



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church  
Buffalo, New York

# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Buffalo, New York

Sunday, November 7, 2021

All Saints Sunday

Celebrating our 143<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

*You can find us on Facebook @holytrinitybuffalo,  
on Instagram @holytrinitybuffalo or on twitter @holytrinitybuff*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Nimrod* from *Enigma Variations* Op. 36

Edgar Elgar  
(1857-1934)  
Arr. Robert Gower

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*For All the Saints* "Sine Nomine"

ELW 422

(vs. 1,3,5,6,7)



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897  
 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

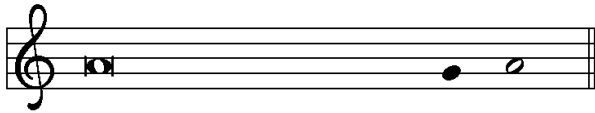
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## **GREETING**

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.**

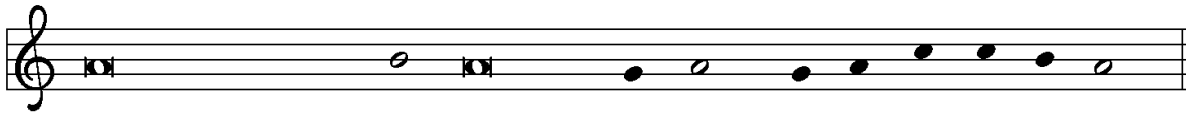
# KYRIE



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.



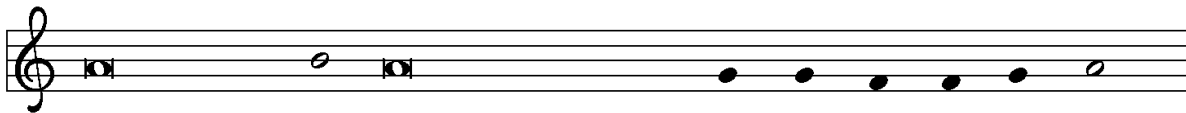
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



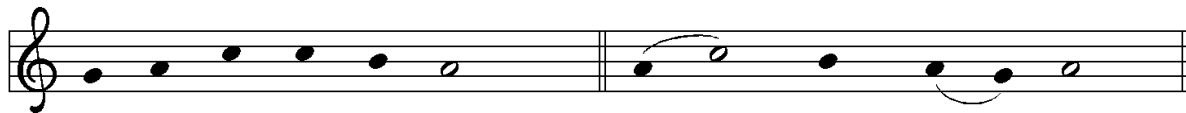
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

**Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

The first reading for All Saints Day is recorded in Isaiah, the 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**(8:30)**

**THE SOLO**

*Allerseelen* Op. 10 No. 8

Text: Hermann von Gilm (1818-1864)

Richard Strauss

(1864-1949)

Dr. Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Place on the table the fragrant mignonettes,  
Bring in the last red asters,  
and let us talk of love again,  
as once we did in May.

Give me your hand, so that I may secretly press it;  
and if someone sees, it's all one to me.  
Just give me one of your sweet glances,  
as once you did in May.

Flowers bloom and spread their fragrance today on every grave;  
one day in the year is sacred for the dead.  
Come close to my heart, so that I can have you again,  
as once I did in May.

**(10:30)**

**MOTET**

*Sing Me to Heaven*

Text: Jane Griner

Daniel E. Gawthrop

(b. 1949)

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.  
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.  
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices,  
and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.  
If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.  
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.  
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,  
sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven!  
Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.  
Touch in me grief and comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure.  
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.  
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:  
sing me a love song; sing me to heaven!

