



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, May 7, 2023  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Celebrating our 144<sup>th</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.*

*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**

*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott* BWV 721

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

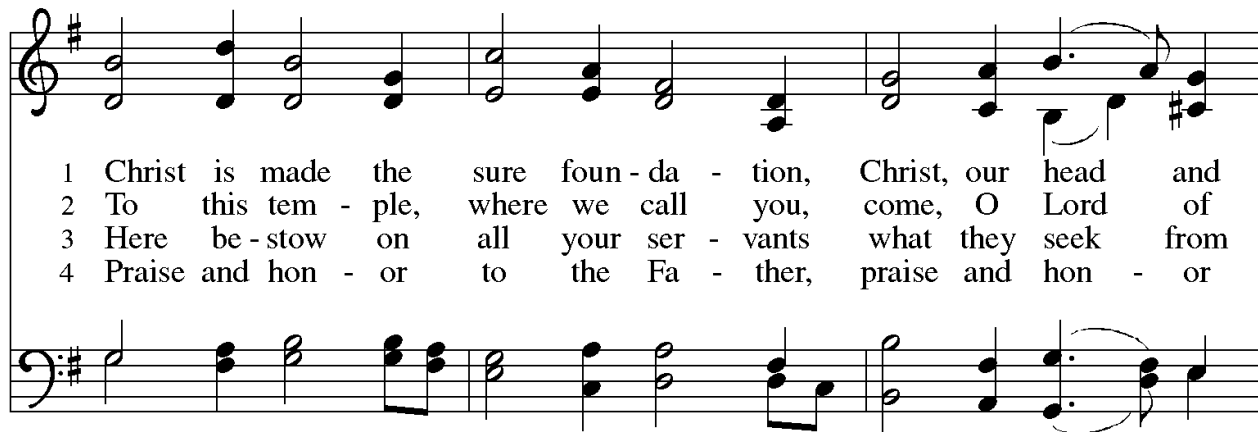
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* "Westminster Abbey"

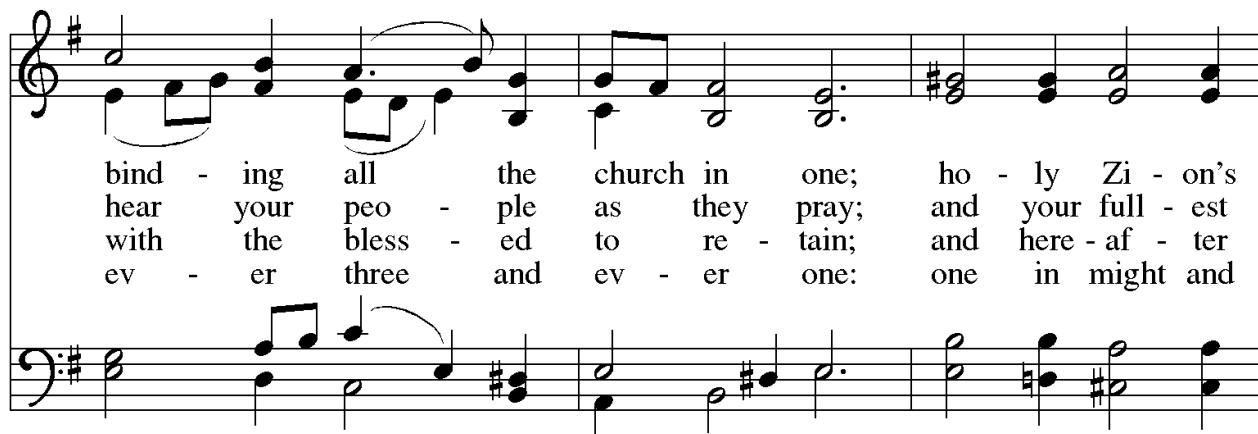
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1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

## **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.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
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.**

*(10:30)*

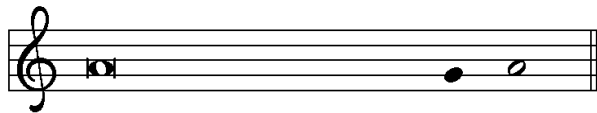
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## **GREETING**

