

MASS | THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 14th 2024

WELCOME TO
HOLY TRINITY

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.

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.

GATHERING

At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.

prelude

Two chorale preludes on *O Welt, ich muß dich lassen*

Johannes Brahms

(1833-1897)

easter
acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de-mon-ic chor-us: “Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!”



Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na, ev-'ry-one!

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)

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

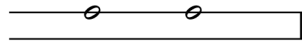
Final refrain

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.* Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the
hebrew
scriptures

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.



*[Answer] me when I call, O God, defender of my | cause;
 you set me free when I was in distress;
 have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.*

“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my | glory;
 how long will you love illusions and | seek after lies?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the | faithful;
 the Lord will hear | me when I call.

Tremble, then, and do not | sin;
 speak to your heart in silence | upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacri- | fices,
 and put your | trust in the Lord.

Many are saying, “Who will show us any | good?”
 Let the light of your face shine u- | pon us, O Lord.

You have put gladness in my | heart,
 more than when grain | and wine abound.

In peace, I will lie down and | sleep;
 for you alone, O Lord, make | me rest secure.

from the
christian
scriptures

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel
acclamation

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a double bar line, followed by a quarter rest, then quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5. This is followed by a double bar line and a series of eighth notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes. The second staff continues with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

The choir sings: Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.
(Luke 24:32)

from the
holy gospels

Luke 24:36-38

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.

³⁶Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

Silence is kept following the sermon. The assembly stands to sing.

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.

BLESSING OF A MARRIAGE

introduction

Austin and Sam have come to declare their marriage vows in the presence of God and of this assembly. 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. Let us now witness their promises to each other and surround them with our prayers, giving thanks to God for the gift of marriage and asking God's blessing upon them, that they may be strengthened for their life together and nurtured in the love of God.

VOWS

Sam and Austin, I invite you to declare your vows to one another.

In the presence of God and this congregation, I declare that I have taken you to share all that is to come, and to be faithful to you until death parts us.

marriage blessing

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Most gracious God, we give you thanks for your tender love in sending Jesus Christ to come among us, to be born of a human mother, and to endure the cross for our sake, that we may have abundance of life. By the power of your Holy Spirit continue to pour out the abundance of your blessing on Austin and Sam. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let your love be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them so that their lives together may bear witness to your love. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and in their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death. Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that table where your saints feast forever in your heavenly home, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

acclamation

Sam and Austin, in the presence of God and this assembly, have made public declaration of their marriage.

People of God, will you support and care for them, 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 of God reflected in their life together? If so answer, **We will.**

Now that Austin and Sam have given themselves to each other by solemn vows, with the joining of hands and the giving and receiving of a ring, I declare that they are husbands, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

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 towards the ministry of Holy Trinity as the offering plates are being passed, you can

- *Scan the QR code to the right;*
- *Venmo @holytrinitynyc;*
- *Visit the live stream table in the back of the church to give quickly and easily with a credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Cash App; or*
- *Give to Holy Trinity through a Donor-advised Fund by searching for our EIN: 13-1685538.*



offertory

Jubilate deo

Herbert Howells

(1942-1993)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; And his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father and to the Son: And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen.

