



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Celebrating our 144<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Holy Communion – 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.*

*Visitors interested in membership may talk with a Council representative at the Council desk, contact the Church office or indicate on the blue sign in sheet.*

*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**

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Retrospection*

Florence Price  
(1887-1953)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

*I give you a new commandment*

Text: John 13:34-35

John Sheppard

(c1515 - 1558)

I give you a new commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.

By this all men shall know that ye are my disciples,

if ye love one another, even as I have loved you.

*Please stand as you are able.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Lord of All Hopefulness* "Slane"

ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
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## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you  
and one another.**

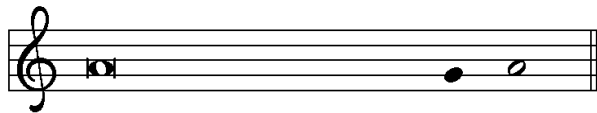
**Empower our witness to your resurrection  
and our stewardship of the gospel of reconciliation.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen.**

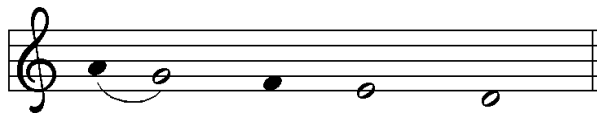
## **GREETING**

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.**

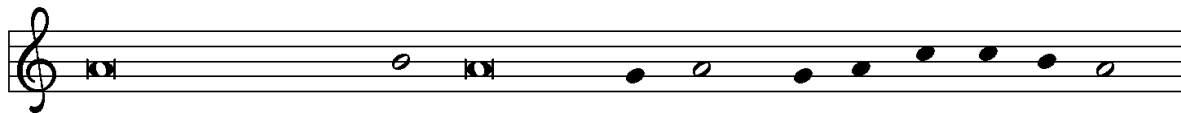
# KYRIE



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.



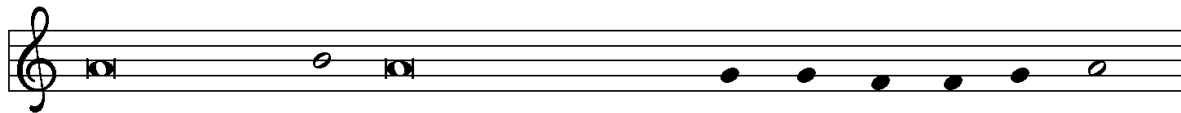
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

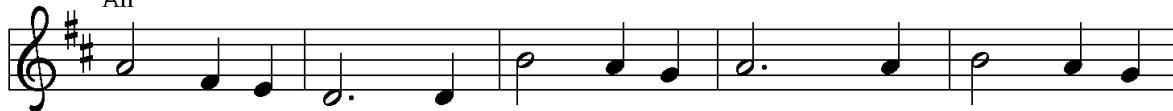
*Refrain*

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.

**Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may move every human heart; that the barriers dividing us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **YOUTH CHOIR**

*The Dearest Names*

Frances K. Taylor  
(1870-1952)

I know a name, a glorious name, Dearer than any other.  
Listen, I'll whisper the name to you: It is the name of mother.  
Mother, so tender and kind and true, I love you, I love you.  
Mother, so tender and kind and true, I love you.

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:15**

The first reading for this day is from the prophet Jeremiah, chapter 31, verse 15.

Thus says the Lord:

A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;

she refuses to be comforted for her children,

because they are no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*A time of silence.*

## THE PSALTER: Psalm 27 (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh – my adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**<sup>8</sup>“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**<sup>10</sup>If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**<sup>12</sup>Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

<sup>13</sup>I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

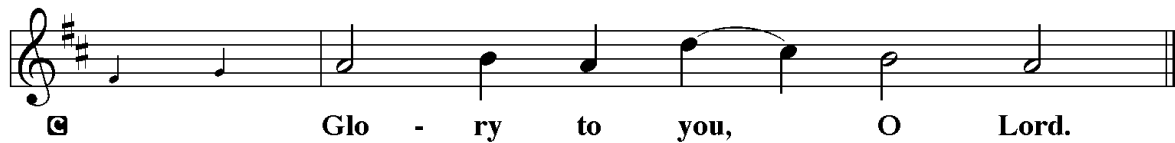
*Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 13:34-35