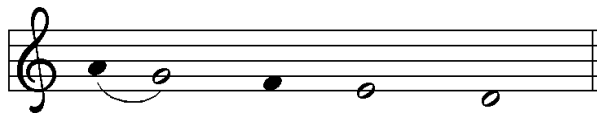
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

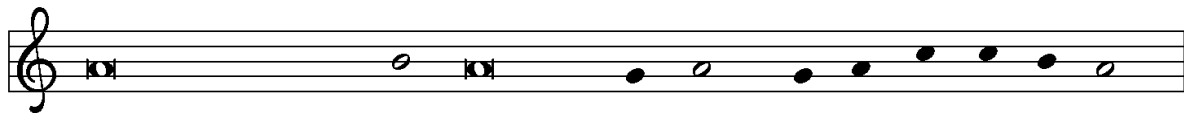
# KYRIE



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.



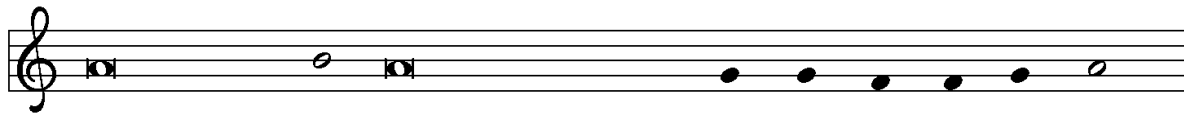
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

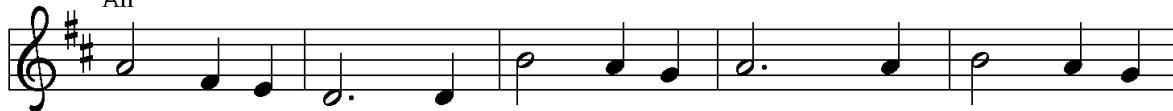
*Refrain*

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, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**HOLY BAPTISM**

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**THE HYMN**

*Children of the Heavenly Father* “Tryggare kan ingen vara”

ELW 781

## **FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60**

The first reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is recorded in Acts, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANTHEM

*In Thee, O Lord*

Text: Psalm 30

Franz Joseph Haydn

(1732-1809)

Erin Alexander, *conductor*

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust,  
Bow down Thine ear unto me: make haste to deliver me.  
Draw me out of the net that the wicked have thrown to ensnare me,  
for Thou art my God.  
Into Thine hands I commend my spirit: for thou hast redeemed me,  
O Lord, Thou God of truth.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

The second reading for today is recorded in 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter.

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

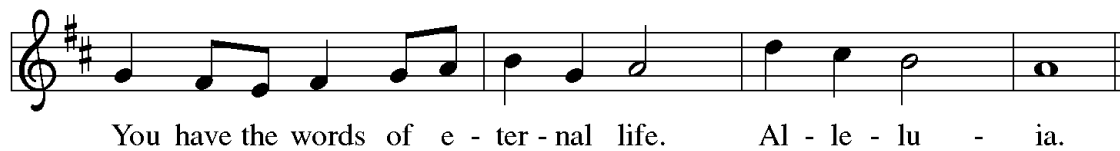
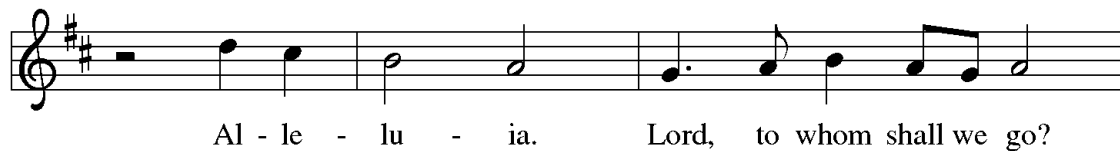
<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

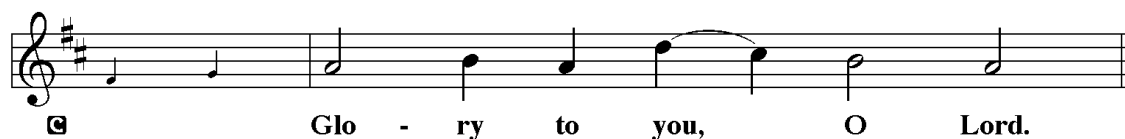
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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John

