



Holy Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Buffalo, New York

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Buffalo, New York

Sunday, August 27, 2023  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Celebrating our 145<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 yellow Welcome 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**

*In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

## **PRELUDE**

*So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower*  
from *Sacred Sounds*

George Shearing  
(1919-2011)

*RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**For CARDIAC EMERGENCIES:**

Our Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)  
is located in the Sacristy on the wall near the window.  
Look for the First Aid and AED sign near the top of the door to the Sacristy.  
Exit the Sanctuary next to the Angel Lectern.  
The Sacristy will be the first room on the left.  
Coming from other areas of our building,  
go up the stairs toward the Main Church and turn left.

*Please stand as you are able.*

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Faith of Our Fathers* "St. Catherine"

ELW 812

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyr, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*  
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

**In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of † Jesus Christ.

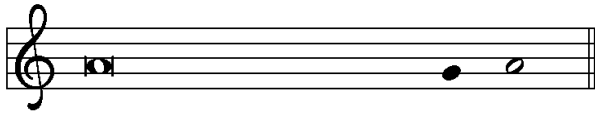
**Amen.**

## **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.**

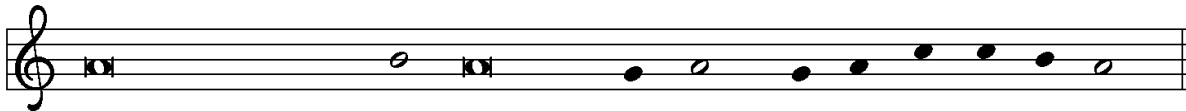
# KYRIE



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.



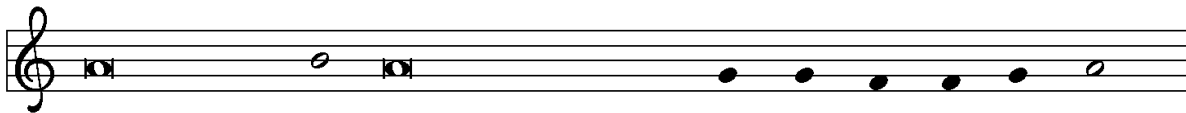
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



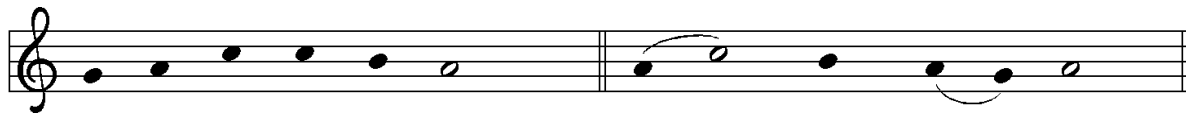
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

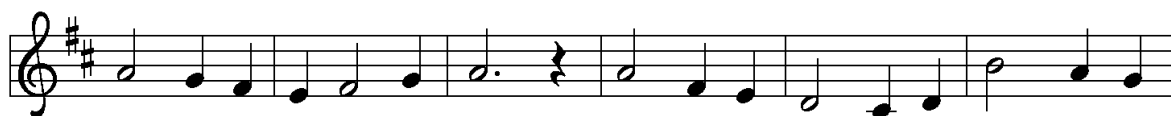


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

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.

**O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**(10:30)**

**A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN**

Deacon Mary Wolf

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6**

The first reading for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is recorded in Isaiah, the 51<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.



<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE SOLO**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*

Psalm 145, adapted

Robert Lowry (1826–1899)

arr. Richard Walters

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

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?

## SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

The second reading for today is recorded in Romans, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



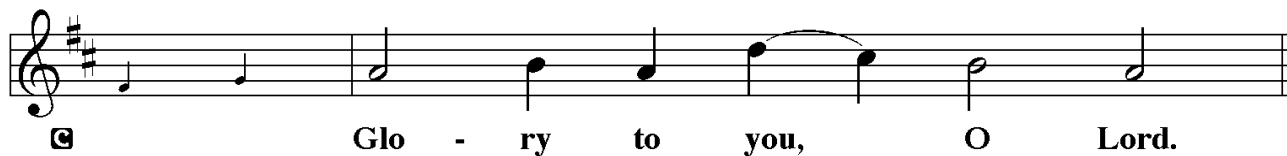
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

