



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, October 3, 2021
Nineteenth 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!

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on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre from *Three Welsh Preludes*

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872 - 1958)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Us In "Gather Us In"

ELW 532

(vs. 1, 3, 4)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.

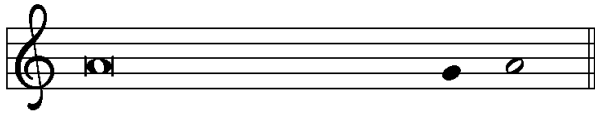
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GREETING

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.

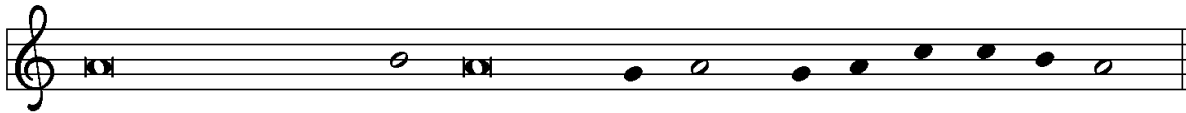
KYRIE



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.



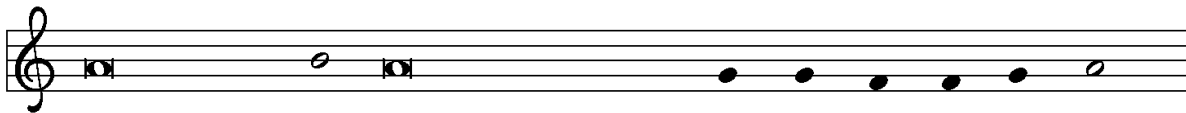
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



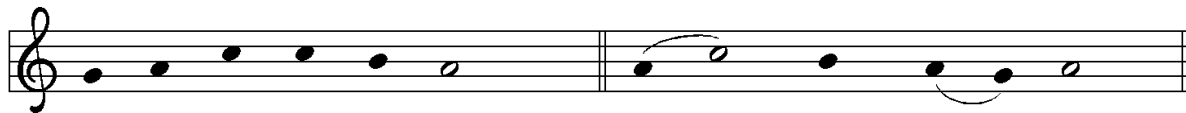
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

The first reading for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Genesis, the 2nd Chapter.

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

Text: George Matheson (1842 - 1906)

(b. 1981)

O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go;
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain... that morn shall tearless be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go;
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
And in Thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love that will not let me go.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

The second reading for today is recorded in Hebrews, the 1st and 2nd Chapters.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



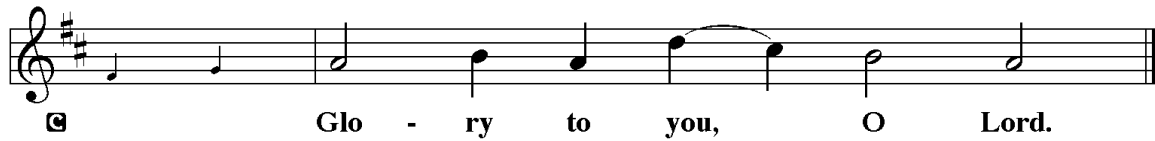
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark

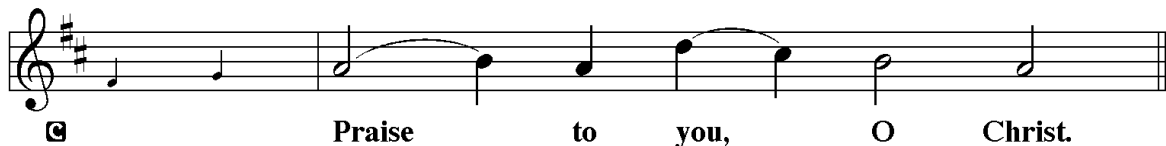


²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

Please stand as you are able.

