



Holy Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Reconciling in Christ Sunday
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.*

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

Large print bulletins are available at the entrance ways

INTRODUCTION

Reconciling in Christ Sunday celebration has been a way for faith communities, both RIC and those on their journey, to celebrate the work that they have done, as well as to take a stand in creating a worship celebration specifically for all of God's Beloveds, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expressions. RIC Sunday is set aside to highlight our shared ministry of hospitality and reconciliation for all of our siblings in Christ. This year the worship theme will focus on "Made in God's Image: God's Endless Diversity!" Holy Trinity will celebrate RIC Sunday today, as it is the anniversary of Holy Trinity becoming a RIC congregation.

PRELUDE

Aureole

Daniel Pinkham
(1923-2006)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

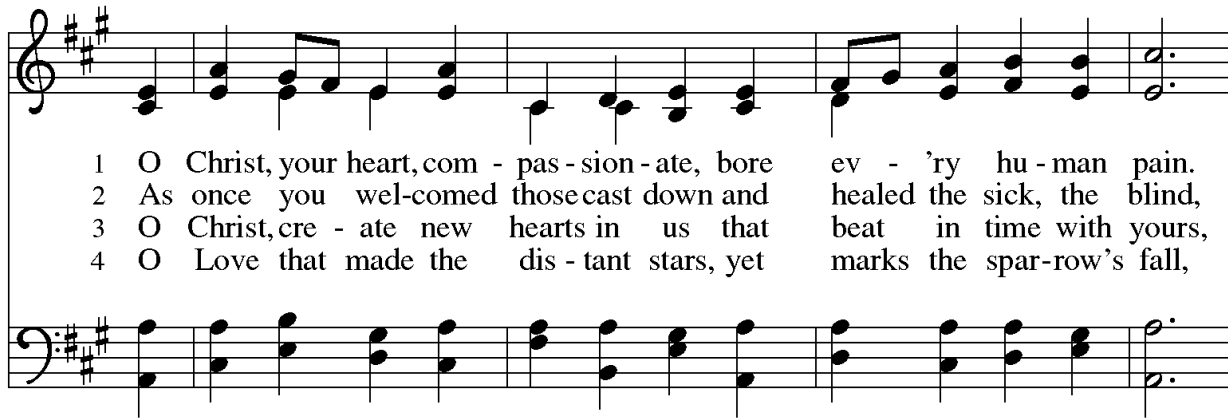
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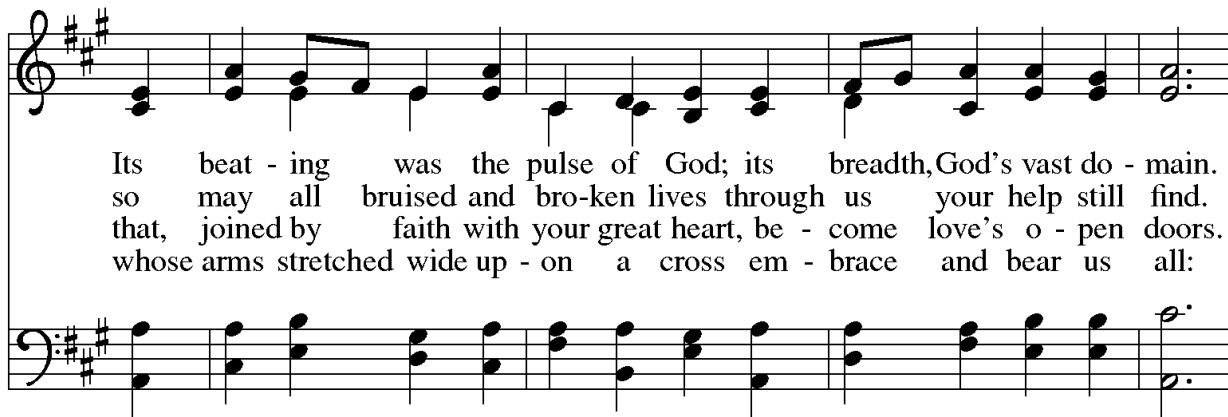
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate "Ellacombe"