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

The second reading for today is recorded in Revelation, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

<sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

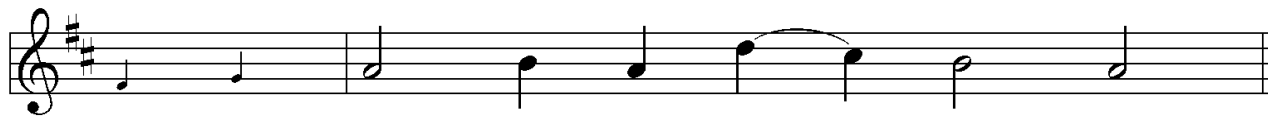
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



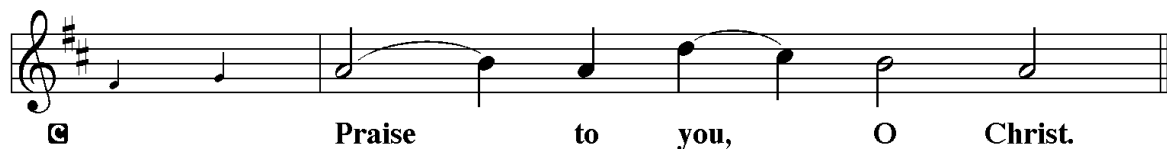
## GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to Saint John



<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”  
The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Julius Carroll

*Please stand as you are able.*

## SERMON HYMN

*Shall We Gather at the River* "Hansons Place"

ELW 423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



## THANKSGIVING FOR ALL THE SAINTS

*On this day we give God thanks for all the saints – for those whose rest is won, who have died in the last year; and for those who have joined the church through the waters of Baptism. As their name is read, a candle will be lit in their memory and a bell rung in their honor.*

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Earl Kunz, Jr.

Monroe Mitchell

Susan Lask

Rodney Hensel

Ron Frank

Joyce Berger

Eugene Buell

Dorothy Hurlimann

Gary Herrnreiter

## MOTET

*Remember*

Stephen Chatman

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830 – 1894)

(b. 1950)

Remember me when I am gone away, gone far away into the silent land;  
when you can no more hold me by the hand.

Nor I half turn to go yet, turning, stay.

Remember me when no more day by day you tell me of our future that you planned:  
only remember me; you understand it will be late to counsel then or pray.

Yet if you should forget me for a while and afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
for if the darkness and corruption leave a vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
better by far you should forget and smile than that you should remember and be sad.

## NEWLY BAPTIZED:

Knox Jeffrey Miller

Lorelai Scotlyn McFarland

Damon Huber Long

Madison Olivia Day

Harper Annaleis Day

Liam James Day

Eila Cassidy Lansom

Olivia Mary Stinson

Elise Margaret Stinson

Walker James O'Connor

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. We pray for our ecumenical and inter-faith siblings at VOICE Buffalo, the Network of Religious Communities and the Buffalo City Cluster: Grace, Parkside, Community of Good Neighbors, and Holy Trinity. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. We pray for all those serving in the armed forces and their families. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way, especially Dr. Don Miller. We pray for health and safety for Daniel Culross and Holly Holdaway's grandparents, Donald, Nancy, Jim and Kathy. We pray for family members of Uli MacDonald, including Ethan, Andreas and John Carlino. 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.**

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us especially Earl, Monroe, Susan, Rodney, Ron, Joyce, Eugene, Dorothy and Gary. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Guide the newly baptized, especially Knox, Lorelai, Damon, Madison, Harper, Liam, Eila, Olivia, Elise and Walker, as they embrace their new identity as holy children of God. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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.*

Stewardship Thought for your reflection

*If every man took only what was sufficient for his needs,  
leaving the rest to those in want,  
there would be no rich and no poor.*

*St. Basil*

**(8:30)**

## SOLO AT THE OFFERING

*An Evening Hymn Z. 193 from Harmonia Sacra*

**Henry Purcell**  
(1658-1695)

Dr. Aurora Deeds, *soprano*

Now that the sun hath veil'd his light  
And bid the world goodnight;  
To the soft bed my body I dispose,  
But where shall my soul repose?

Dear, dear God, even in Thy arms,  
And can there be any so sweet security!  
Then to thy rest, O my soul!  
And singing, praise the mercy  
That prolongs thy days.

Hallelujah!

