



Holy Trinity  
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Buffalo, New York

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Thanksgiving Service  
November 24, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

**VOLUNTARY**

*From all that dwells below the skies*

John Halton

**WELCOME**

*Please stand if you are able.*

# GATHERING HYMN

*For the Beauty of the Earth "Dix"*

ELW 879

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## **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.**

## **A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:  
**we thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ:  
**we thank you, Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:  
**we thank you, Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve:  
**we thank you Lord.**

For health and strength to work and leisure to rest and play:  
**we thank you, Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity:  
**we thank you, Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice:  
**we thank you, Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places:  
**we thank you, Lord.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
**to him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **THE GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33**

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew

[Jesus said,] <sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

*Please stand as you are able.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Praise You, O God* "Kremser"

ELW 870

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

## **CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. We give thanks for

the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

the gifts of relationship with others . . .

the communion of faith in your church . . .

for all those things we lift up in thanksgiving...



Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. We pray for

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

for all those things we lift up in prayer....

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; 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.*

## **OFFERING**

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**God our creator, you give us all we are, all we have, all we bring, and all we need. Draw us together around your table with all your saints on earth and in your eternal home. Let us eat and drink your promise of new life, that we might be your promise to the world, spoken in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

## **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.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

## **BLESSING**

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

*Let All Things Now Living* “The Ash Grove”

ELW 881



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and



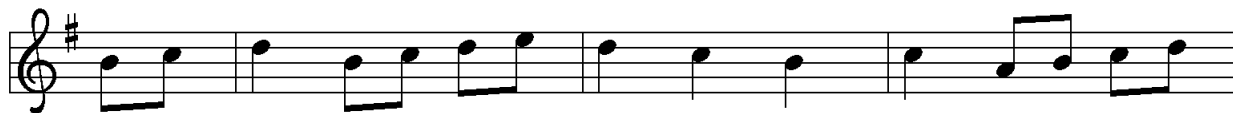
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



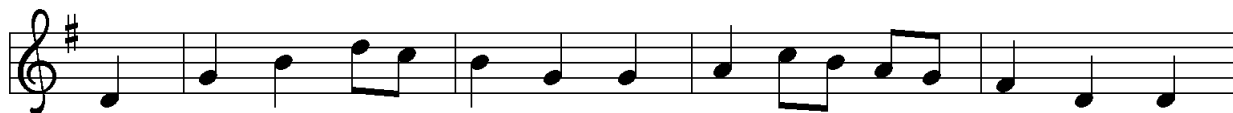
still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: “To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!”

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



*Many thanks to our guest organist, JiHyun Woo*

*A Blessed Thanksgiving to All!*

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