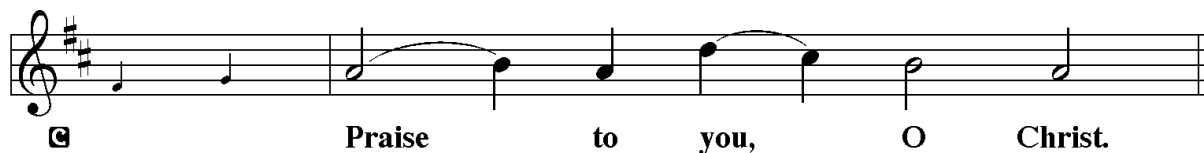


[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

<sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Richard Neal

*Please stand as you are able.*

# SERMON HYMN

*Baptized and Set Free* “Baptized and Set Free”

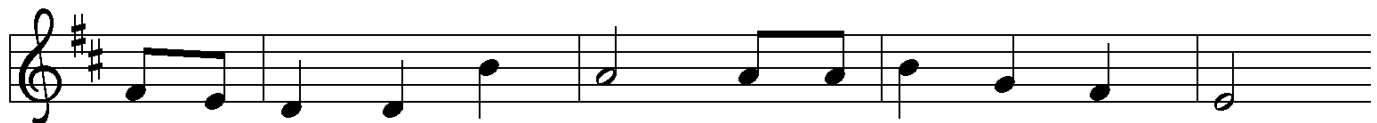
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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956  
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner  
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**(8:30)**

## **NICENE 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 PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

By your grace, O God, we have been born anew to a living hope by our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Preserve in us the way of truth and life, that we may always hold fast that which we proclaim by professing the name Christian, and strengthen us by your Spirit to live in newness of life all our days through that same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, in all of creation you show your steadfast love. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. And teach us to do the same as good stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations for the ministry of reconciliation and healing where there has been conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Make your abiding presence known through us with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick and for all those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts... . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways and bless us and the children of our congregation, especially William. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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**

**(8:30)**

### **SOLO AT THE OFFERING**

*The Call*

from *Five Mystical Songs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872–1958)

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as conquers death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.



**(10:30)**

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING**

*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

Text: John 14:1, 4-6

Michael Slon

(b. 1972)

Jesus said to them: I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Where I am going, you know the way.

Thomas said to him: Master, we do not know where you are going.

How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him: I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

I am the Way.

*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*

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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 also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

