



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Celebrating our 143rd Anniversary

Holy Communion - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Holy Trinity!

Holy Trinity recognizes that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us.

We proclaim ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation to all of God's creatures welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identification, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status.

We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space through the protection against oppression internally, in institutions, interpersonally and structurally.

We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

For the love of one another, we kindly ask

- 1. that you keep your mask on during the duration of this service.*
- 2. that our members and guests fill out the blue sheet and leave at your seat in the pew.*

We look forward to continuing to update our practices as we move forward.

We invite you to share your story and your worship experience!

Check-in and share on any of our social media platforms using #poweroftrinity.

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on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

INTRODUCTION

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

VOLUNTARY

Musette

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)
arr. Herbert Sumison (1899 - 1995)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Church's One Foundation "Aurelia"

ELW 654

(vs. 1 & 2)



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

You are invited to kneel or sit, as you are able.

God, our provider,
help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

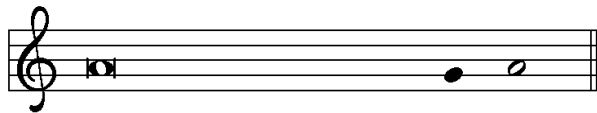
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GREETING

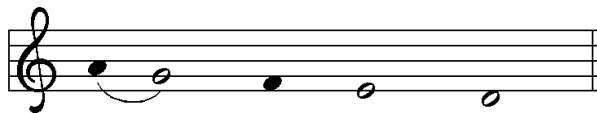
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

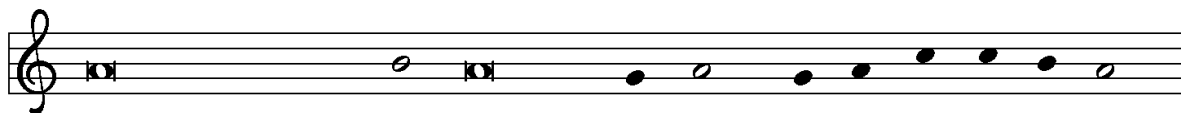
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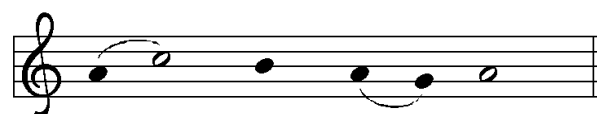
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



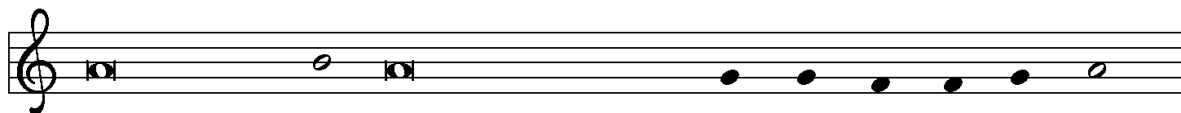
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



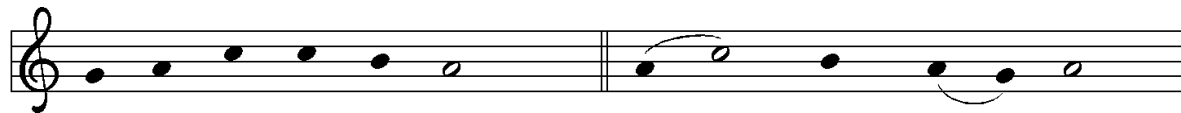
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(10:30)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

THE BAPTISM

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

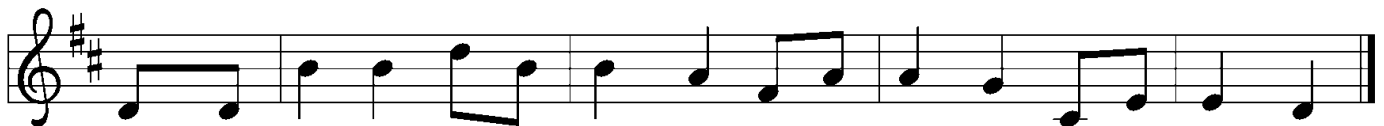
THE HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father “Tryggare kan ingen vara”

ELW 781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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THE READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

The first reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Jeremiah, the 23rd Chapter.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SOLO

Six Studies in English Folksong

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872 - 1958)