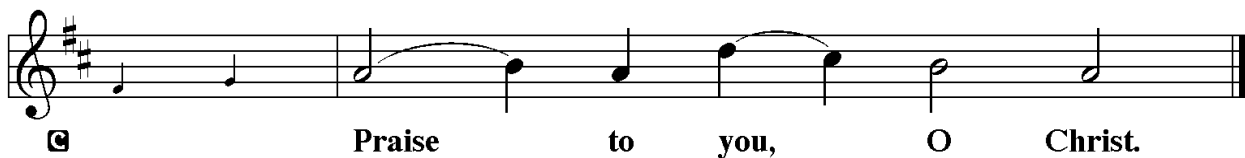
The Holy Gospel according to Saint John



[Jesus said:] <sup>34</sup>“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

<sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**INTRODUCTION OF TODAY'S PREACHER**

The Rev. Richard Neal

**THE RITE OF LIBATIONS AND SERMON**

The Rev. Kwame Pitts

*Pastoral Leader,*

*Community of Good Neighbors Buffalo*

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

## *O God of Every Nation* "Llangloffan"

ELW 713



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.



Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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## LAMENT AND CREDO

As church, we confess the sin of racism and lament all racist rhetoric and the ideology of white supremacy. When with confidence we draw near the throne of grace, we believe we will receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (*Heb. 4:16*)

**Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.**

We confess, repent, and repudiate the sin of racial injustice, and we lament times when we have been silent in the face of such injustice. We believe God is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon God. (*Ps. 86:5*)

**Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.**

We confess racism is deeply ingrained in the ELCA, a predominantly white church. We lament the racism that is deeply embedded in our congregations, whose members live with a legacy that fosters stereotypes and policies that actively hurt people of color. We believe if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*1 John 1:9*)

**Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.**

We confess that the enslavement of black bodies and the removal of indigenous peoples established racism in the United States, and we lament that this truth is yet to be fully recognized. We believe God is patient toward us, not wishing any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (*2 Pet. 3:9*)

**Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.**

We lament the institutional racism of discriminatory treatment within the call process; inequitable compensation of clergy of color; racial segregation; divestment from black communities and congregations; and a failure to fully include the gifts of leadership and worship styles of black people, indigenous people, and people of color. We believe the Lord is a God of justice who waits to show mercy to us. (*Isa. 30:18*)

**Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.**

Confessions are empty promises without meaningful actions grounded in prayer, education, and soul-searching repentance. We believe we are being reconciled to God in Christ, and we commit to being faithful ministers of the gospel of reconciliation with all. (*2 Cor. 5:19*)

**Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.**

With the church universal, in all times and all places, in the words of the most ancient statement of our faith, we declare together,  
**Jesus Christ [and Christ alone] is Lord!** (*Phil. 2:11*)

## **PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, help us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

God, our truth, stir up in your church a passion for your word revealed in Jesus, that following the inhumanity and loss of community on 5/14, your church may embody prophetic justice and reconciliation with all. In your great mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Inspire church leaders and all the baptized to remember the lives of the Ten, and empower us and all people to repent of racism and white supremacy. Strengthen in us a willing spirit, one open to truth-telling and healing, and renew our commitment to your word revealed in Jesus, our way, truth, and life. In your great mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Immanuel, God with us, you embrace in love those who cry out to you. Lift up all whom hatred has cast down; embolden those who need courage to speak and act against oppression; sustain those who are weary from efforts that bring no end to injustice. Comfort parents weeping for children, children separated from parents, and families in crises of any kind. Restore hope where it has been lost, so all may trust your love that reaches to the depths of pain and suffering. In your great mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