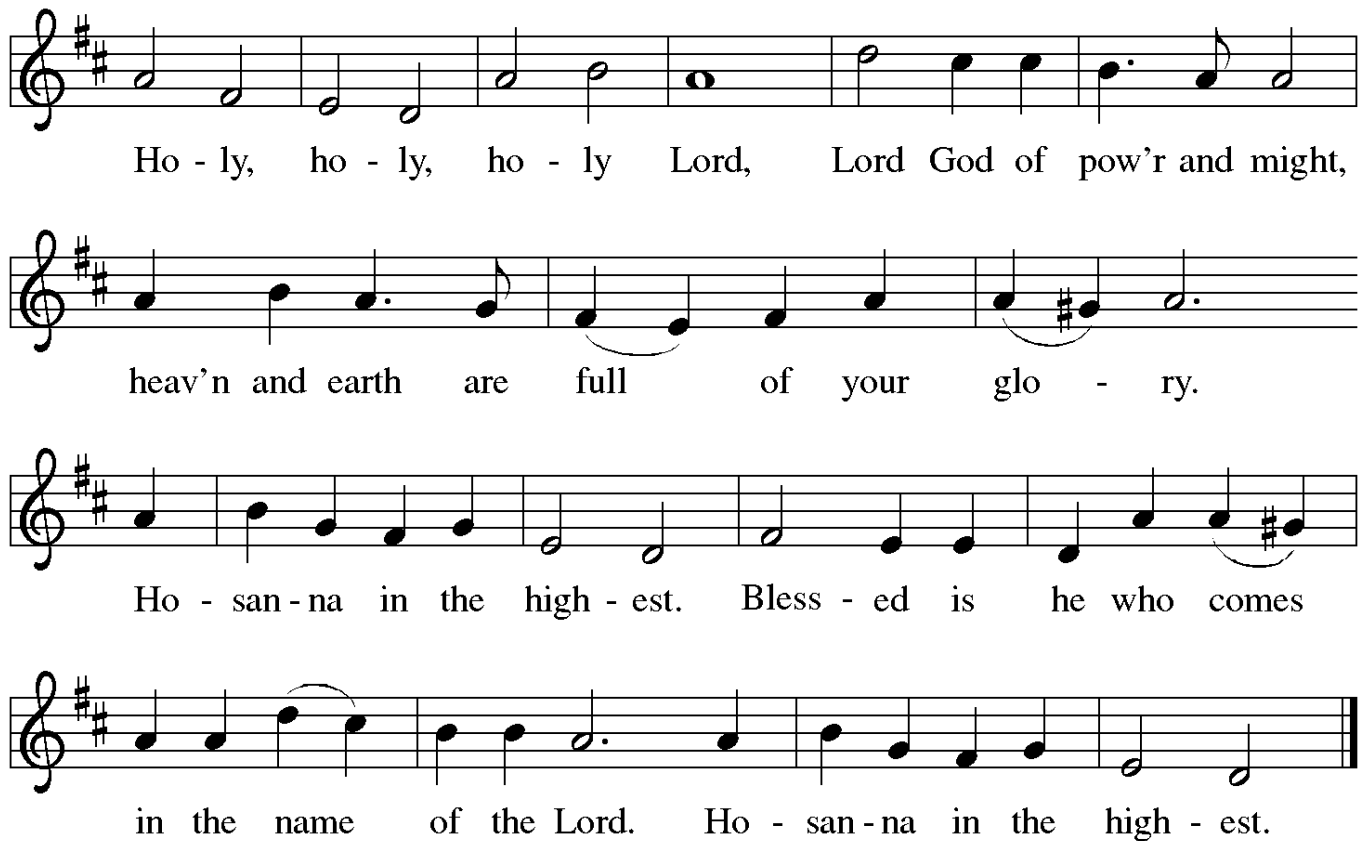
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread . . .

After supper, he took the cup, . . .

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 is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.

## THE SOLO

### *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Psalm 145, adapted

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

arr. Richard Walters

Carolyn Lansom, *alto*

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me rears, I know the Truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear and hear their death knells ringing;  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
How can I keep from singing?

**(10:30)**

## **COMMUNION MOTETS**

*O Taste and See*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text: Psalm 34:8

(1872–1958)

Composed for the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 1953

Colleen Flynn, *soprano*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

*Ego sum panis vivus*

William Byrd

Text: John 6:51-52

(1543-1623)

I am the living bread, which descended from heaven:  
if any man eat of this bread, he shall live in eternity.  
Alleluia.

*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.

**Gracious God,**

**in you we live and move and have our being.**

**With your word and this meal of grace,**

**you have nourished our life together.**

**Strengthen us to show your love**

**and serve the world in Jesus' name.**

**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.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

## *The Church's One Foundation* "Aurelia"

ELW 654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.





## **THE DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*God is Our Strength and Refuge*

Eric Coates (1886-1957)

arr. J. Barnard (b. 1948)

*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 10:30 Service.*



The sacrament of Holy Baptism has several parts which together constitute the fullness of the sacrament of initiation into the community of faith: presentation, thanksgiving, renunciation, profession of faith, baptism with water, laying on of hands and signation, and welcome into the congregation. Today we welcome into the Lord's family and into our fellowship in the gospel: William Carrick, son of Charles and Aurora Deeds.

## *Music Notes*

J. S. Bach's *Erbarm dich mein* (Have mercy on me) is based on an early, and now largely forgotten, hymn tune for the text of Psalm 51. With that Psalm's lament of the penitent's sin coupled with the pleading pulse of the music, this work is often fittingly heard during Lent. Written around 1704, it is a uniquely simple piece in the Bach catalog with no intricate counterpoint or other typical Bach flourishes. It is so different when compared to his other works that the great Bach scholar, Albert Schweitzer, once suggested that Bach could never have written it, yet there is evidence indicating that he was, indeed, the composer.