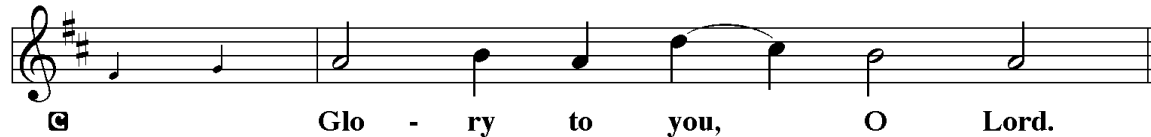
Anna Mattix, *English horn*

- I. Adagio 'Lovely on the Water'
- II. Andante sostenuto 'Spurn Point'
- III. Larghetto 'Van Diemen's Land'

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

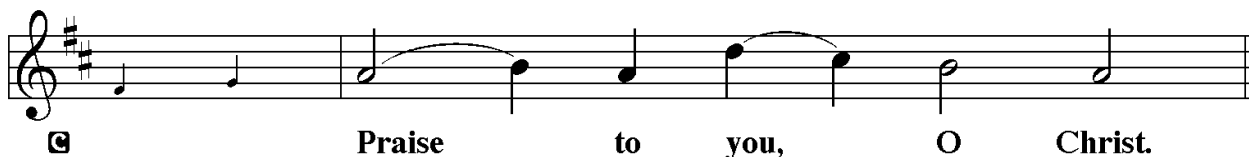
The holy gospel according to Saint Mark



³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

SERMON MEDITATION

Gabriel's Oboe

Composed for the 1986 motion picture, *The Mission*

Ennio Morricone

(1928 - 2020)

Anna Mattix, *oboe*

Please stand as you are able.

(8:30)

CREED

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.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Eila. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. We pray for those impacted by injustice, those on the front line of the pandemic, and all those we name out loud, or in the silence of our hearts and our minds... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings in VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities, and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, North Park, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

We ask that you remain at your seat.

You may share the sign of peace

with a head nod or peace sign.

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

*Offerings and tithes may be left in the offering plate
located at the exit.*

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Six Studies in English Folksong

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872 - 1958)

Anna Mattix, *English horn*

IV. Lento 'She Borrowed Some of Her Mother's Gold'

V. Andante tranquillo 'The Lady and the Dragon'

VI. Allegro vivace 'As I walked over London Bridge'

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

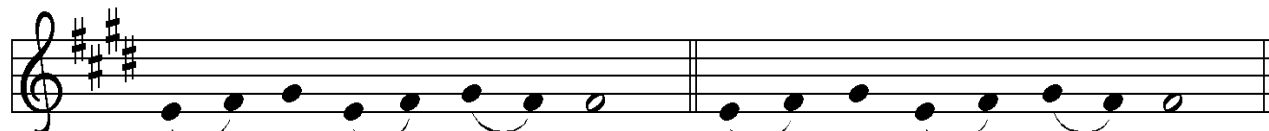
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885


"Old Hundredth"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.


DIALOGUE




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.

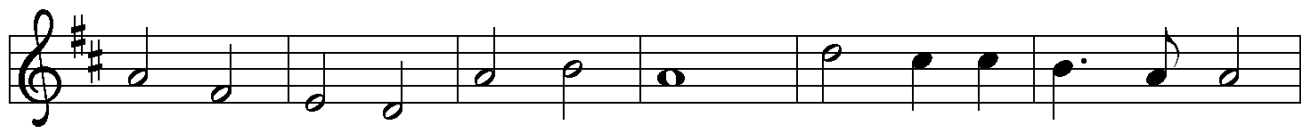


It is right to give our thanks and praise.


PREFACE

It is indeed right ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:


SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



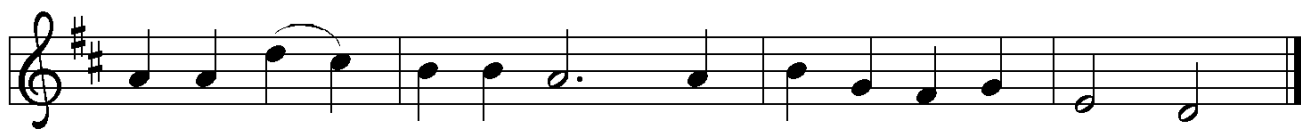
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE COMMUNION

Please follow Pastor's instructions on the distribution of communion

All are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. At this time we will be serving communion in a contact-less manner. Please take your pre-package communion cup that you received at the entrance (gluten free are available, please see an usher at the entrance). The wafer can be found at the top of the cup (lift up the top, clear layer) and you will be invited to eat the wafer at the word, "The body of Christ given to you." You may then open the grape juice and drink at the word, "The blood of Christ given to you." Please leave the used and unused communion cups in the pews.

Please stand as you are able.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing “Alles Ist An Gottes Segen” ELW 544
(vs. 1 & 3)



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on *'The New Commonwealth'*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872 - 1958)

arr. Christopher Morris

*Please continue to leave your bulletin, communion cup
and attendance sheet at your seat.*

We will collect everything following the service.