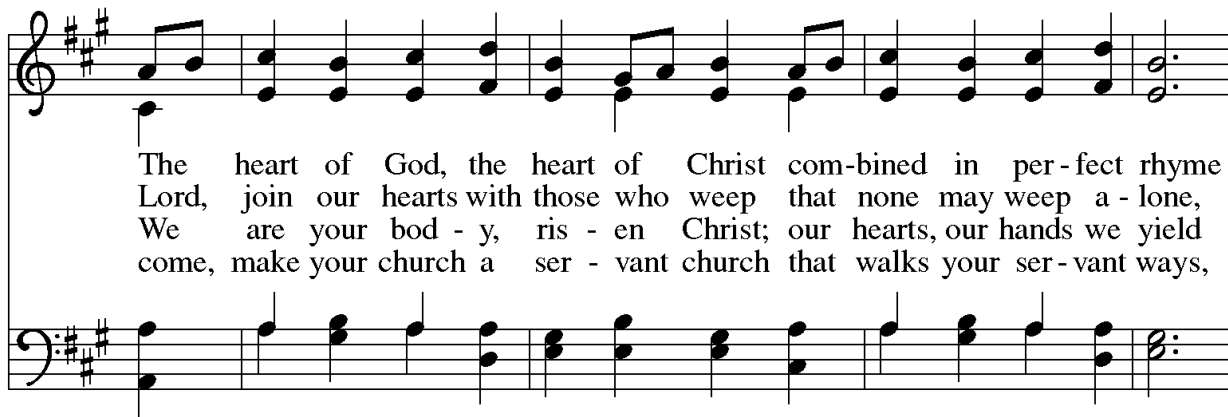
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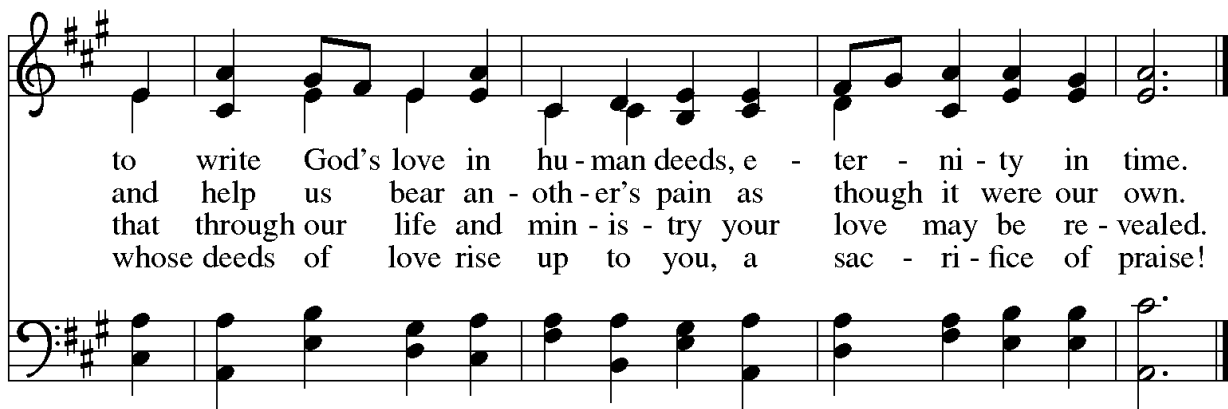
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Holy Parent,
And of the + Child,
And of the Holy Spirit, ever-present in our lives.
Amen.

Your people, Lord, long to feel seen, named, and cared for.
The church has excluded and pushed away people, calling them
“other” and “different”
And waits for those harmed to lead the work of reconciliation.

Today we worship, with open hearts and minds, readying ourselves for
the holy ministry of justice and equity work.
As your people, we know God is with us
And that your Holy Spirit makes reconciliation possible.

As we learn how to make the church a safer space

We trust in the Spirit's guidance.

As we seek to be an advocate for our LGBTQIA+ siblings and all who
are told they are "other"

We trust in the Spirit's guidance.

As we seek to learn more about the intersectionality of ministry

We trust in the Spirit's guidance.

It is with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and grace of Jesus, we confess and ask forgiveness. We proclaim with joy and love that people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions matter; that Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) matter; that neuro-diversity and differing abilities of bodies are sacred; and that we as a church stand firmly against racism, homophobia, transphobia, and any other sin that makes people feel less than because of who God lovingly made them to be. We commit our words and action to be ones of advocacy for all of the people in your Kin-Dom. Holy Creator, we celebrate your boundless diversity, and see the ways we are made in Your image.

Amen.