You gather your saints at your heavenly banquet. We thank you for the lives and witness of Frank Hurlimann and those who have gone before, especially our siblings in Christ: Roberta, Margus, Andre, Aaron, Geraldine, Celestine, Heyward, Katherine, Pearl, and Ruth. May their faith and witness to your forgiving love in Jesus Christ inspire all people to pursue paths of justice, courage, and self-giving love. In your great mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Especially on this day, inscribe in our memory the words of the original Mothers Day Proclamation: “Let [us] then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each learning after his own time, the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.” In your great mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**



Help us pray for all who suffer any burden or affliction of body, mind, or spirit, especially Mary Lou Sellig and others whom we lift to you with our voices or in the quiet of our hearts . . . In your great mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

When we don't know how to pray, your Spirit moves in us with sighs too deep for words. Let it move within us now, that it may carry to you what is deepest in our hearts in these moments of silence . . . . In your great mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

## **THE OFFERING**

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

*Soon Ah Will Be Done*

African-American Spiritual  
Arr. William Dawson  
(1899-1990)

Soon ah will be done a-with the troubles of the world...,  
Goin' home to live with God. (*refrain*)

I want to meet my mother...,  
I'm goin' to live with God.  
(*refrain*)

No more weepin' and a-wailin'...,  
I'm goin' to live with God.  
(*refrain*)

I want to meet my Jesus...,  
I'm goin' to live with God.  
In the mornin' Lord!  
I'm goin' to live with God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Generous God,**

**in this meal you offer your very self.**

**We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**

**In the breaking of this bread**

**reveal to us the Risen One.**

**In the pouring of this wine**

**pour us out in service to the world;**

**through 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 also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

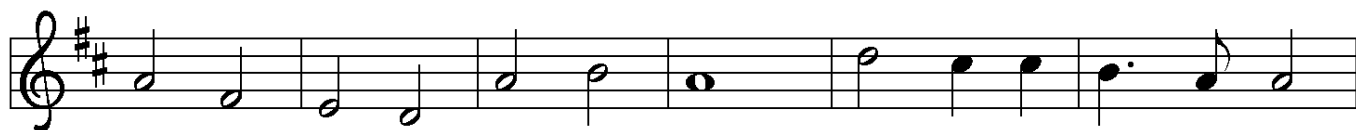
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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



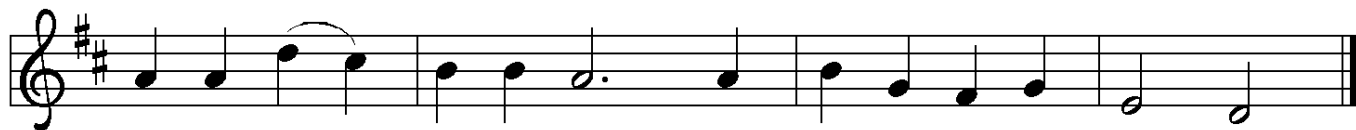
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

Although his very birth was attended by violence against innocent children,

your Spirit anointed him to guide our feet into the path of peace and to bless the poor, the mourners, the meek, the hungry, the merciful, the pure, and the peacemakers.

He healed the sick,

summoned sinners to his calling,

and taught your people to love their enemies and to refrain from judging.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,

you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he left us his peace,

given not as the world gives,

and he promised to be with us always,

in the power of the Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread . . .

When the supper was over . . .