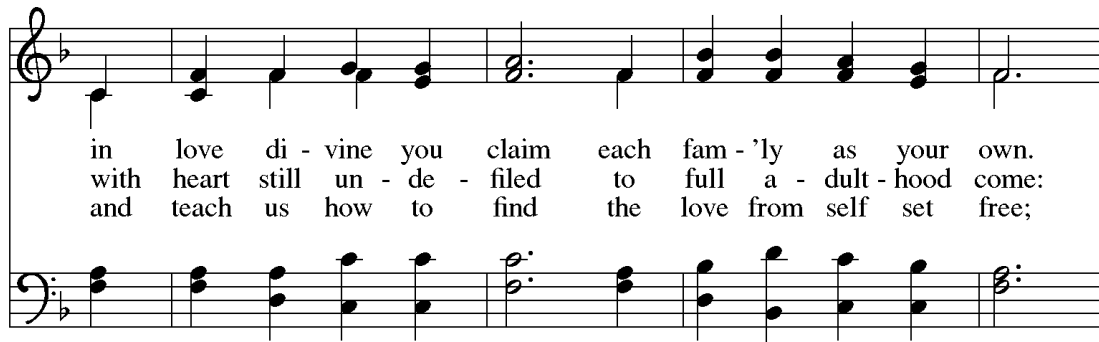
SERMON HYMN

Our Father, by Whose Name "Rhosymedre"

ELW 640



1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,
2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.
with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:
and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as
our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -
in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.
hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.
this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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.

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians especially Teresa O'Connor, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. 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.

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. We pray for your daughters and sons, including the children of our community and especially Mer'Liah and Saniyah and our ecumenical inter-faith siblings at 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.

You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. 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.*

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Love Bade Me Welcome

from *Five Mystical Songs*

Text: George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872-1958)

Jaman E. Dunn, *baritone*

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

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

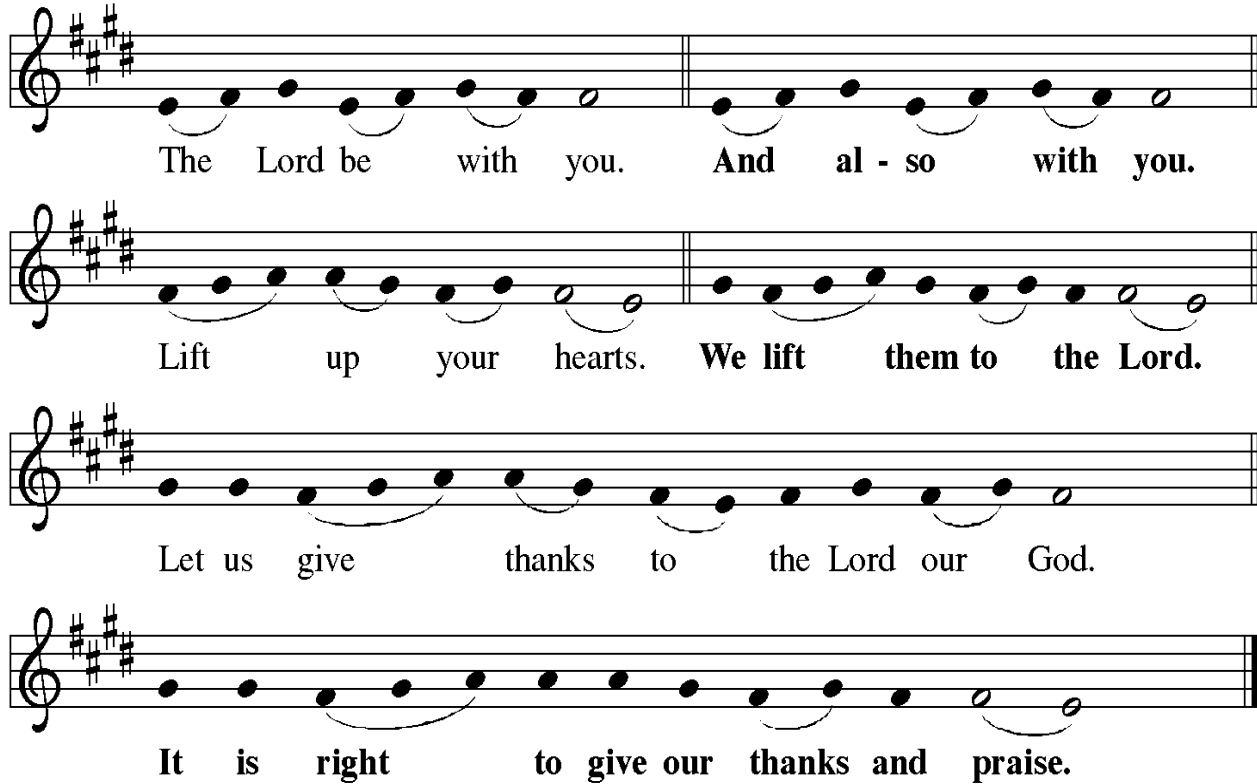
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