GATHERING

In God's Boundless Diversity, we are all Made in God's Image! We gather together in this time and space, breathing in the Spirit's invitation to connect and learn, and answer Jesus' call to justice and action.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Mighty God, soften our hearts this day as we seek to hear your words and commands. In a world where we are daily confronted with ways we are different, told to make ourselves smaller for the convenience of others, teach us as your people how to celebrate your boundless diversity reflected in every person who is made in your image! To have safe spaces is to experience your saving grace. Guide us to be people of faith who are committed to learning and re-learning what it means to welcome, include, celebrate, and advocate for all you call Beloved.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Brenda Maynor

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

The first reading for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany is recorded in Jeremiah, the 17th Chapter.

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Loveliest of Trees, from *Six Songs from A Shropshire Lad* George Butterworth

Text by A. E. Housman

(1885–1916)

Joshua Kane, *tenor*

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide

Now, of my threescore years and ten
Twenty will not come again
And take from seventy springs a score
It only leaves me fifty more

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow

(10:30)

ANTHEM

The Beatitudes “Blagri” (2002)

Text: Matthew 5:3-12; Eng. Tr. Irma Močnik

Damijan Močnik

(b. 1967)

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the poor in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

The second reading for today is recorded in 1st Corinthians, the 15th Chapter.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

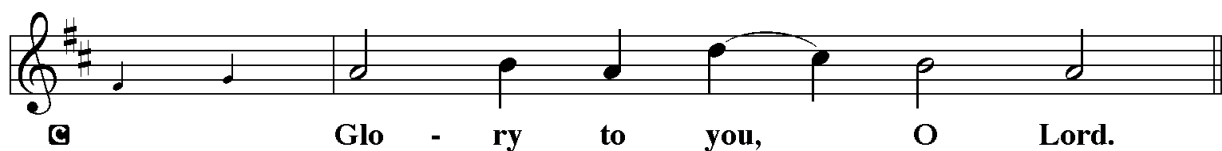
Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

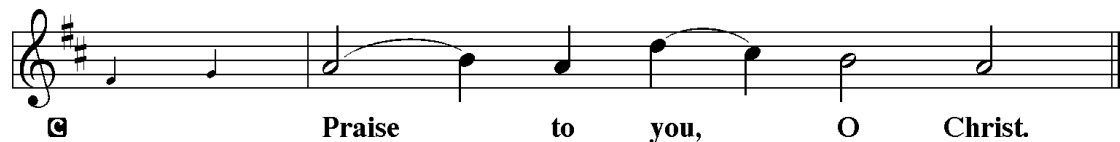
²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON:

The Rev. Seminarian Teresa O'Connor

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of You "St. Agnes"

ELW 754

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the final four lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment is primarily chordal, supporting the vocal melody.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

RECOGNITION OF JUDITH REIFSTECK, BSN, FCN

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you
The Lord lift up the light
Of His countenance upon you,
And give you peace,
Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

2022 Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday Prayers of the People are written by (our very own) Sofia Atlas (she/her), a youth volunteer from a Reconciling in Christ Partner in New York.

With the whole earth, let us lift our hearts and voices in prayer.

God, today we pray for anyone suffering from depression, anxiety, eating disorders, PTSD, schizophrenia, or any other mental illness. We ask you to guide them, and us, to assist them in getting the help that they need. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

God, we think of women and female-identifying people as we continue to fight for gender equity. Assist us in this fight, so that one day, we may all be seen as equals in the eyes of the law. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

Jesus we ask that you help us to become better allies. Guide those who are learning more about their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, those who have been victims of hate, those who have not been accepted, and those who are not able to be open about who they are. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

Creator in Heaven, teach us how to be better advocates for our Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) siblings, and help them to be treated equally as they should have been from the start. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

God, we pray for those who have been wrongfully convicted of a crime, those who have not gotten the justice that they deserve, and all those whose voices are being ignored by the criminal justice system. We pray that the true wrong-doers are held accountable. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

God, since March of 2020, we have battled the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. Bless everyone who has been negatively affected by this virus. We pray that it will soon be over. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

Teacher in Heaven, we pray for those who are struggling to learn due to learning disabilities, lack of resources, and difficult learning environments. We ask that you help us to ensure everyone has access to a good education. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

God, we pray for the sick and especially for the sick who cannot get help. We hope that one day, everyone will have access to adequate healthcare. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

Spirit, we think of anyone who is suffering with the loss of a loved one, and we ask you to guide them through the process of grieving. We pray that they will find your comfort and peace. We remember the life, love, and faith of Herb Hough. God in your mercy.