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

**Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.**

By your Spirit, make us one in Christ  
and one in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,  
all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

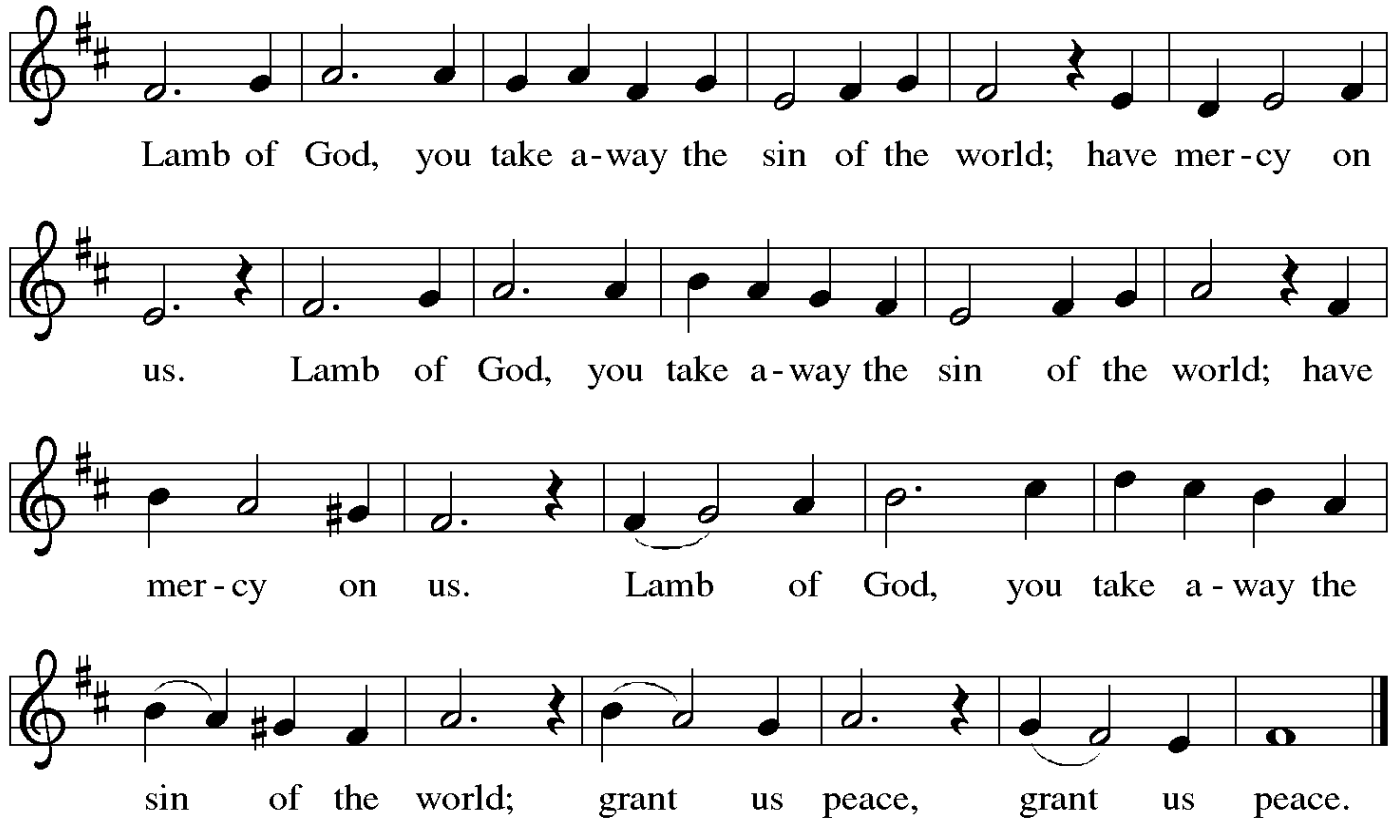
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.**

# THE AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### *Invitation to Communion*

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Beginning with those seated closest to the altar, you are invited to come forward down the center aisle to the presiding minister. Receiving the wafer in your hand, you are invited to dip or “intinct” the wafer into the chalice. There is wine in the silver chalice and grape juice in the ceramic chalice. For those who prefer, gluten-free wafers are available by simply asking the Pastor as you are served. Portable communion cups are also available for those who are not comfortable sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion in-person. Adults or children choosing not to receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. The Pastors will bring the sacrament to persons in the pews that are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.

Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

### *O Love*

Text: George Matheson (1842 - 1906)

Elaine Hagenberg  
(b. 1979)

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.

*Please stand as you are able.*

The body and blood of our Sovereign and Savior Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray together. O God, in your divine love you embrace difference in unity, and at this table, through the body and blood of the risen Christ, you call your people to live in peace with all.

**Help us bring an end to racial and ethnic prejudice. Free us from the dread of difference, release the church from constricting traditions, and liberate our society from centuries of violence against the other. Break down walls that separate us by color, culture, or religion, and transform discrimination into a passion for justice. Guide us to nurture a society that embodies reconciliation and cooperation among all, for the sake of the one who embodies your love, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The God of all,  
who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**



*The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm* (Dedicated to My Mother)

Bobby McFerrin  
(b. 1950)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
Beside the still waters, She will lead.  
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
And fills my heart with songs.  
Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,  
There is nothing that can shake me,  
She has said, She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.  
She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil, And my cup overflows.  
Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,  
All the days of my life, And I will live in Her house,  
Forever, forever and ever.  
Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,  
And to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World, without end.  
Amen

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*We Are Called* "We Are Called"

ELW 720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to serve all in the spirit of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare for a New Day*

J. Wayne Kerr

(b. 1958)



*You are encouraged to take the bulletin  
home with you for future reference.  
Otherwise, please place them in the recycle bins  
at the entrance ways.*

*We invite you to join us downstairs in Redeemer Hall  
for refreshments and fellowship following the Service.*

## ***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

### **SUNDAY, May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*Happy Mother's Day*

- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

### **MONDAY, May 15, 2023**

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

### **TUESDAY, May 16, 2023**

- 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (CR/Zoom)

### **WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting (FR)

### **THURSDAY, May 18, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (MC)
- 6:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **SATURDAY, May 20, 2023**

- 1:30 p.m. Griffin/Ruggeri Wedding (MC)

### **SUNDAY, May 21, 2023 – Ascension Day**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion w/Chapel Choir (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir (MR)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (with Pastor Rich) (FR)
- 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)
- 12:00 p.m. Social Media Task Force (FI)
- 4:00 p.m. AGO Event (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



The announcer is Paul Bauchle. Reader is Doug Alderdice. Ushers are Paul Biesinger, Doug Alderdice, Paul and Karen Bauchle and Karen Kolb. Acolytes are Brandon Howard, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson and Griffin Miller.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Genevieve Kryszczuk by Joe, Martha, Jim and Kara Kryszczuk; and

In Loving Memory of Ralph and Maxine Loew and In Honor of our Families by Janet and Michael Day.

Collection counters are Paul and Karen Bauchle and Linda Horton.

Council Member Paul Bauchle will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY continues tomorrow at 9:30am with the series introducing five distinct ways to pray with scripture using an ancient practice called *lectio divina*, or divine reading. All are welcome.

CHURCH GARDENS: Thank you to all who helped with the plant sale distribution and planting the church gardens.

CARIBBEAN CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION: Dear Holy Trinity, as many of you may know, unrest and unsafe situations in Haiti prevent actual travel to provide help. However, our commitment to support Caribbean Children's Foundation remains strong. Fundraising events are being planned. Sponsorships and donations may be provided anytime. If you are able to help with those, please feel to use a Pledge Form. Feel free to take and read a copy of the Spring Bulletin sent from Nora, which can be found at the tables at the entrance ways or on the tables in Redeemer Hall. Her stories and the pictures help to keep us connected. Make sure you flip to side 2. Our own Guy Huber is featured as a new CCF Board Member!!

CPR, AED TRAINING: Interested? We need to know by our deadline of May 31, in order to arrange class. Please call the church office and provide your name and contact number. For more information contact Donna Leiser 716-868-3862.

CRISIS SERVICES: For anyone feeling down, lonely or depressed, Crisis Services is available. 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 Mr. Pat Greene, LMHC, and he may be reached at 716-361-4615.

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