



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, September 19, 2021
Seventeenth 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

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

PRELUDE

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop
(b. 1949)

(10:30)

An die Musik

Text: Franz von Schober (1796 - 1882)

Franz Schubert
(1797 – 1828)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

You lovely art, in how many gray hours,
Where I was stricken by life
You ignited my heart for warm love,
You brought me to a better world,
Brought me to a better world!

Often a sigh, that left your harp,
A sweet, holy chord from you,
Has shown me the existence of a better time
You lovely art, I thank you for it,
You lovely art, I thank you!

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

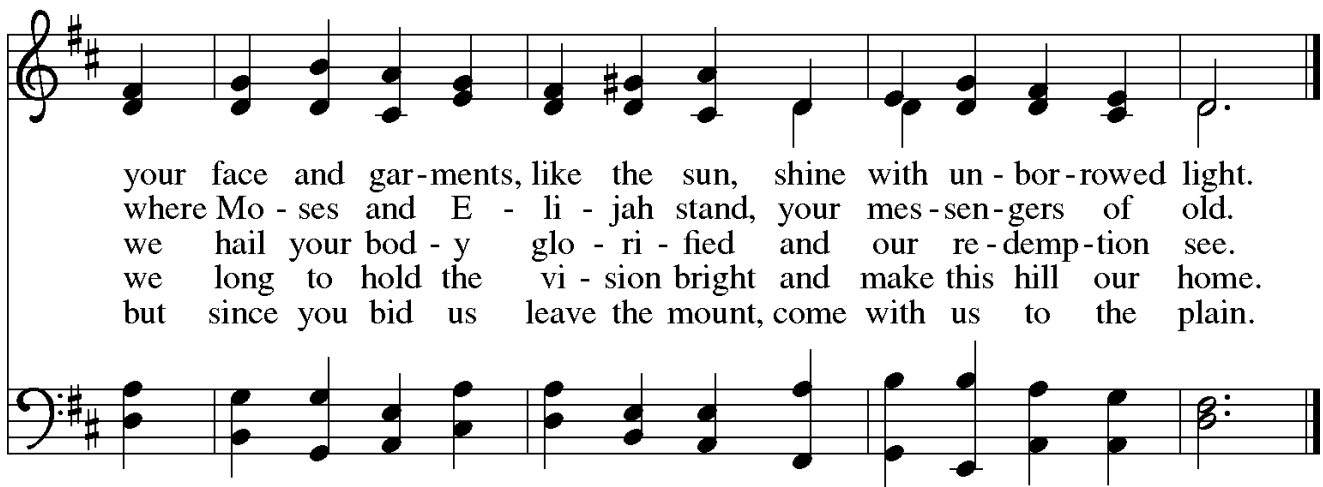
How Good, Lord, to Be Here! "Potsdam"

ELW 315

(vs. 1, 3, 5)



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

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

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

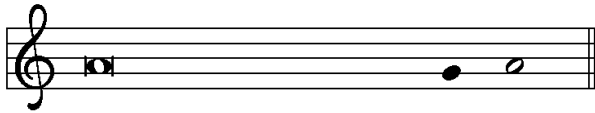
Please stand as you are able.

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.

KYRIE



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.



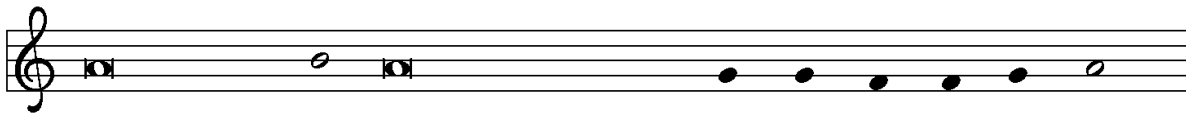
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



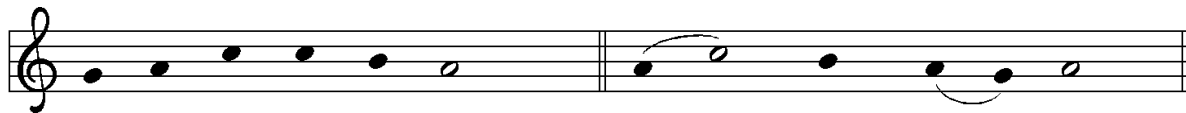
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

THE READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

The first reading for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Jeremiah, the 11th Chapter.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Lord, God of Israel from Elijah Op. 70

Text: 1 Kings 18:36-37

Felix Mendelssohn

(1809 – 1847)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
this day let it be known that Thou art God,
and that I am Thy servant!