Hear our Prayers.

Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us, we lift up these prayers, and all others in our hearts, unnamed or aloud.

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

You'll Never Walk Alone from *Carousel*

Text: Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960)

Richard Rogers

(1902-1979)

Joshua Kane, *tenor*

When you walk through a storm, keep your chin up high

And don't be afraid of the dark.

At the end of the storm is a golden sky

And the sweet silver song of a lark.

Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain,

Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown,

Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart,

And you'll never walk alone,

You'll never walk alone!

(10:30)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Don't BE Afraid

Allyson Reigh

arr. Jennifer McMillan

Carolyn Lansom, *mezzo-soprano*

Joshua Kane, *tenor*

Dark is the night when you're feeling all alone

Weak is the light when you're feeling far from home

Warm is the heart, warm is the heart that loves true

Real is the love, real is the love that holds you

I have no fear from the truth

I have in my heart when I think of you

And all this time, they told me we were wrong

All this time, my heart did not have a song

So I will sing, I will sing and be brave

I will sing, don't be afraid, don't be afraid.

There are mountains here along the way

There is darkness now before the day

As long as you are here all I can say

Shine all your light, **Shine all your light**

Don't let anybody make you feel small

Shine all your light, shine all your light

Shine all your light, don't be afraid

I see your true colors shine

Stand tall, be brave

I will sing, Don't BE Afraid.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

Amen.

OFFERTORY


Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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“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.