**(10:30)**

## **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*And I Saw A New Heaven*

Edgar L. Bainton

Text: Revelations 21

(1880 – 1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **OFFERTORY**

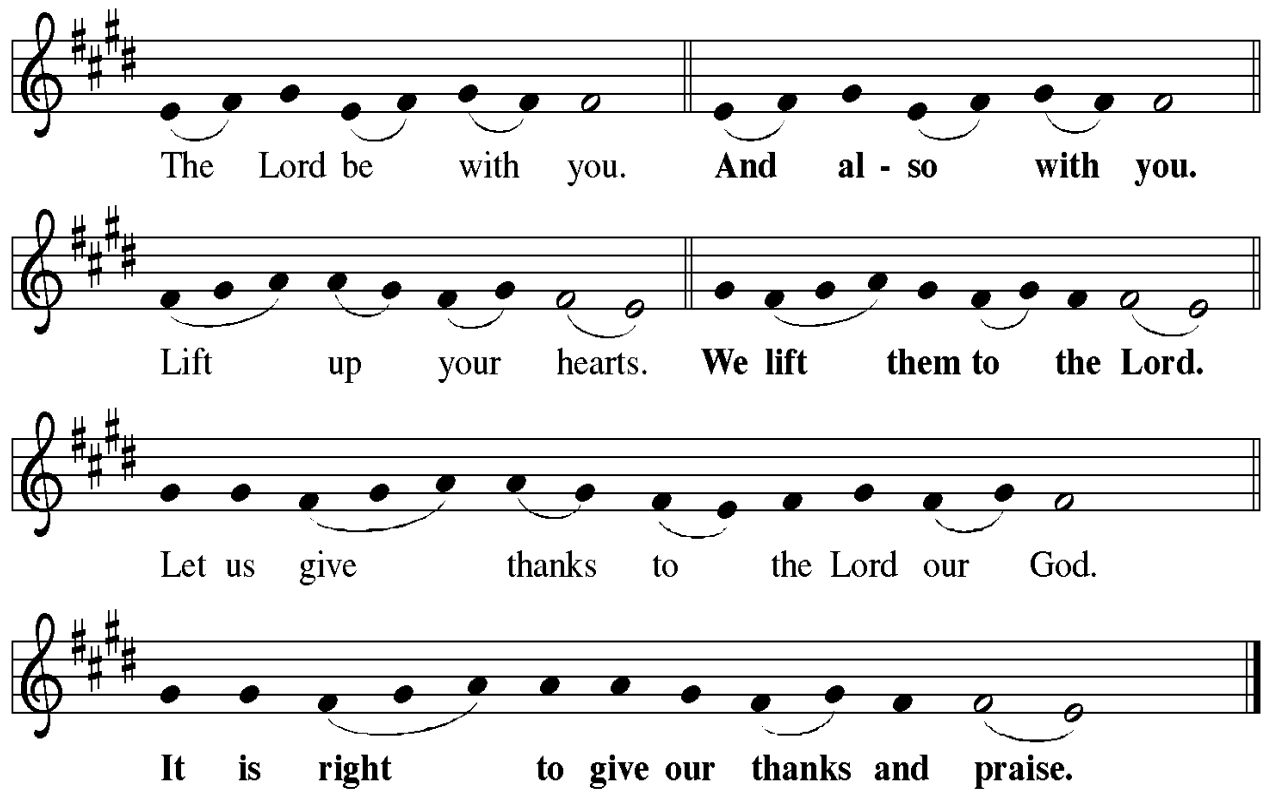
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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.