There is no coffee hour at this time.

Updates will be coming.



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and in our fellowship in the gospel Eila Cassidy Lansom, daughter of David and Carolyn Lansom.

Music Notes

Six Studies in English Folk Song is a piece of chamber music written by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams in 1926. It is a collection of six English folk songs originally set for cello and piano. Each song follows the same format: presentation of the tune in the solo line, followed by a full iteration of the folk song in the piano with an ornamented solo line.

Originally written for cellist May Mukle and piano, Vaughan Williams wrote that his aim in setting the songs was for them to be “treated with love.” It has been transcribed by the composer and others for violin, viola, English horn, clarinet, bassoon, alto sax, and tuba.

Never straying from his English roots, Vaughan Williams sought to organically weave elements of his native music into all of his compositions, rather than imitate it. One of the earliest researchers in ethnomusicology, he traveled the British countryside recording and transcribing folk music directly from its source.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Six_Studies_in_English_Folk_Song

Gabriel's Oboe is the main theme for the 1986 film *The Mission*, with Robert de Niro, Jeremy Irons, Liam Neeson and directed by Roland Joffé. The theme was written by Italian composer Ennio Morricone, and has since been arranged and performed several times by artists such as Yo-Yo Ma, Holly Gornik, and Brynjar Hoff, among others. The theme has been called "unforgettable" and a "celebrated oboe melody". Vocalist Sarah Brightman convinced Morricone to allow her to set lyrics to the theme to create her own song, "Nella Fantasia." In 2010, Morricone encouraged soprano Hayley Westenra to write English lyrics for "Gabriel's Oboe" in her album *Paradiso*.

The soundtrack for the film was very well received amongst critics, being nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Score and earning Morricone the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Score.

In the film, the theme is most prominently used when the protagonist, the Jesuit Father Gabriel, walks up to a waterfall and starts playing his oboe, aiming to befriend the natives with his music so he can carry his missionary work in the New World. The Guaraní tribesmen, who have been stalking him from a distance, approach Gabriel for the first time, puzzled by the sounds of the unknown instrument. The chief of the tribe, however, is displeased by this, and breaks Gabriel's oboe. This marks the beginning of the relationship between Father Gabriel and the Guaraní natives.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gabriel%27s_Oboe

About Anna Mattix

Anna Mattix, Oboe/English Horn, has been a member of the Buffalo Philharmonic since 2007. A native of Central New York, Anna studied at Ithaca College, Yale University and Indiana University. Her major teachers include Daniel Carno (Syracuse Symphony), Mark Hill, Ronald Roseman, Nicholas Daniel, Anne Leek and Theodore Baskin. Previous performing positions include Principal Oboe with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and English Horn with the Owensboro Symphony and Evansville Philharmonic.

Hailed as “virtuosic” by the Buffalo News, Ms. Mattix has appeared as soloist with the BPO on many occasions. Solo recording credits include *The Swan of Tuonela* by Jean Sibelius part of The Essential Sibelius release by Beau Fleuve in 2014 and *Vox Humana* by Rob Deemer, a work dedicated to Anna and premiered by BPO in 2016. *Vox Humana* appears on Built for Buffalo 2, Beau Fleuve, 2018. Anna has also appeared several times by invitation at the International Double Reed Society Annual Conference and has been a featured clinician for many Colleges and Universities. In addition to her work with the Philharmonic, Anna performs locally with the Buffalo Chamber Players, the ARS NOVA musicians and teaches at Buffalo State College and Canisius College. She is also a founding member of the Can-Am Trio in collaboration with Sarah Hamilton (SUNY Fredonia) and GERALYN GIOVANNETTI (Brigham Young University)

Anna, in addition to her performing schedule, has always been a passionate educator and advocate for community engagement. As a graduate student Anna was awarded the prestigious ELM and IVY Award from Yale University for her outreach work in the greater New Haven Community where she developed a mentorship program between graduate students and New Haven Public Schools that continues to this day. In Buffalo, Anna has continued her outreach efforts as a member of the BPO's Education Committee. She is a featured Teaching Artist for BPO and has created a diverse selection of programs for schools, libraries and community centers. She is committed to making music accessible for all in Western New York and using the universal language of music to help create communication in communities.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, July 18, 2021 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/baptism (MC)

MONDAY, July 19, 2021

6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (RH)

TUESDAY, July 20, 2021

6:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, July 21, 2021

7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (RH)

THURSDAY, July 22, 2021

10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Happy Birthday Chuck Ryniec

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/baptism (MC)
11:30 a.m. Outside Reception for The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II

CH = Mansperger Chapel
FR = Fellowship Room
MR = Music Room
SC = Sacristy

CI = Crib Room
FI = Fireside Room/Library
PS = Pastor's Study
SS = Sunday School

CR = Conference Room
MC = Main Church
RH = Redeemer Hall
YR = Youth Room



At 8:30 a.m. the usher is Gail Camilleri. Worship assistant is Max Hakansson.