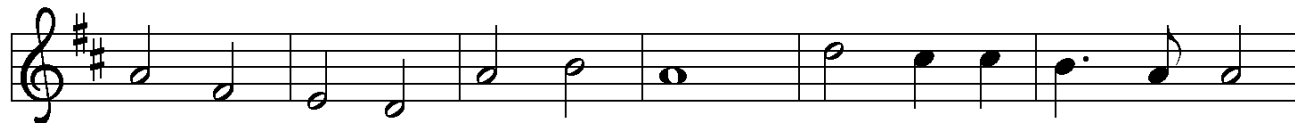
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

(8:30)

SOLO AT COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

African-American Spiritual

Arr. Richard Walters

Jaman E. Dunn, *baritone*

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual

Arr. by Leo Nestor

(b. 1948)

Jaman E. Dunn, *baritone*

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

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.

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

Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us “Hyfrydol”

ELW 707

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
3 Won-drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, “You have
as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
done it all to me.” Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, “Give as I have giv'n to you.”
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on 'The New Commonwealth'

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872 – 1958)

Arr. Christopher Morris

*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.

*Please join us in Redeemer Hall after the 10:30 service
for light refreshments to welcome
The Rev. Dr. Julius and Geneva Carroll*

MUSIC NOTES

Today, Sunday October 3rd seems to be a day when a myriad of important ecumenical circles seem to be converging in the life of Holy Trinity.

First, it is on this day that we welcome our new Intentional Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll. When pondering appropriate musical repertoire for such an occasion, we thought of the beautiful George Herbert texts of Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*, particularly those of the 3rd Movement, *Love Bade Me Welcome*. The work sets four poems by seventeenth-century Welsh-born English poet and Anglican priest George Herbert (1593–1633), from his 1633 collection *The Temple: Sacred Poems*. While Herbert was a priest, Vaughan Williams declared himself an atheist at the time, though this did not prevent his setting of verse of an overtly religious inspiration. As the choir enters on the unison "Ah" towards the movement's conclusion, we hear the beloved Gregorian Eucharistic plainchant melody of *O sacrum convivium* (O sacred banquet) mystically hovering through the harmonically complex orchestration as the solo finally draws to conclusion with the powerful words, "You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat: So I did sit and eat."

October 3rd also marks World Communion Sunday, a celebration observed by several Christian denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on an observance of the Eucharist. As Vaughan Williams, despite his open atheism, so spiritually quoted one of the most sacred of all Eucharistic Gregorian chant melodies, we chose the beautiful Richard Walters and Leo Nestor settings of the African-American Spiritual, *Let Us Break Bread Together* to accompany our sharing of the Sacrament. Though the words seem to draw us towards our own redemption through the acceptance of Communion, the underlying impetus of the music is rather our "togetherness" - that we share this meal with one another, in the presence of God. In our togetherness, we confess, we forgive, we support, we pray, and we receive this blessed, most sacred nourishment as a community in the body of Christ.

On the day that we also begin our new Youth Choir program, it is also fitting that our lessons and Gospel articulate the Love shared between God and mankind, between Man and Woman, and as Jesus blessed them, between God and Child. Can there be no greater Love than this Eucharistic celebration? Elaine Hagenberg's exquisite setting of George Matheson's text articulates and brings all of these sentiments together, "O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thy ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be."

Many thanks go to Maestro Jaman E. Dunn, Associate conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, for sharing this special day with us. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to build such a positive musical friendship with him over the last year or so, and we look forward to all that the future holds.

On this most special day, I hope that you find inspiration, nourishment, and strength in this music. May the Spirit of Love and Community speak to you, and give you peace.