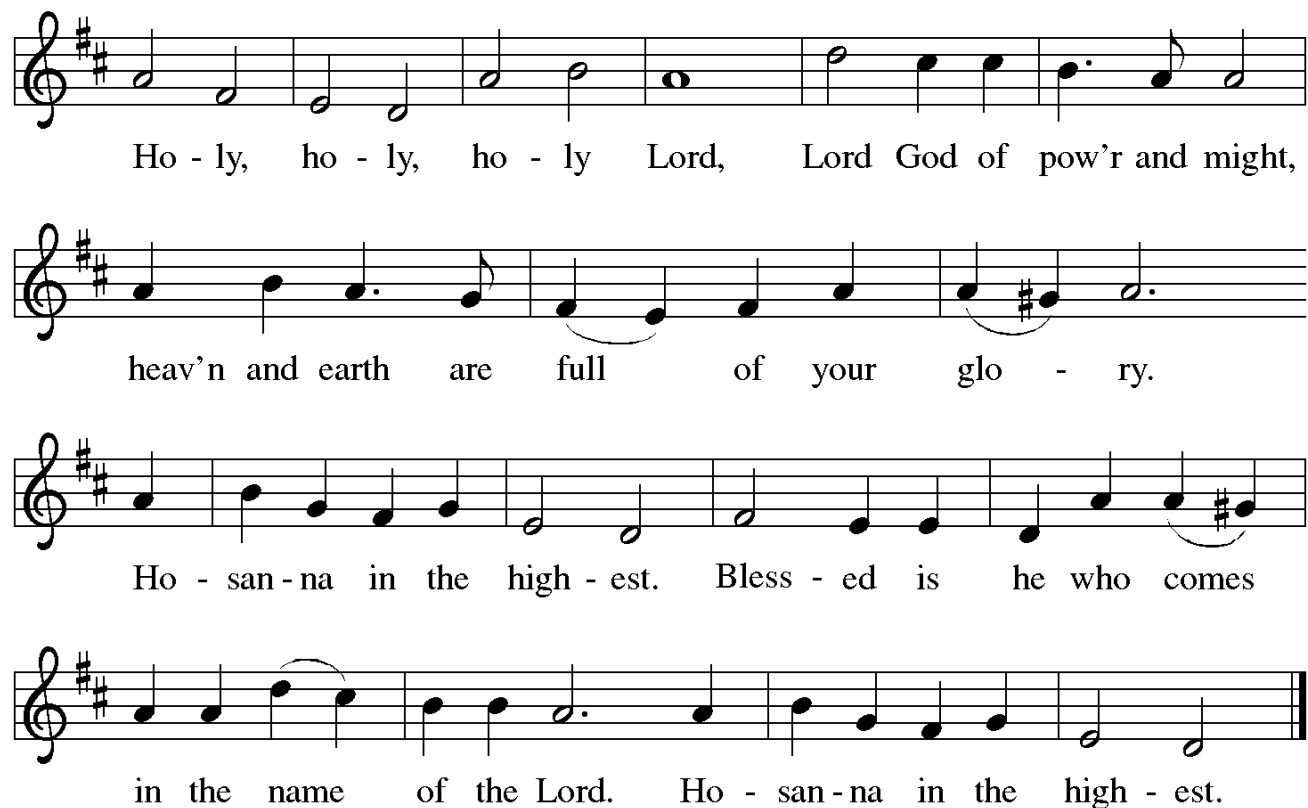
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

**Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, † bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Rise Up, O Saints of God!* “Festal Song”

ELW 669

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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*Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.*

## **POSTLUDE**

*Voluntary on 'Sine Nomine'*

Arthur Hutchings  
(1906-1989)

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

## **DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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

The name of the *Enigma* variation refers to Augustus J. Jaeger, who was employed as music editor by the London publisher Novello & Co. He was a close friend of Elgar's, giving him useful advice but also severe criticism, something Elgar greatly appreciated. Elgar later related how Jaeger had encouraged him as an artist and had stimulated him to continue composing despite setbacks. "Nimrod" is described in the Old Testament as "a mighty hunter before the Lord," Jäger being German for hunter.

In 1904 Elgar told Dora Penny ("Dorabella") that this variation is not really a portrait, but "the story of something that happened". Once, when Elgar had been very depressed and was about to give it all up and write no more music, Jaeger had visited him and encouraged him to continue composing. He referred to Ludwig van Beethoven, who had a lot of worries, but wrote more and more beautiful music. "And that is what you must do", Jaeger said, and he sang the theme of the second movement of Beethoven's Piano Sonata No. 8 Pathétique. Elgar disclosed to Dora that the opening bars of "Nimrod" were made to suggest that theme. "Can't you hear it at the beginning? Only a hint, not a quotation."