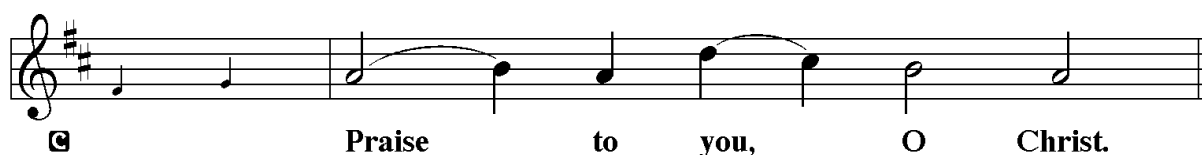
## GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew



<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

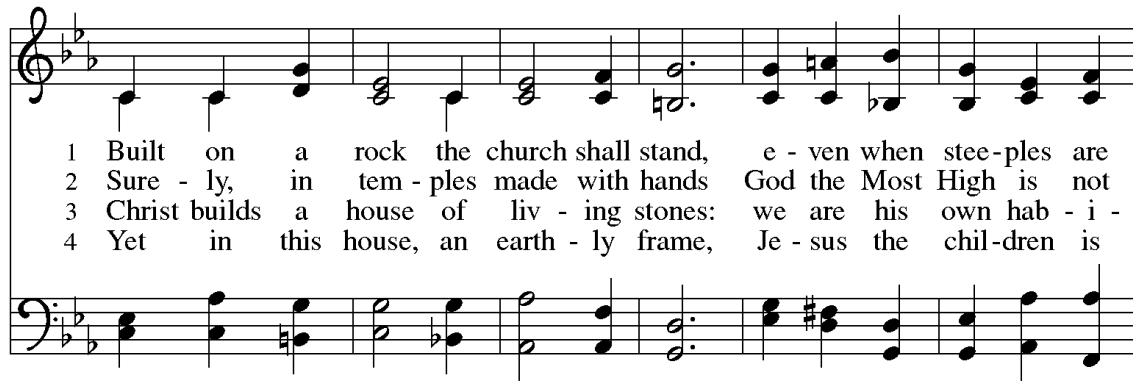
Deacon Mary Wolf

*Please stand as you are able.*

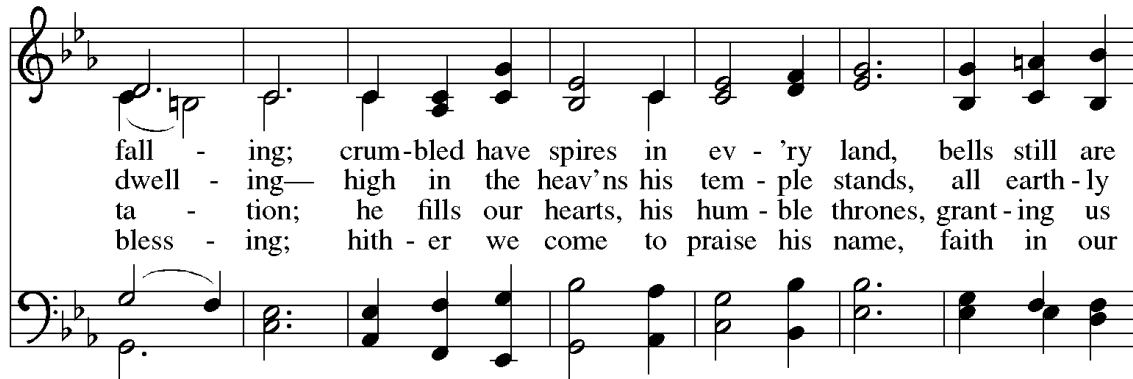
# SERMON HYMN

*Built on a Rock* “Kirken Den Er Et Cammelt Hus”