In the early 1950s English composer and conductor **Eric Coates** (1886-1957) had written as an exercise for himself a march in the style of Elgar's *Pomp and Circumstance* marches. Shortly after its completion he was approached by the producers of the film, *The Dam Busters*, to write music for that project. Coates ended up submitting his recently completed – and unnamed – Elgar-like march to the film, resulting in it becoming known as *The Dam Busters March*. John Barnard (b. 1948) later arranged the march's theme as a hymn, setting it to the text of Psalm 46, “God is our strength and refuge, our present help in trouble” and it appears in some hymnals, though not our ELW.

*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life* was written for the University at Virginia Singers by composer-conductor Michael Slon. A Buffalo native, Dr. Slon attended the St. Joseph Collegiate Institute. He currently serves as Director of Choral Music and associate professor at the University of Virginia where he leads the University Singers, UVA Chamber Singers and guest conducts the Charlottesville Symphony. He also serves as Music Director of the Oratorio Society of Virginia. Dr. Slon is a graduate of Cornell University and the Jacobs School of Music - Indiana University.

The English Anthem *O Taste and See* was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey, Tuesday, June 2, 1953. We present it in honor of the coronation of King Charles III.

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

### **SUNDAY, May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)
- 9:30 a.m. Health Ministry Meeting (CR)
- 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 w/Baptism (MC)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (SS)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (RH)

### **MONDAY, May 8, 2023**

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

### **TUESDAY, May 9, 2023**

- 12:00 p.m. Women at the Well (FR)

### **WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)
- 7:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting (FR)

### **THURSDAY, May 11, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Watercolor Class (RH)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (MC)
- 7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

### **SATURDAY, May 13, 2023**

- 10:00 a.m. Planting the Church Gardens
- 11:30 a.m. LYO Plant Sale Pick Up

### **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)

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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



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Pat Ulrich. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Griffin Miller.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Fred Howard. Reader is Karen Saona. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matthew Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Juan Perez. Acolytes are Maddie Brown, Avery Best, Adrianna Wareham and Max Hakansson.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Loving Memory of Michael G. Bloos by Heidemarie Kunz and Family; and

In Loving Memory of Karen Katherine Howard by her Family; and

In Loving Memory of my father Anthony J. by Darlene Carden.

Collection counters are Darlene Carden, Mike Day and Tom Johnson.

Council Treasurer Fred Howard will be at the Main Street entrance to address any questions or concerns you may have this morning.

As part of the Cherish All Children ministries, today's prayers of intercession include William Carrick Deeds.

*Kristen Pomietlarz is at Hope Lutheran Church (Arcade, NY) this morning where her father, The Rev. Neil C. Kattermann is being recognized for 50 years of Service as an ordained minister in Christ. Many thanks to Doug Alderdice for serving as our guest organist this morning.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ONE SERVICE ON MAY 14:** There will be only one worship service at 10:30am, as we observe both Mother's Day and the first anniversary of the Tops Market killings. Pastor Kwame Pitts, pastoral leader of Community of Good Neighbors Buffalo, will be our guest preacher.

**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.

**WOMEN AT THE WELL** invite you to join us this Tuesday, May 9 for a presentation by Sheri Scavone, CEO of WNY Women's Foundation. Sheri will highlight the history of the organization and current program offerings. She will also share data on the status of women in WNY which drives the initiatives/programs. More information can be found at their website [wnywomensfoundation.org](http://wnywomensfoundation.org). We will begin with a potluck luncheon at noon. Please contact Barb Wozniak if you have any questions.

### **LYO PLANT SALE DISTRIBUTION & PLANTING**

– **HELP WANTED:** The pick-up date for the LYO plant sale will be Saturday, May 13. We are in need of volunteers throughout the day – please contact the church office if you are able to help with:

- Unloading and Sorting (anytime from 8:30am-on; nursery truck arrives at 9am)
- Planting the Church Grounds (anytime after plants are sorted, around 10am)
- Distributing Plant Sales (pickup is between 11:30am and 12:30pm)

\*\*\* A hot dog lunch will be provided for volunteers \*\*\*

**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.

**MEDICAL DEBT FORGIVENESS:** During Lent we collected coins for the Medical Debt Forgiveness program. We were able to raise \$460.55. Thank you to all who donated your loose change.

**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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