~Justin Pomietlarz



YOUTH CHOIR

Ms. Erin begins our new Youth Choir program
this morning at 9:30 am in the Music Room, downstairs.

Children 5 and up are welcome to be a part of this
special new program!

Rehearsal will take place every Sunday from 9:30 - 10:15 am.

No need to pre-register! Just come and sing!

For more information, Erin Alexander can be reached at

YouthChoir@holytrinitybuffalo.org



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Justin Pomietlarz. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Susan Bundt. Worship Assistant is Adam Hakansson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Guy Huber. Ushers are Marty Bauer and Craig Johnson. Reader is Martha Kutas. Worship Assistants are Justin Rojek, Sofia Atlas, Madalyn Brown, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of our son Paul and my wife Susan by Paul Biesinger;

To the Glory of God from Jim and Norine Dunnigan; and

In Memory of and love for Rosemary Mattle from the Mattle/Vitka/Crissey Family.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Mer'Liah and Saniyah Gilchrist.



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.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, October 3, 2021 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)

MONDAY, October 4, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (FR)
6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (RH)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (FR)

TUESDAY, October 5, 2021

- Happy Birthday Kristen Pomietlarz*
5:30 p.m. Burrito Project (RH)
6:00 p.m. Needlers (FR)

WEDNESDAY, October 6, 2021

- 6:00 p.m. Pet Blessing (Chapel Parking Lot)
7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (RH/Zoom)

THURSDAY, October 7, 2021

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

SATURDAY, October 9, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Home Communion Training (FR)

SUNDAY, October 10, 2021 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (FR)

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

PLEASE WELCOME our Intentional Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll who will work with us on our journey to find a new Pastor. Welcome Dr. Carroll and his wife, Geneva.

WELCOME also to First Year Seminarian, Teresa O'Connor, who is worshipping with us today. Under the guidance of Dr. Julius Carroll, she will be participating and assisting in worship, education, faith formation and service ministries at Holy Trinity to fulfill requirements for her degree. Teresa will be available after service to meet you in the narthex near the Main Street exit doors.

BIBLE STUDY: Monday Morning Bible Study continues tomorrow in-person at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. Dr. Carroll will begin a new series “Major Themes in the Gospels.”

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins tomorrow from 7:00 – 8:00pm in the Fellowship Room. We will follow the same series as the morning bible study. All are welcome to attend.

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.

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for one or two people who would be willing to help out with this year's stewardship campaign. If you are interested, please contact the office and Uli MacDonald will get in touch with you.

HOLY CONVERSATIONS: Mark your calendars for the first of three sessions of Holy Conversations with Dr. Carroll on Tuesday, October 12 from 10:00-11:30am in the Fellowship Room or 7:00-8:30pm via Zoom. We will delve into the responses to the recent survey questions. If you are planning to join us via Zoom, please contact the church office with your email address so that we may send a Zoom invitation to you.

PET BLESSING: We will be holding a pet blessing on Wednesday, October 6 at 6:00pm in the Chapel parking lot. Please join us and bring your furry friends. We will also Livestream this via our Facebook page for those who may not be able to attend.

HOME COMMUNION TRAINING: Pastor Brenda will be holding a class on Home Communion Training on Saturday, October 9 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Room. Training is intended for existing members as well as those who may be interested.

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 them 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!

CLOTHESLINE PROJECT: It's that time again. Our sixth year! Once again, the clothesline will be placed in the front of the church near the fountain garden. Beginning Sunday, October 17th right through March, items will be hung in plastic bags for those in need of something warm during the colder months. Donations of gloves, mittens, socks, hats and scarves are always needed and can be placed in the labeled boxes in the narthexes of the main sanctuary. Any questions or comments, please see Linda Schmidt. She can be reached via email msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or 716-835-3325.

OPEN HOUSE: You are invited to an Open House for Community of Good Neighbors at 1092 Main Street on Sunday, October 17 from 9:30am – 10:30am. Pastor Kwame Pitts will be providing an overview of the mobile food pantry programs, the ministries she is leading and LuMin Campus Ministry.

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 thank you in advance. Donna Leiser dleiser@roadrunner.com cell: 716-868-3862.

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