This variation has become popular in its own right and is sometimes used at British funerals, memorial services, and other solemn occasions. It is always played at the Cenotaph, Whitehall in London at the National Service of Remembrance. A version was also played during the Hong Kong handover ceremony in 1997 and at the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games. The "Nimrod" variation was the final orchestral composition (before the national anthem) played by the Greek National Orchestra in a televised June 2013 concert, before the 75-year-old Athenian ensemble was dissolved in the wake of severe government cutbacks.

**Adapted from: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enigma\\_Variations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enigma_Variations)**

### **Sing Me to Heaven, written by composer Daniel Gawthrop:**

The commission to write *Sing Me to Heaven* came from Carol Hunter, the conductor of a northern Virginia community chorus called VOCE. Like directors of literally hundreds of similar volunteer choral organizations across the country, Carol tries to balance her programs with music chosen from all periods and styles, including the premiere of an occasional brand new work, never before performed by any other chorus nor heard by any other audience.



Carol described what she wanted as, “a piece that describes the way that we, as singers, feel about music in our lives.” This struck me as likely to be problematic—although I am constantly reading poetry in search of texts for musical settings, I knew of no such existing poem in English literature. Worse, experience suggested that my chances of finding something so specific were not good. Fortunately, I next did what I always do when the search for wisdom falters and I lose my way: I whined to my wife.

Poet Jane Griner, Dan's wife responds:

He didn't whine, exactly. But he did hint ... a lot. And it was something we had frequently talked about.

The idea for this text was born out of a lifetime of being surrounded by musicians. My mother was a piano teacher. My father sang in the community chorus. I played in orchestras from the age of thirteen. Classical music was virtually the only music I knew, even as a teenager. Though I was extraordinarily blessed with a well-rounded childhood, being surrounded by professional musicians as a teenager meant I discovered that these people were... different.

The commission for *Sing Me to Heaven* came shortly after [a] conversation with long-time friend and choral musician Dr. Byron McGilvray. In the course of talking about friends and family he mentioned that at a funeral he had recently attended the choir had sung something from the Brahms *Requiem*. We had that in common. Musicians from the community chorus in which my father had sung for years, came to perform “*How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place*” at his funeral. The conversation continued as we remarked on how musicians measure and mark their lives not with birthdays, vacations, or even people, but with music.

The premise that there are times in our lives when nothing but music can express the intensity of what we are feeling was the seminal idea for this text.

**Extrapolated from: Daniel Gawthrop and Jane Griner, <https://dunstanhouse.subitomusic.com/2016/02/04/sing-me-to-heaven-the-real-story/>**



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Judy Kroll. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Judy Kroll. Worship Assistant is Max Hakansson.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Ushers are Paul Biesinger and Doug Alderdice. Reader is Doug Alderdice. Worship Assistants are Justin Rojek, Sofia Atlas, Madalyn Brown, Henry Peterson and Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of deceased family and friends given by David Schopp.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include Knox Miller, Lorelai McFarland, Damon Long, Madison, Harper and Liam Day, Eila Lansom, Olivia and Elise Stinson and Walker O'Connor.



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, November 7, 2021 – All Saints Sunday**

*Daylight Savings Time Ends*

- 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. Haiti Meeting (FR)
- 3:30 p.m. Friends of Vienna Concert (MC)

### **MONDAY, November 8, 2021**

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

### **TUESDAY, November 9, 2021**

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Conversations (via Zoom)
- 1:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Conversations (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (RH/Zoom)

### **THURSDAY, November 11, 2021 Veterans Day**

Church Office Closed

### **SUNDAY, November 14, 2021 – Twenty-Fifth 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/New Members Received (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (FR)

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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**

**HOLY CONVERSATIONS:** The next session of Holy Conversations with Dr. Carroll will be held this **Tuesday, November 9 from 10:00-11:30am via Zoom or 7:00-8:30pm in the Fellowship Room.** We will delve into the responses to the recent survey questions.