Lord God of Abraham!
Oh shew to all this people
that I have done these things according to Thy word.

Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel,
Oh hear me and answer me,
and shew this people that Thou art Lord God.
And let their hearts again be turned!

(10:30)

THE MOTET

My Flight for Heaven

Text: Robert Herrick (1591 - 1674)

Blake R. Henson

Charm me asleep, and melt me so With thy delicious numbers,
That, being ravish'd, hence I go Away in easy slumbers.
Ease my sick head, And make my bed,
Thou Pow'r that canst sever From me ill,
And quickly still, Though thou not kill My fever.

Fall on me like a silent dew, Or like those maiden showers
Which, by the peep of day, do strew A baptism o'er the flowers.
Melt, melt my pains With thy soft strains;
That, having ease me giv'n, With full delight,
I leave this light And take my flight
For Heaven.

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The second reading for today is recorded in James, the 3rd Chapter.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

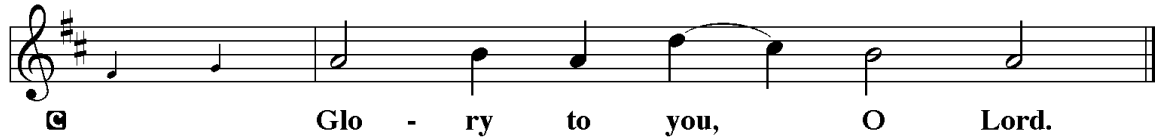
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

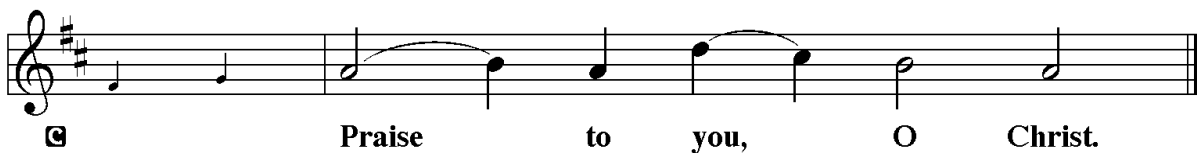
The holy gospel according to Saint Mark



³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it,³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy "Lord, Revive Us"

ELW 588

(vs. 1 & 4)



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. 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. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. 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... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation and especially Joy and Mattison. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; 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.*

(8:30)

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

An die Musik

Text: Franz von Schober (1796 - 1882)

Franz Schubert

(1797 – 1828)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

Text translation printed in Pre-Service.

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

The Awakening

Joseph M. Martin

(b. 1959)

I dreamed a dream, A silent dream, Of a land not far away.
Where no birds sang, No steeples rang, And teardrops fell like rain.
I dreamed a dream, A silent dream Of a land so filled with pride
That ev'ry song, Both weak and strong, Withered and died.
I dreamed a dream.
No alleluia, Not one hosanna, No song of love, No lullaby.
And no choir sang to change the world.
No pipers played; no dancers twirled.
I dreamed a dream, A silent dream.
Silent. Silent....
Awake! Awake! Awake! Awake! Soli Deo Gloria! Awake! Awake!
Awake! Awake, my soul, and sing! The time for praise has come.
The silence of the night has passed; A new day has begun.
Let music never die in me! Forever let my spirit sing!
Wherever emptiness is found, Let there be joy and glorious sound.
Let music never die in me! Forever let my spirit sing!
Let all our voices join as one To praise the Giver of the song!
Awake! Awake!
Let music live!

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

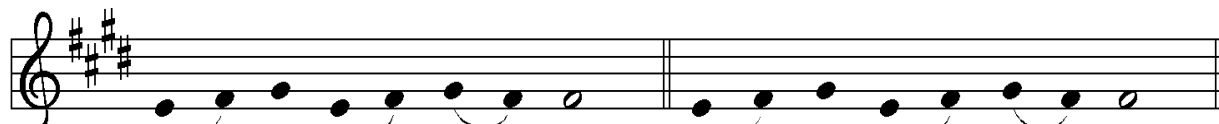
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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