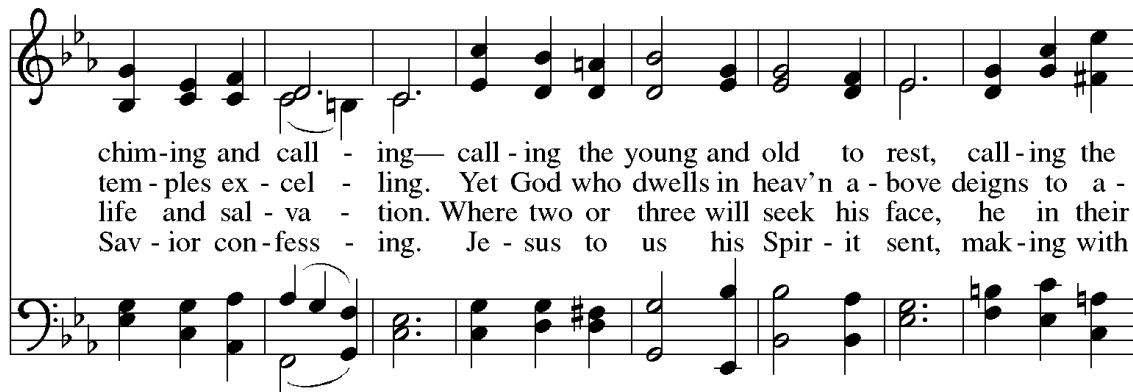
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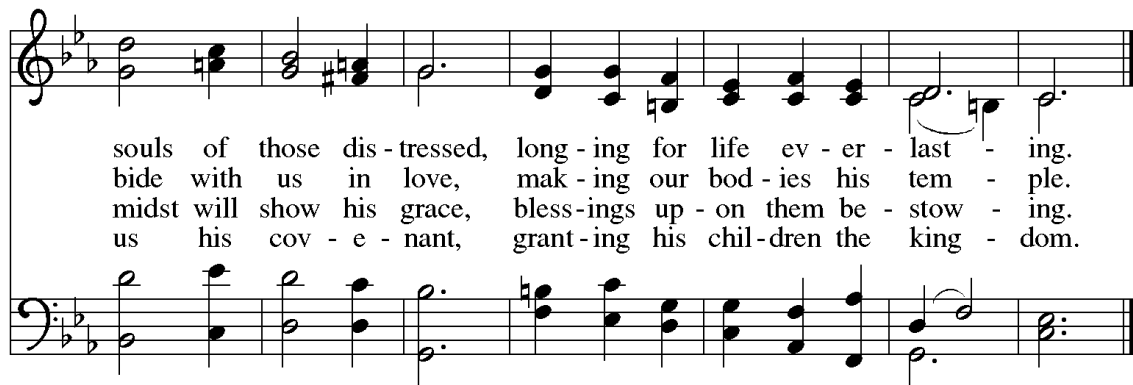
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
“I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen.”

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF PASTOR AND PEOPLE**

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of Sarah and Abraham, inspire your church to pursue righteousness in its ministry. Equip us to share your compassion that unites us as one family of faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Remind us that from the beginning of creation, you knit together a world meant for harmony. Protect and restore the wasted places to joy and gladness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Stir the leaders of nations and towns, militaries and courts, to respond to your teachings. Let your call for justice reach all people and bring deliverance where there is oppression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Show your steadfast love and faithfulness to those in despair. Increase their strength, care for all who feel low, keep safe any in the midst of trouble, protect vulnerable people from harm and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Encourage those who offer their gifts and talents in service to your church. Energize this congregation's rostered and lay leaders, musicians, teachers, greeters, administrators and the children of our congregation, especially Saskia and Austin, so they may be transformed in sharing your grace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all the saints, death is overcome in Christ's resurrection. We rejoice with the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope until we come at last to our heavenly home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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**

### **SOLO AT THE OFFERING**

*Ich fühle Deinen Odem* Op. 2 No. 3  
Text by Friedrich von Bodenstedt (1819-1892)

Roger Quilter  
(1877-1953)

Ryan Lockwood, *baritone*

I feel Your breath  
Wafting about me everywhere.  
Wherever my eyes look  
I imagine I am seeing Your image.  
In the ocean of my thoughts  
You can only be submerged  
In order to rise again in beauty  
Like the sun in the morning.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together.  
**God of field and forest, sea and sky,  
you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,  
and multiply your graciousness in us,  
that the world may be fed with your love,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
“Old Hundredth”