At 10:30 the ushers are Paul and Karen Bauchle, Paul Biesinger and Karen Kolb. Worship Assistant is Justin Rojek.

The flowers on the altar are given In Loving Memory of Loved Ones by Sue Spindler; and In Honor of our granddaughters Ella Hope and Hannah Grace and our grandson, Walker James by Paul and Karen Bauchle.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Eila Cassidy Lansom.



Office Staff may be reached by phone daily Monday – Friday.

Please call the church office should you need anything.

As always, the Pastors are available by appointment.

We will continue to share information regarding life and worship at Holy Trinity. You can always check out the website for up-to-date information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING PASTOR LEE MILLER: Sunday, July 25, 2021 will be the last Sunday for The Rev. Lee M. Miller, II to serve as Pastor of Holy Trinity. During the services on July 25, we will acknowledge Pastor Lee's service to the congregation and community of Buffalo. A limited reception will be held outdoors after the service at 10:30.

As grateful members and friends of Holy Trinity, we will be collecting donations for a gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please send a check made out to: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. (memo line: Pastor Lee's gift). If you prefer to use an online method, our Treasurer would appreciate a call or email with the information (name and amount) to make sure it gets properly recorded. If possible, please send by 7/20. Should you have questions/comments, please contact a member of the Church Council Executive Committee (Guy Huber, Emily Notari, Barb Wozniak or Jen Yap)

VBS: This year's VBS "River of Life" will be a hybrid VBS during the week of July 26-30. This means that participants will have the opportunity to attend in person, following CDC and state guidelines, or online. In-person VBS will be capped at 30 children and will be determined on a first come first serve basis. VBS is intended for children who have completed grades Pre-K through 6th grade. In-person VBS will run from 8:30-12:30. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Brenda. Registration can be found by going to the following link <https://forms.gle/EncCmJLhJvfpoYK28> or you may find on the tables at the entranceways.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service to celebrate the life of The Rev. John A. Buerk will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, September 25 at 11am. Pastor Buerk passed away on July 29, 2020 and due to the pandemic, funeral services in 2020 were held for family only. This service is our opportunity to celebrate Pastor Buerk's life, together as a community.

VBS DONATIONS: As part of VBS, kids will spend time making crafts, that correlate to the world hunger partner/country of the day and personal blessing bags. These items will be used for both in-person VBS as well as included in take-home boxes for those attending remotely. The following items are needed for VBS this year. Please consider donating. A box will be placed at the door near the elevator. We will be collecting items through July 18.

Items include: paper lunch bags; empty toilet paper tubes, paper towel tubes, and wrapping paper tubes; drinking straws; Ziploc bags (sandwich size or larger); white cotton T-shirts in various children's sizes. Items to include in blessing bags: individual packages of dried fruit; Meal bars; peanut butter crackers; hand sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste; water bottle; socks; lip balm; hand warmers; Band-aids.

GOLF OUTING: All are welcome to join us for the Annual Holy Trinity Golf Outing on Monday, August 2 at Pendleton Creek Golf Club. Cost for the day is **\$60** and includes a continental breakfast at 8:00am, nine-hole scramble at 9:00am and a BBQ lunch at 12:00pm. The cost for lunch only is \$15. Checks should be made payable to "Holy Trinity Lutheran Church" and mailed/given to the church office. Prize donations gratefully accepted. Pendleton Creek is located at 4391 Tonawanda Creek Road North, North Tonawanda 14120. Please see Guy Huber, Craig Johnson or call the church office to make your reservation.

FAMILY PROMISE OF WNY IS TURNING 25 THIS YEAR! Join us for the celebration on Saturday, July 24! The address is 75 Hickory Street, Buffalo. From 11:30am-12:00pm is the Official Homecoming Ceremony in Ss. Columba-Brigid Church. At 12:00 is the ribbon cutting outside of the Family Promise building. Then from 12:00-2:00pm is the Family Picnic (free Anderson's food truck, a live band, a bounce house and other activities, along with tours of the beautifully renovated shelter.) All are Welcome!

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is working around the clock to respond to and combat the impact COVID-19 has on our community. Their hotline number is 834-3131 and are available 24-hours a day. If you are looking for counseling services, we share a partnership with Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

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