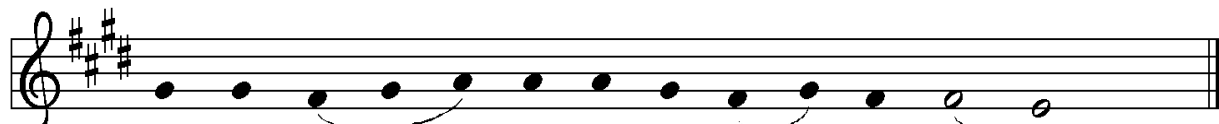
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

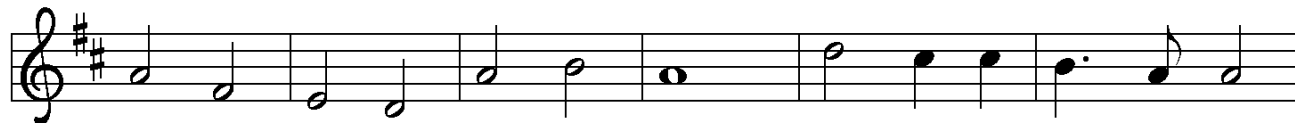


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION MUSIC

The Chorister's Prayer (2013)

Daniel E. Gawthrop
(b. 1949)

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple,
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts;
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives,
to the glory of thy holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BENEDICTION

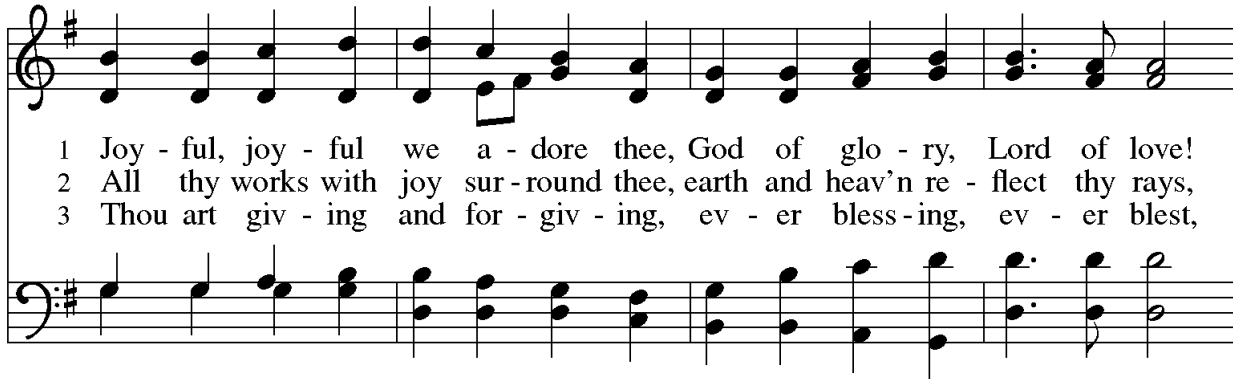
People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

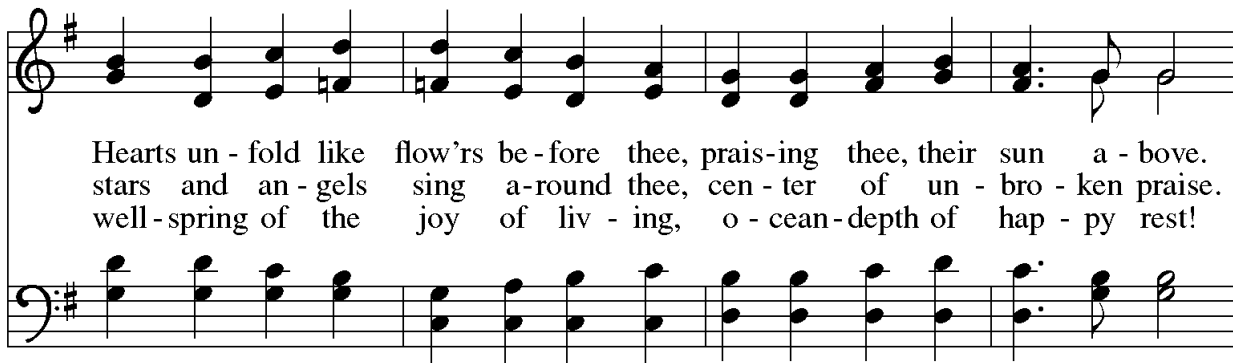
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee "Hymn to Joy"