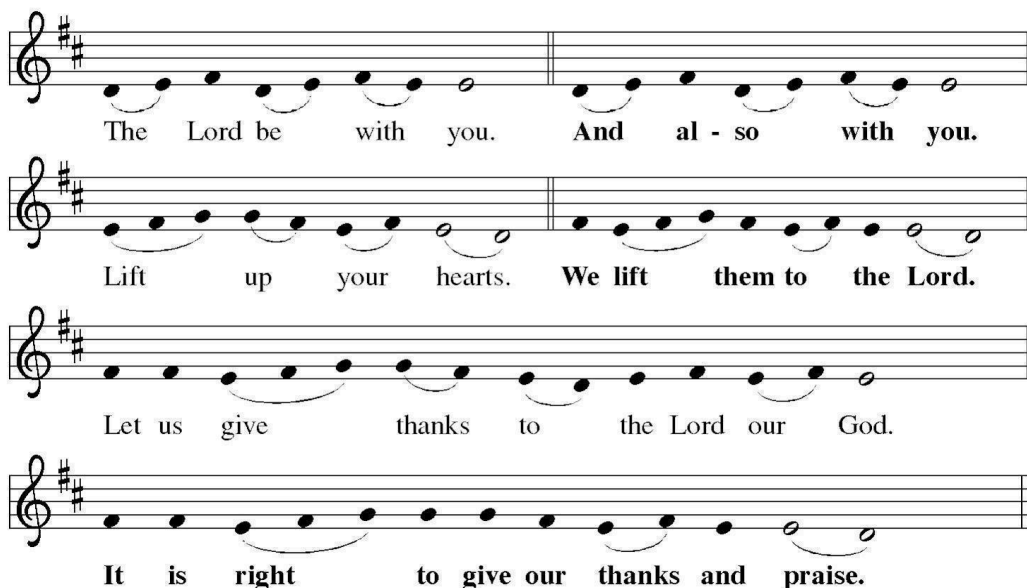
When all is ready, the presider greets us and calls us to prayer.

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



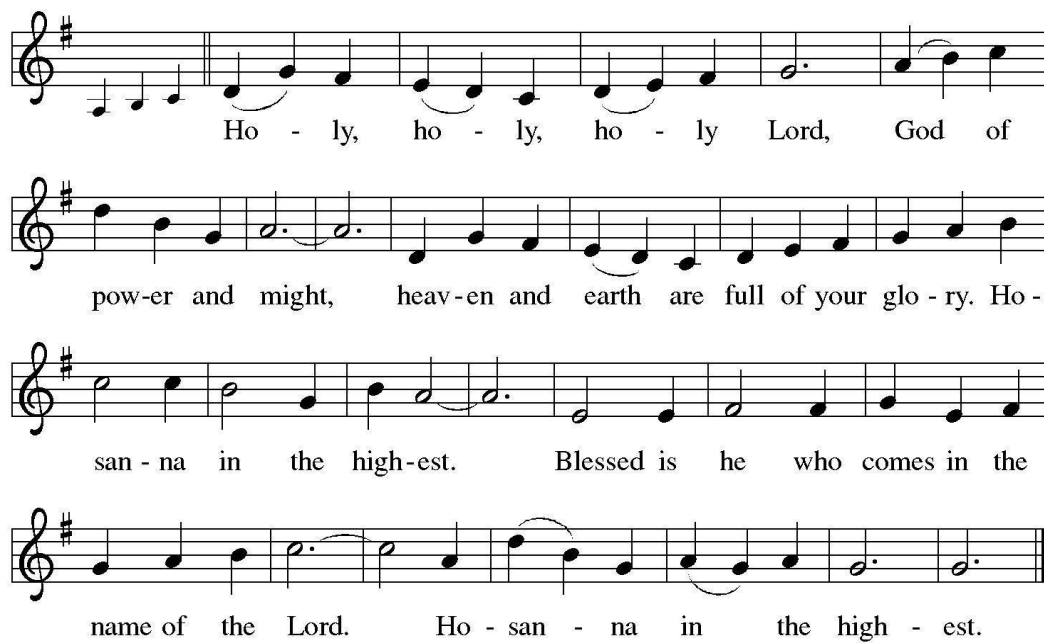
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

the proper
preface

The presider sings: 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. . .

The assembly may bow for the Sanctus, rising and making the sign of the cross at the words, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

sanctus
(Isaiah 6:3 and
Matthew 21:9)



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

eucharistic
prayer

Holy God, your peoples praise you. By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.

By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving 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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory 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 - 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 always available, just ask. After receiving, you may leave your empty cup on the small table near the side aisle.

