta Okland

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

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

If you are new to Holy Trinity, we are glad you're here. Whether you've worshiped at Holy Trinity a thousand times or are here today for the 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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