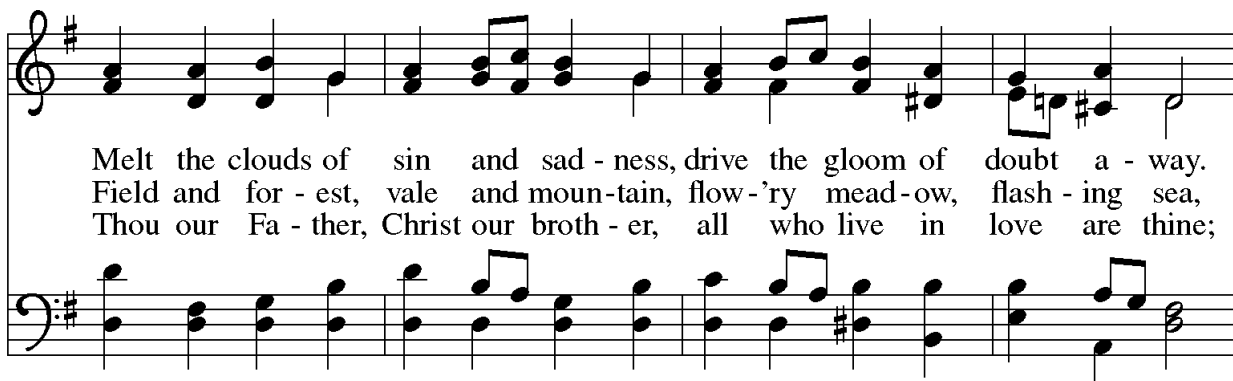
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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'Joyful, Joyful'

Brenda Portman

(b. 1980)

*Please remain at your seat until the conclusion of the postlude
and the cross has returned to the chancel.*

*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.

Music Notes

After a dark 18 months, it is an honor and a privilege to welcome our Choirs back to Holy Trinity. Though we are not out of the woods yet, it is my hope that our voices and song continue to rise up, singing praises to our Lord and Savior. May our music bring joy to you, connect with you, inspire you, and increase your faith, recognizing that there is so much beauty to be found in this world. Let us come together, with one voice, to share this good news, for a whole world in need.

May our music today be dedicated to all those who have suffered, in any way, from the trying pains of the pandemic.

~ Justin Pomietlarz

My Flight for Heaven was composed in 2007 for the Westminster Choir of Westminster Choir College - Ryder University (Princeton, NJ) in honor of conductor Joe Miller's inaugural year as Director of Choral Activities. The composer, Blake R. Henson, lives in Fort Worth, TX where he teaches Music Composition at Texas Wesleyan University. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music theory and composition from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, as well as the degree Doctor of Musical Arts in composition from The Ohio State University.

About the work, Dr. Henson writes:

My Flight For Heaven takes [Robert] Herrick's text about seeking comfort in the welcome embrace of death and shifts the point of view to invoke music while striving toward a new life without pain, suffering, war, and famine. This text seemed perfectly in keeping with [my] passion for music and its profound ability to change the world. When the [Westminster] Choir premiered the piece in the Spring of 2007, I was overwhelmed by the number of audience members who spoke to be afterwards, touched by the work, seeing the text as a metaphor for their own hardships and finding comfort in the music itself. The experience was exceedingly humbling, and I soon realized that, while I set out to change the world, I was the one who had been touched. I tried to change the world, but the world, it seemed, changed me.

Music Notes Cont.

Of *The Awakening*, composer Joseph M. Martin writes:

[*The Awakening*] is my testament to the power of music to heal. The piece lays out into three sections. The first section is a dream sequence...or should I say a nightmare, where there is only silence and despair. Music of course is also a metaphor for life in the anthem, and I tried to write the piece so that even non-musicians might be able to relate to the feelings of hopelessness that are represented in this opening tableau. The music is replete with tone painting, and as this section settles into deep despair, all melody is smothered and this haunting section ends with just gasping whispers of silence. The middle section is representative of the coming of dawn and the hope of a new day. The song, no longer dormant, emerges from the shadows and begins to shine. The whole of creation begins to sing in a festive ostinato and confident calls to praise are heard from each section. The hidden message of “Soli Deo Gloria” harkens back to the works of Bach (he often wrote these words at the ends of his music) and celebrates my personal conviction that the source of the “Song” is divine. This spiritual admonition transports the piece headlong into the Finale which is a hymn of praise to the “Giver of the Song.” The final shouts of exaltation banish the darkness of the opening dream forever with the proclamation “Let Music Live! Hopefully, both performer and listener will understand through the journey of the piece that they are part of the sacred song of life. I also hope that music directors will rediscover the joy of sharing the gift of music and that they will feel encouraged to celebrate that song in everything they say and do.