ELW 885

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.**

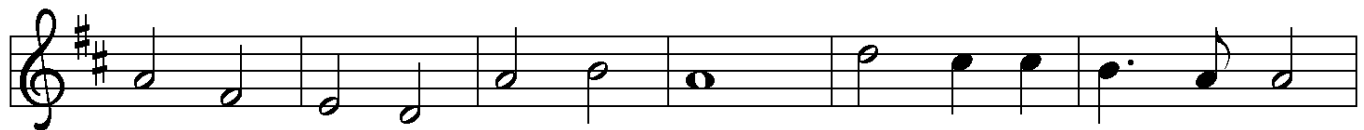
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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



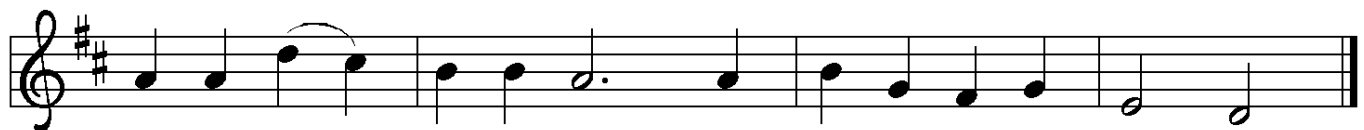
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own  
and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last  
and for a justice that would never fail.

In Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death  
and destroyed their power for ever.

You raised from the dead this same Jesus,  
who now reigns with you in glory,  
and poured upon us your Holy Spirit,  
making us the people of your new covenant.

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.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts,  
that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine  
we may know the presence of the living Christ  
and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world,  
redeemed by Christ's blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields,  
are now united on this table in bread and wine,  
so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place  
into the unity of your eternal household  
and feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**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.

*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.

**We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION**

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a broken and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes, in prisons, or in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we are one in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*We invite congregation members to share this holy meal with those who are homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise unable to join us in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar for your use. If you take a bulletin from this morning's worship service, you will be able to easily share today's scripture and prayers with the meal.*

## **BENEDICTION**

The God who calls across the cosmos  
and speaks in the smallest seed  
✠ bless, keep, and sustain you  
now and to the end of the age.

**Amen.**

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*O Savior, Precious Savior* "Angel's Story"

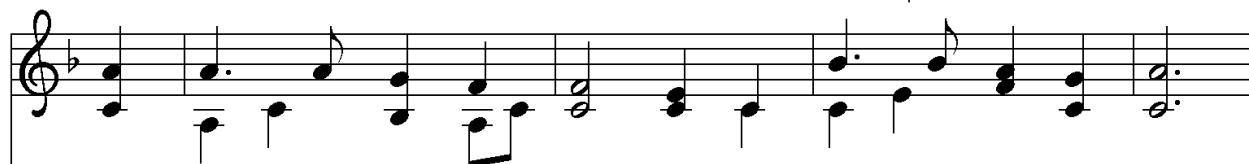
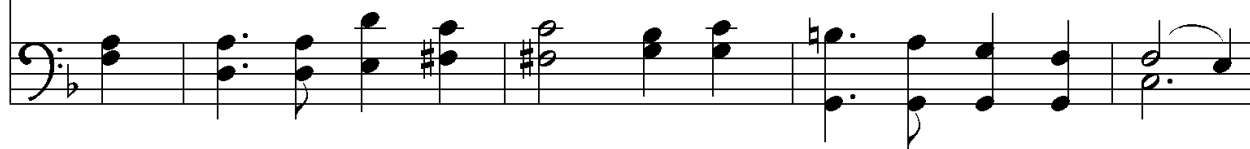
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1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!



## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Festival Finale*

Malcolm Archer

(b. 1952)

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



***THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY***

**SUNDAY, August 27 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

9:30 a.m. Health Ministry Meeting (CR)

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

**MONDAY, August 28, 2023**

6:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous (RH)

**WEDNESDAY, August 30, 2023**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (CR)

**THURSDAY, August 31, 2023**

7:00 p.m. AA/AL-ANON (RH)

**SUNDAY, September 3, 2023 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

9:40 a.m. Sunday Roundtable (with Pastor Rich (FR))

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion (CH)

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CH = Mansperger Chapel

CI = Crib Room

CR = Conference Room

FR = Fellowship Room

FI = Fireside Room/Library

MC = Main Church

MR = Music Room

PS = Pastor's Study

RH = Redeemer Hall

SC = Sacristy

SS = Sunday School

YR = Youth Room



At 8:30 a.m. the announcer and reader is Heidemarie Kunz. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Erys Yap.

