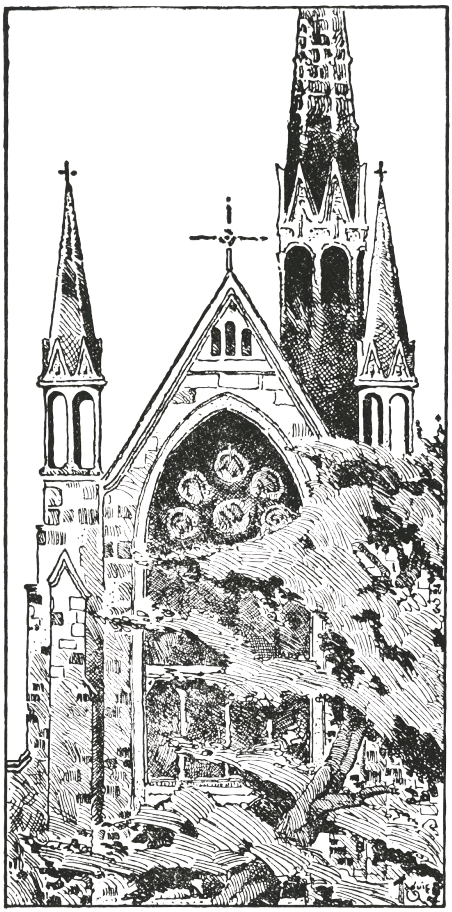
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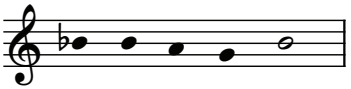
Gathering

Prelude—Corcovado — Darius Milhaud

Hymn 756—"Eternal father, strong to save" — melita

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O God, generous and supreme, your loving Son lived among us, instructing us in the ways of humility and justice. Continue to ease our burdens, and lead us to serve alongside of him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



A - men.

Word

From the Hebrew Scriptures

JOSHUA 3:7-17

7 The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the
sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was
with Moses. 8 You are the one who shall command the priests who bear
the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of
the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.' " 9 Joshua then said to
the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God."
10 Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God
who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites,
Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: 11 the ark of the
covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the
Jordan. 12 So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from
each tribe. 13 When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark
of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the
Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they
shall stand in a single heap."

14 When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan,
the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people.
15 Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest.
So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of
the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, 16 the
waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at
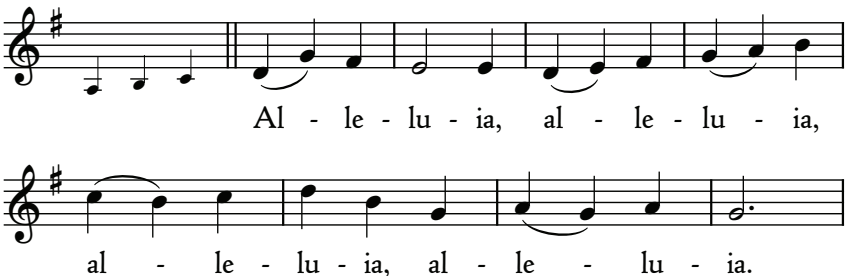
Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. [17] While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*



The cantor sings: "You have one instructor, the Messiah; the greatest among you will be your servant. " (MATT. 23:10)

From the Holy Gospels MATTHEW 23:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

You are invited to make a small cross over your forehead, lips, and chest, inviting Jesus the Word into your heart, mind, and speech.

[1] Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, [2] "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; [3] therefore, do whatever they

teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. [4] They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. [5] They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. [6] They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues [7] and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. [8] But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. [9] And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. [10] Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. [11] The greatest among you will be your servant. [12] All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon—The Rev'd Timothy Weisman

Hymn 881—"Let all things now living" THE ASH GROVE

Prayers of the People *The assembly remains standing to pray.*

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 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

God, grant that we will choose the high way; a way in which every person will respect the dignity and worth of all other human per-

sons; a way in which every nation will allow justice to run down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream; and a way in which all people will be able to stand up and love their enemies, bless those persons who curse them, and pray for those individuals that spitefully use them. This is the way, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Peace *The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.* 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 t are being passed, you can:

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

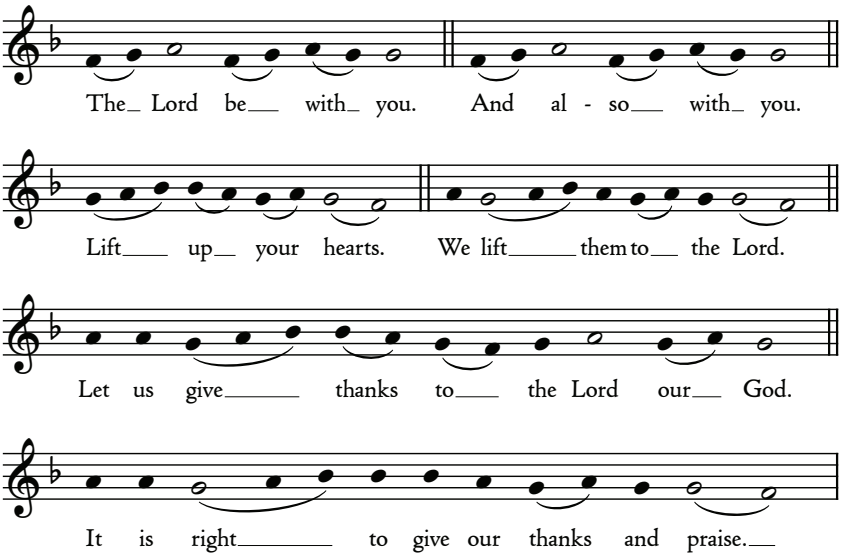
Offertory—Down by the riverside TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL
Sam Fairbrother, vocalist

Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside, and study war no more. Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside, and study war no more. Gonna greet my lovin' mother down by the riverside, and study war no more.

Offertory prayer

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Ever-present God, with this offering we also present ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and these our gifts, we pray, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

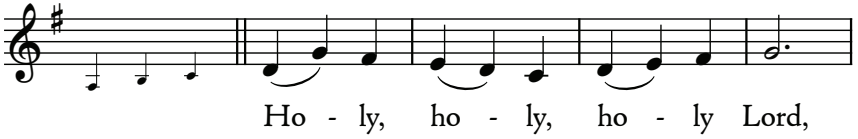
Great Thanksgiving *The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.*