**TIME OR TALENT:** If you are interested in sharing your time or talent, please fill out the yellow form and we will contact you. We are looking forward to hearing from you. With gratitude, Uli MacDonald, Stewardship Committee.

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** continues tomorrow in-person at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. Dr. Carroll will continue the series “Major Themes in the Gospels: St. Mark.”

**MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** also continues 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.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** The final tally for the Community of Good Neighbors October Food Drive is in. 980 individual food items and 69 reusable grocery bags. You are an amazing congregation full of love for those in need.

**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. 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 [mmarylschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:mmarylschmidt@gmail.com) or 716-835-3325.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 11 in observance of Veterans' Day.

**HOLIDAY BASKETS:** The Fellowship & Hospitality Committee will be collecting food and cash donations for our holiday baskets. All non-perishable food items will be used for the baskets. Cash donations to help provide gift certificates and can be sent to the church office and designated "holiday baskets". Thank you for your donations.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Once again the congregation is being asked to contribute toward the purchase of poinsettias which will be placed in the chancel for Christmas. Flowers are \$12 each and may be given in memory or honor of someone. Order forms are available in the entrance ways.

**BROWN PAPER BAGS:** Community of Good Neighbors is in need of large brown grocery bags. Please leave any donations by the entrance ways. Thank you to all.

**HAITI MEETING** today following the 10:30 service. We will continue to work on fundraising and determining needs in the coming months. You are welcome to join us and we would love to have additional team members to assist as we continue this work. We will meet in the Fellowship Room and hope to see many of you there!

**WELCA:** One of the many ongoing projects of the Holy Trinity WELCA group is the Card Ministry. During this time of transition, we are asking for your help. First, if you are aware of someone who has not been in church, has a health challenge or might benefit from a card, please let us know. Second, several members save their extra cards & donate to our ministry. This is appreciated. We also encourage any members to attend our meetings & get to know what we do. If you have any questions, please contact Millie Nikischer at 716-639-7861 or the church office.



*Friends of Vienna Concert*

The newly formed Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Double Bass Sextet will perform at the Friends of Vienna Chamber Music Series concert today at 3:30 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

This will be a rare and unusual treat for Buffalo concert goers.

The group plans an entertaining program which will combine recent light, and sometimes humorous music with more traditional selections.

In the past, bass groups have largely been an afterthought, or an oddity, but recently there has been a rise in new repertoire for the instrument.

Tickets are available at the door, cash or check only.

\$14 adults, \$5 students.

Proof of vaccination and facemask are required.

## **JOIN OUR CHOIRS!**

Did you once sing in a choir? Have you ever thought,  
"Maybe I'd like to sing again?"

Well - stop thinking about it and get involved in  
Holy Trinity's Choral Program!

Holy Trinity is blessed to be the home of one of Buffalo's storied musical treasures, yet it is still a tight-knit family of people who love to sing and make music for this congregation to the glory of God.

Our Chancel Choir sings 2-3 pieces of music weekly at the 10:30 Service. Standards are high, and strong music reading skills are a benefit, but the strengths of our Lead Singers will guide you through the rehearsal process.

If that commitment seems too much,  
our Chapel Choir moves at a more accessible pace,  
singing 2 pieces of music monthly, with four Lead Singers to guide.

Several of our congregational singers even sing in both choirs!  
Feel free to reach out to Justin Pomietlarz if you have any questions.

Singing in our choirs is not as daunting as you may think!  
Come, join our family, and be nourished in music and fellowship.

## **YOUTH CHOIR**

Does your child sing?

Then come join our new Youth Choir!

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

There are already 10 children and youth participating,  
and we are looking to make our Service debut on November 14<sup>th</sup>!

Rehearsals take place Sundays from 9:30 - 10:15 am  
in the Music Room, while the Chancel Choir prepares for Service.

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

For more information, Youth Choir Director Erin Alexander  
can be reached at [YouthChoir@holytrinitybuffalo.org](mailto:YouthChoir@holytrinitybuffalo.org)

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