At 10:30 a.m. the announcer is Kathy Crissey. Reader is Ron Leiser. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matt Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Juan Perez. Acolyte is Maddy Brown.

The flowers on the altar are given:

In Celebration of the August family birthdays of Martha, Barbara, Luther, Paul, Nancy, Mina and Basil from Elizabeth Vihnanek.

Council Vice-President, Kathy Crissey, will be at the entrance way 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 Saskia Ransom and Austin Rizzo.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME to our pulpit and table today Deacon and Synod Authorized Minister Mary Wolf. Mary has served throughout the Niagara Frontier Conference and beyond in a variety of capacities. It is our blessing to have her with us today.

PASTOR RICH today is carrying Holy Trinity's flag at Holloway Memorial Chapel at Point Abino, Ontario, Canada, as one of that congregation's summer preachers. It's a role that was filled for several years by Pastor Charles Bang, who liked to be the last preacher of the chapel's summer series so he could end the season "with a bang." Pastor Rich will return to Holy Trinity next week.

LEAD PASTOR CALL PROCESS: As of early August, the Call Committee has recommended a candidate to the Council. We are extremely thankful for the committee's persistent and faithful service. Please keep the Council and candidate in your prayers as they discern the next steps for our congregation.

UPDATE ON PASTOR MIRANDA: Pastor Miranda Hammer has resigned from her role at Holy Trinity effective August 31, 2023. Pastor Miranda will continue to serve in her primary call as Pastor for Good Shepherd and will be working on a prison ministry program under development in Erie County. Please join us in thanking Pastor Miranda for her faithful service to Holy Trinity during her tenure and wishing her all the best as she continues to listen to and follow God's call to serve.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will begin this Fall on Monday, September 11. Dave Ulrich will be presenting a multi-week series on **American Racism: Roots & Reality**. Sessions begin at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room. All are invited.

**HT WALKS TOGETHER:** Please join Uli MacDonald for a leisurely walk around Hoyt Lake in Delaware Park on Wednesday, August 30 from 6-7pm. We will meet at the Lincoln Statue next to the Rose Garden around 5:45pm in order to leave on time. Please park along Lincoln Parkway.

**BURRITO PROJECT:** Thank you to everyone who donated shirts, socks and other items in recent weeks, as our supply was very low after our August 1 event. Starting in September, we will alternate hosting locations with Zion (Clarence). All are welcome to participate at either location. Please contact Jen Yap, Guy Huber or the church office for more information. The schedule for this fall will be:

- Sep 5: meet at Zion at 5:30
- Oct 3: meet at HT at 5:30
- Nov 7: meet at Zion at 5:30
- Dec 5: meet at HT at 5:30

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** In the midst of all the Buffalo summertime bliss, it may be hard to believe that kids go back to school in just a few weeks. Holy Trinity will be collecting donations of school supplies for the children of PS 17 Early Childhood Center. The school needs the usual back to school basics, as well as backpacks and headphones (Stores like Dollar General and Five Below have great deals on backpacks right now). Please look for the collection bin right outside the chapel where it will remain until Sunday, September 10th. Holy Trinity always outdoes itself, and PS 17 truly appreciates your generosity. Thank you for helping these amazing children start the year right!

**SERVICE SCHEDULE:** Beginning September 10, we will return to our regular service schedule: 8:30am in the Chapel and 10:30am in the Sanctuary. Both services will continue to be livestreamed.

**FLU CLINIC:** The flu clinic will be held on Sunday, September 17 from 9:30am to Noon. If you are 65 or older, a specially formulated flu vaccine will be available at our flu clinic. Please bring your insurance card and photo ID. You will also need your doctor's name and address. There is no charge. Rite Aid will be running the clinic again this year. Get your flu shot early.

**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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