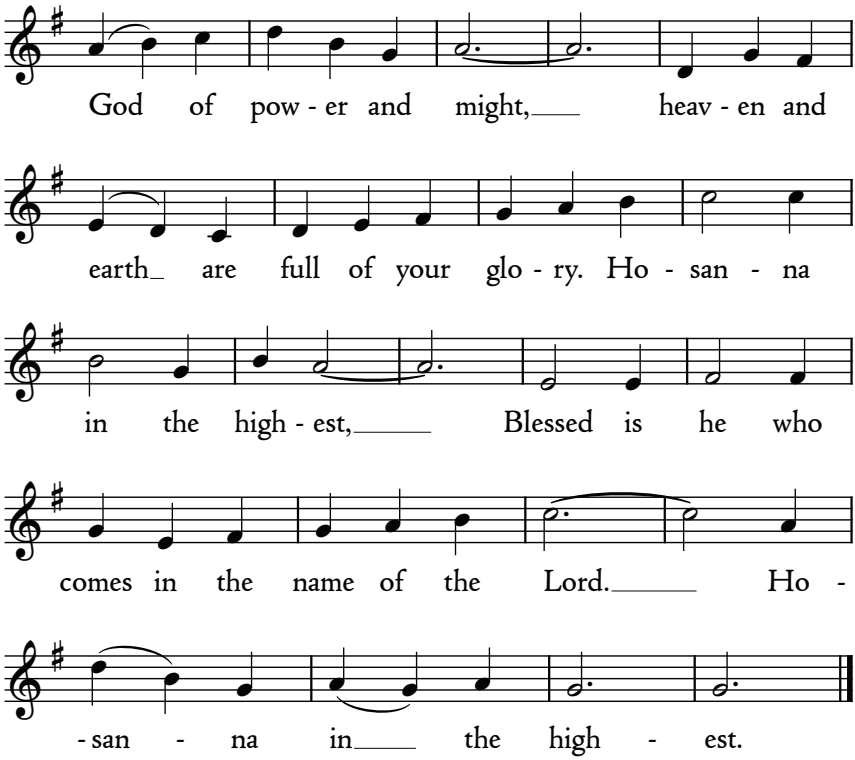


Proper Preface *The presider continues:*

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

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
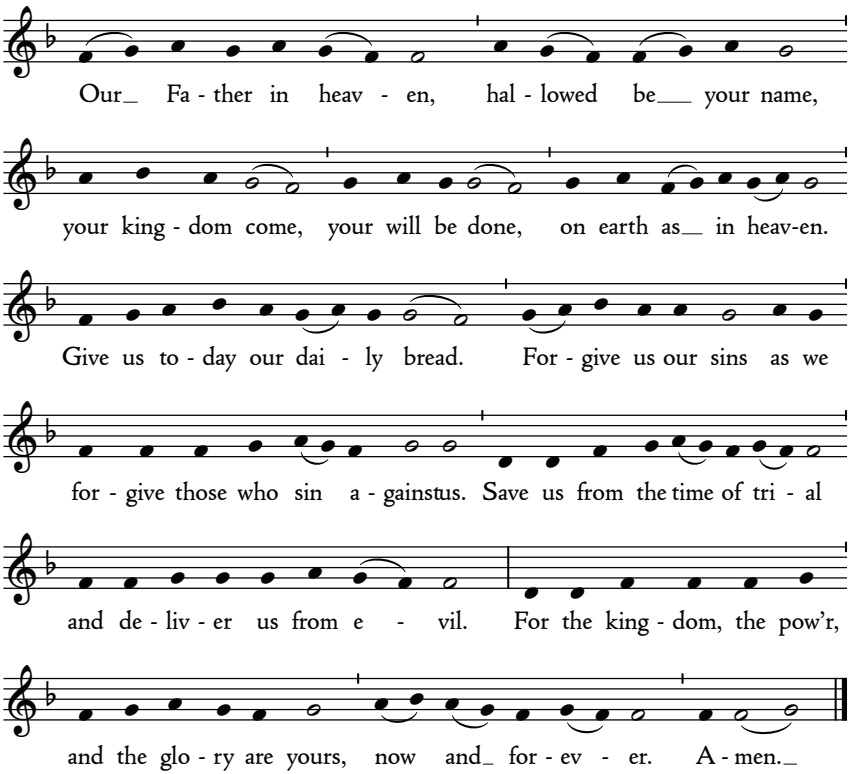
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me. *The assembly may bow.*

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.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end, and let the church say, **Amen.**

Lord's prayer



Invitation

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.

Hymn 773—"Precious Lord, take my hand" PRECIOUS LORD

The assembly stands.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray. **God of our ancestors, you know where the water is deep. Walk with us always, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. Keep us from danger, order our steps, and guide our feet as we run this race of faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.**

Hymn 423—"Shall we gather at the river" — Hanson Place

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—Gavea — Darius Milhaud

TRINITY TIDINGS

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

Dorothy Barritt
Stephen Shea
Bonnie Minger
John and Joe K.
Dick Baumann
Raphael Ruiz
Dean Weisman
Thorvald Slater
Mike Rodriguez
Barbara Taylor
Carol Harnett
Kathy VanBlarcum
Paul Schmidt
Ruth Farrell
Louise Printz
Marilyn Johnson
Nick Cosmillo
Amy Clare Whitaker
Alice SanGermano
Marta Okland
Rev. Juanita Hillsenbeck
The Rev. Paul Schmiege
Howard Nelson
Joe Chappel
Jeffrey Richards
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If you would like to give altar flowers in memory or celebration of a loved one, email robby@holytrinitynyc.org

Welcome

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 while visiting 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.

After Mass, please join us for Coffee Hour in the Community Room located on the lower level.

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