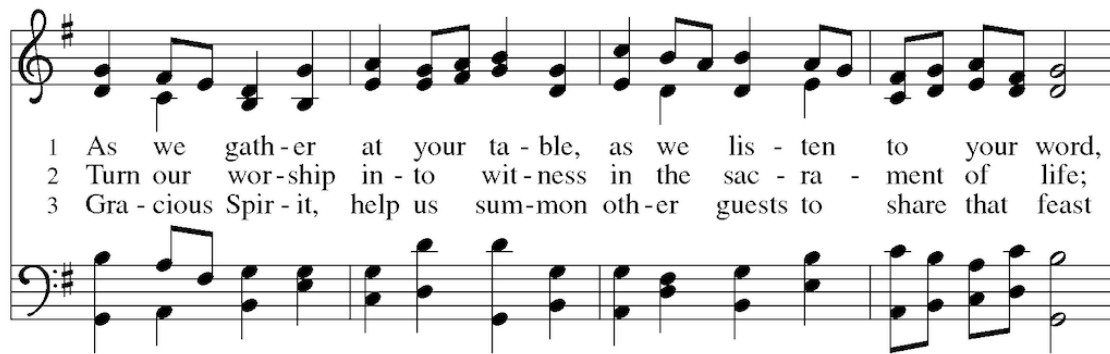
If you do not yet feel at ease receiving either the bread or the cup, you may receive only one or the other, trusting that Christ is fully present in only one element. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing, and you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. You may also remain in your seat during distribution, knowing that this table is prepared for you and will continue to be open to you when you are ready.

communion
music

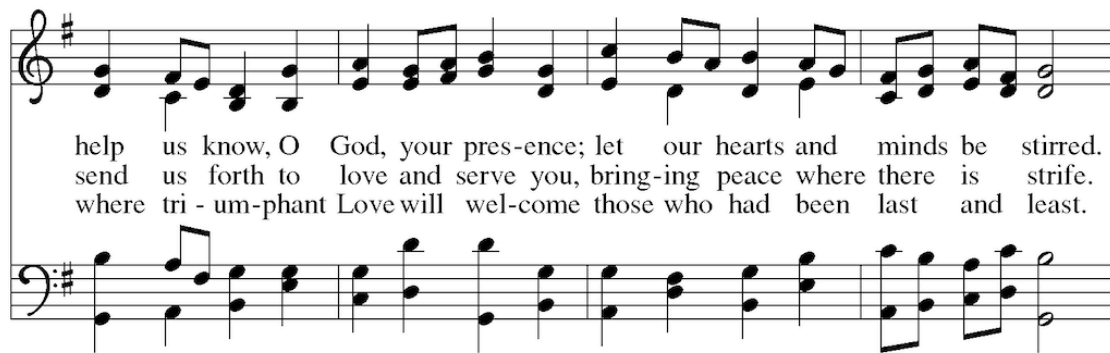
O sacrum convivium

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
(1562-1621)

*O sacred banquet!
in which Christ is received,
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory to us is given.
Alleluia.*



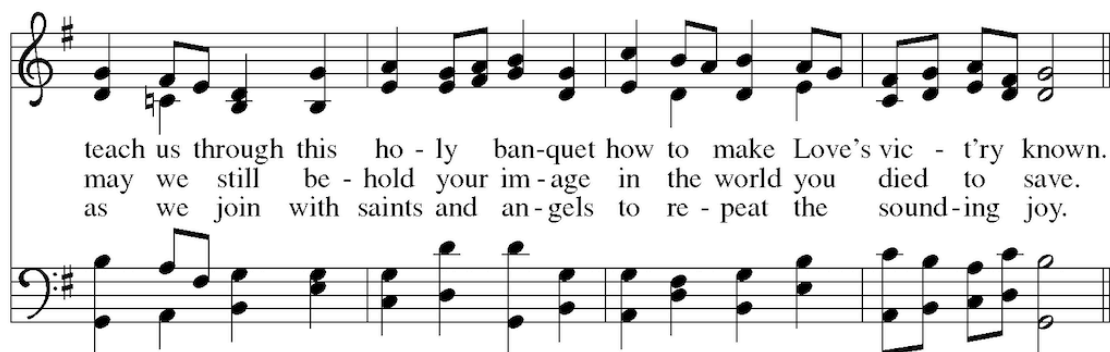
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
communion
(Martin Luther)

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of 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.**

During the hymn, the assembly turns to face the cross in procession, bowing in reverence as it passes by, as we physically orient ourselves towards the street and the world in which we now take the Gospel.



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

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YOUR PRAYERS

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altar flowers in memory
of a loved one or in
commemoration of
an event, email
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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 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.

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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