Let Music Live!



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Pat Ulrich. Worship Assistant is Alexander Cialone.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Ushers are Ron Leiser, Kristen Best, Mike Day, Alan Heiss, Kaci Kaltrider, Elizabeth Vihnanek and Helen and Marty Wright. Reader is Doug Alderdice. Worship Assistants are Nathaniel Wareham, Adrianna Wareham, Eliana Perez, Saniyah Gilchrist and Constantino Perez.

The flowers on the altar are given In Memory of Mrs. Barone's first period Algebra class by Ute H. Bloos; and
In Celebration of Holy Trinity's magnificent singers that make up our Choir Family. Welcome back, and thank you for the beauty you create in all of our lives from Justin and Kristen Pomietlarz.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Joy Greenough and Mattison Harvey.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, September 19, 2021 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
9:00 a.m. Flu Clinic (RH)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
12:00 p.m. LYO Event

MONDAY, September 20, 2021

9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (RH)

TUESDAY, September 21, 2021

7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)

THURSDAY, September 23, 2021

6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
7:00 p.m. Story Time
7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

SATURDAY, September 25, 2021

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for The Rev. John Buerk (MC)

SUNDAY, September 26, 2021 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/chapel choir (MC)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLU CLINIC: The flu clinic will be today from 9am to 1pm in Redeemer Hall. Please bring your insurance card and photo ID. There is no charge. Rite Aid will be running the clinic again this year. Get your flu shot early.

BIBLE STUDY: Monday Morning Bible Study continues tomorrow in-person at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome to attend.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. The following date has one vase available - October 10th. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325. Vases are currently \$40.00 each.

GARY HERRNREITER: There will be a Memorial Service for Gary on Saturday, October 2 at 11:00am in the main church. Members and friends are welcome to attend.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: It that's time of year again when we send college care packages to all of our college students. If you have a student away at college (or at home in college) and would like him or her to receive a care package, please contact the church office and provide the name of the student and mailing address. We fill a box with snacks and a pastor letter. If you would like to donate snacks for the boxes, that is always welcome also. Kathy Crissey, Gwen Mann and Beth Pellnat will be working on getting these out so please feel free to check in with one of us. We will need to have names and addresses by 10/15 so we can get the packages out by the end of October. Always nice to let the college students know that their church family is thinking about them!

FOOD DONATIONS: As some of you may know, Holy Trinity has a new neighbor housed in the building right next door. 1092 Main Street is now where Community of Good Neighbors (CGN) is located. Holy Trinity has responded to the call to help support Pr. Kwame Pitts in her Mobile Food Pantry Outreach program. Food donations are her greatest need and may continue to be dropped off at Holy Trinity. Here is a list of needed items: Gluten free bread, Gluten free snacks, rice, both brown and white, Instant potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables, canned beans and soup, cereal and other breakfast items, canned tuna and chicken, pasta, canned pasta meals, spaghetti sauce and alfredo sauce, Ramen noodles, peanut butter and jelly, granola bars, fresh fruit and veggies. For questions or wondering how else you can help, please contact me by email or phone and thankyou in advance. Donna Leiser dleiser@roadrunner.com cell: 716-868-3862

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.



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.

Exciting news for the Youth of our Congregation!

As life continues to reemerge from the Pandemic, we are so excited to announce that we have hired a new Director to develop and conduct our Youth Choir program!

It is our sincere pleasure to welcome Ms. Erin Alexander to Holy Trinity! A Rhode Island native, Ms. Alexander earned her Bachelor of Music Education at SUNY Fredonia. After teaching public school for a year, she is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Choral Conducting while serving as the Graduate Assistant to the Choral Area with Dr. Vernon Huff at SUNY Fredonia. A *mezzo-soprano*, Erin studied voice with Shinobu Takagi, and throughout her undergraduate studies, appeared in numerous Hillman Opera and Student Opera Theatre Association productions in lead and supporting roles.

Miss Erin will meet parents with information about youth choir in the side narthex and by the Sunday School rooms following the 10:30 Service.

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