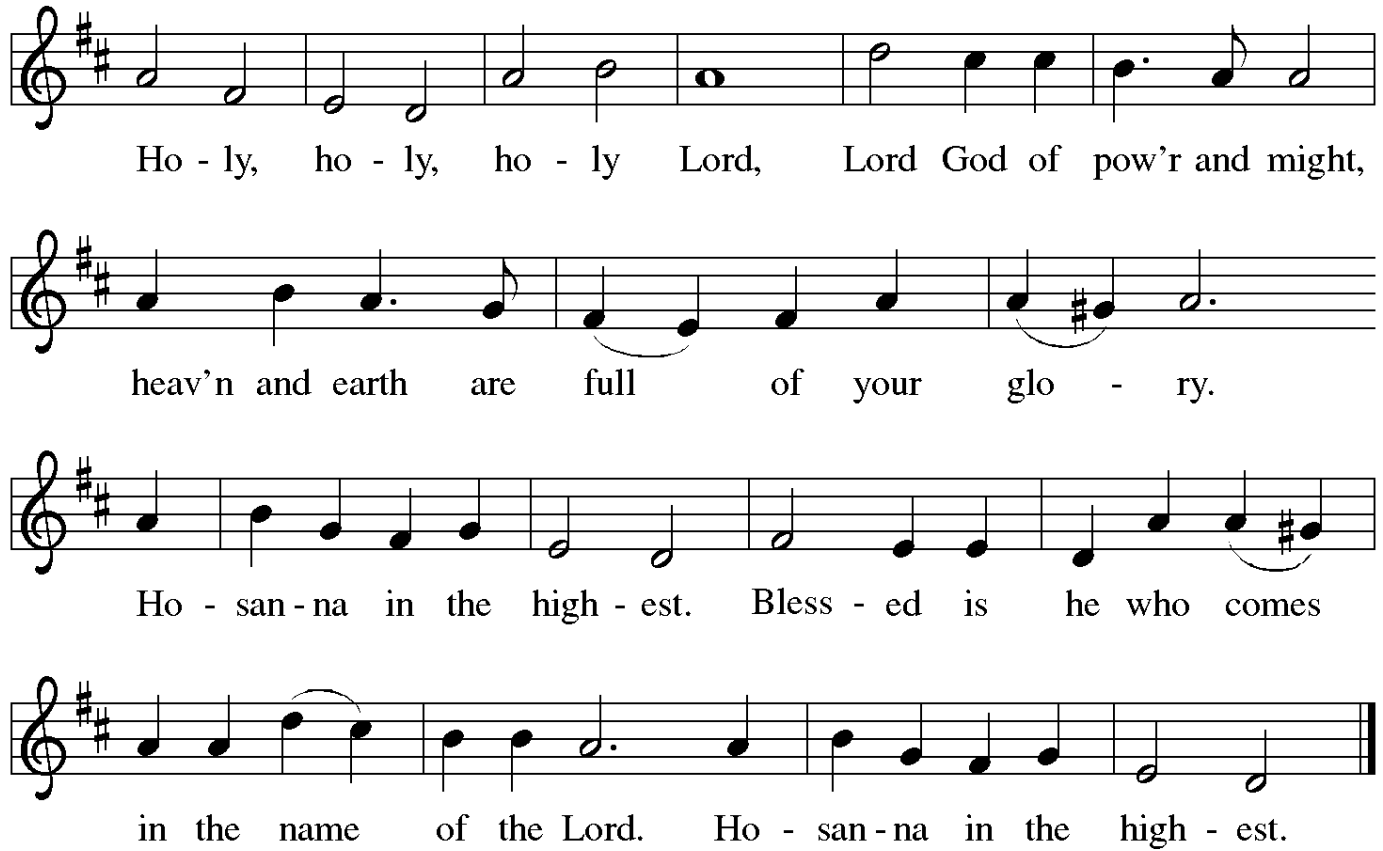


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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 the people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

At this table make us your body.
Form us to be a people of justice and peace.
Fill us with gratitude and generosity
that we may bear the fruit of love in word and
deed.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Nourish our bodies so that we may be fed.
Teach us to see You, Christ, in those around us.
As we prepare this table for you, we prepare our
hearts for your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

THE 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 HOLY 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.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

May the Holy Parent ignite the fires of advocacy in your heart

May the Spirit place the scroll of knowledge on your tongue in tough conversations

May the Son walk with you as you march with your queer siblings.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Canticle of the Turning “Star of County Down”

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1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Please feel free to be seated for the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Festival Bells

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

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

THE DISMISSAL

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we go in peace to serve the Creator.
Seek God's boundless diversity in all you see, and know you are made
in God's image!

Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SERVICE CREATED BY

This year, Reconciling Works national office partnered with the spirit and voice of our young people to cultivate a worship experience centered around their voices and passions for the work of advocacy. They created the Prayers of the People petitions, and their understanding of what it means to take a pledge to support our LGBTQIA+ siblings have inspired us to dream of ways to expand our reach of welcome in the church and larger world. THANK YOU to the young people who helped make this worship service possible!

*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,
due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Music Notes:

As we celebrate Reconciling in Christ Sunday, we are pleased to present the emotionally charged, contemporary choral anthem, *Don't BE Afraid*.

From the program notes:

The profound message of “Don’t BE Afraid” was born out of overwhelming fear. In October 2013, Scott Jones was left paralyzed after being attacked in his hometown of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. In the following weeks, Scott was afraid. His family and friends were afraid. And, his community was afraid. But, instead of dissolving into this fear, Scott chose to emerge with a strong and hopeful message: “Don’t BE Afraid.” The message became the launching point for the Don’t BE Afraid: LGBTQ Awareness Society, a non-profit organization. Don’t BE Afraid works to eliminate fear surrounding homophobia and transphobia and promote acceptance for all through honest conversation and creative expression.

This piece was commissioned in March 2014 by Oran, a division of the Kokopelli Community Choral program based in Edmonton, Alberta. The work was premiered by conductor Kathleen Skinner, for Podium 2014 in support of the Don't BE Afraid Campaign. It was composed by Allyson Reigh, an award-winning singer/songwriter, vocal instructor and performance coach based in Saskatoon, Canada. Her original music has been featured in film and television, played on radio and satellite all over the world. The choral setting was arranged by Jennifer McMillan, an active member of the Edmonton, Alberta musical community. She is a graduate of the Music Composition and Piano Performance programs at Grant MacEwan University and has since developed into a sought-after accompanist, vocalist, clinician, composer, and arranger. Jen’s choral arrangements and compositions have been heard across North America and have even reached audiences in Europe, Asia, Australia, Namibia, and South Africa.

<i>THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY</i>

SUNDAY, February 13, 2022 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Celebrating RIC Sunday

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

MONDAY, February 14, 2022

Happy Valentine's Day

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

TUESDAY, February 15, 2022

- 7:00 p.m. Executive Meeting (via Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, February 16, 2022

- 7:00 p.m. Investment Meeting (via Zoom)

THURSDAY, February 17, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 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)

SUNDAY, February 20, 2022 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

Annual Congregational Meeting Rescheduled

Thank you to all who braved the Buffalo weather and those who were with us in spirit on Sunday, January 23, 2022 for the Annual Congregational Meeting. According to our Constitution, we needed 77 persons in attendance between the two services. However, since our count was only 71, we are rescheduling the meeting for **Sunday, February 27, 2022** after both services as was previously planned. They will be in person events. We hope the weather will be better on that date and COVID concerns will be less. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastors, council members or the church office.



Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus Concert

The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus and the Buffalo Chamber Players invite you to an incredible concert, two years in the making. Entitled, "This is my story," The Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus partners with the WNY Alzheimer's Association presenting a concert featuring Bach's beautiful *Magnificat* and Robert Cohen's stunning *Alzheimer's Stories*. This special concert seeks each of us to experience the joys and sorrows of personal stories. The story of Mary in Bach's exuberant, joyous *Magnificat* is contrasted with the individual voices of both the afflicted and caregivers in Robert Cohen's *Alzheimer's Stories*. This newly modern classic is a deeply moving and powerful exploration of the stories of struggle, anguish, and hope through the journey of Alzheimer's disease. Learn more and share your story at: <https://bpchorus.wixsite.com/bpcthisismystory> The concert will be **Sunday, February 27 at 3:00 pm**, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the website listed above, or at the door. Proof of Vaccination is **REQUIRED**.



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer is Dave Ulrich. Usher is Gail Camilleri. Reader is Dave Ulrich. Worship Assistant is Sofia Atlas.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Elizabeth Vihnanek. Reader is Clyde Terry. Ushers are Craig Johnson and Elizabeth Vihnanek. Worship Assistants are Justin Rojek, Alex Cialone, Natalia Bavaro, Avery Best, Henry Peterson and Max Peterson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of my husband David by Elizabeth Vihnanek; and
In Honor of Ellie's 12th Birthday by Jeff and Jen Yap.



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

Please call the church office should you need anything.

As always, the Pastors are available by appointment.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASK MANDATE: We want to acknowledge that as of Thursday, February 10, 2022, Governor Hochul lifted the mask mandate in New York State. At this time, we will continue to wear face masks inside at Holy Trinity out of care for our members and guests who cannot receive the vaccination, including our youngest children.

WELCOME BACK SEMINARIAN TERESA! Teresa has started her Spring Semester of Practical Ministry. She will continue to focus on Leading Worship and involvement in the Sunday School Educational ministry. A new effort will be for Teresa to gather individuals/or couples downstairs in the "Fireside Room"/or Private Zoom meeting to have an **INFORMAL** chat about: **‘OUR JOURNEY IN FOLLOWING JESUS HAS LOOKED LIKE...’** Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet today in the Fellowship Room following the 10:30 service.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow at 9:30am and 7:00pm in the Fellowship Room. The focus is on: Jesus and Peter Walking on Water (14:22-36); A Foreigner’s Persistent Faith (15:21-28) (in the Gospel of Matthew).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! February 21: A **SPECIAL MONDAY MORNING CLASS – 9:30am ONLY:** *Celebrating African American History* Led by our own, Professor David Ulrich. *1619 and Critical Race Theory: How do they address our national story?*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, March 27, at the 10:30 am Service! As part of a Buffalo residency between Holy Trinity and the Erie County Music Educators' Assn., internationally renowned composer Jake Runestad will be in attendance as the Chancel Choir presents several of Mr. Runestad's choral works throughout the Service. We will be joined by the Vocalis Chamber Choir on this most celebratory morning of music. Mr. Runestad and Vocalis will also be present at our rehearsal Thursday, March 24. Friday and Saturday of that weekend, Mr. Runestad will be conducting the highly select ECMEA Senior High All-County Honors Chorus at the University of Buffalo - Slee Hall. You can learn more about Jake Runestad's extraordinary career at www.jakerunestad.com.

2022 YOUTH GATHERING, A message from the ELCA Youth Gathering Leadership: After much prayer, conversation and tears, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2022 Gathering, MYLE and the tAble due to the ongoing pandemic, the recent COVID-19 surge and safety considerations. We know there are thousands of young people who will not get to experience the Gathering, and our hearts break for them. This was not an easy decision, and we ask for your prayers and your grace. We understand the impact this decision will have on our youth, volunteers and planning teams, and we hope to return to Minneapolis for a future Gathering.

WATERCOLOR CLASSES, with our own Paul Biesinger, continue each Thursday in Redeemer Hall. We will meet from 10am to Noon. Classes are free but you will need to bring your own supplies.

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

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