

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Buffalo, New York

Sunday, January 12, 2025 Baptism of Our Lord Celebrating our 146th Anniversary

Holy Communion – 8:30 & 10:30 am

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.

Connection Card

The Connection Card insert gives you a direct connection to the leaders and ministry at Holy Trinity. Ask questions, share prayer requests, and find out more about the ministry here. Please return the top portion in the offering plate or to an usher.



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INTRODUCTION

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

PRELUDE

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie Op. 13

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

RINGING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise "Salzburg"

ELW 310

PASTORAL GREETING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

(10:30)

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Merciful God,
you speak blessing and compassion into the world.
Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.
We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.
Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.
Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.
Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine."

In + Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

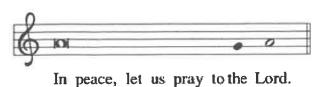
Amen.

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.

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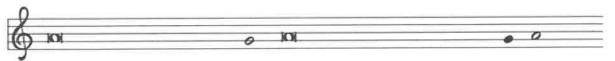






For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

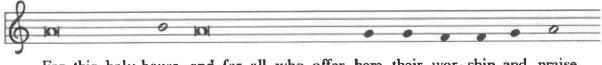




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,





Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

(10:30)

A WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

The first reading for the Baptism of Our Lord is recorded in Isaiah, the 43rd Chapter.

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Hymn of Trust
Text: Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)

Amy Marcy Cheney Beach (1867-1944)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

Love Divine, that stoop'd to share
Our sharpest pang, our bitt'rest tear,
O Love Divine, we smile at pain while Thou art near.
Though long the weary way we tread,
And sorrow crown each ling'ring year,
No path we shun no darkness dread,
Our hearts still whisp'ring,
Thou art near!

Love Divine, that stoop'd to share
Our sharpest pang, our bitt'rest tear,
O Love Divine, on thee we cast each earthborn care.
When drooping pleasure turns to grief,
And trembling faith is turn'd to fear,
The murm'ring wind, the quiv'ring leaf
Shall tell us softly,
Thou art near!

O Thee we fling our burd'ning woe, O Love Divine, forever dear, Content to suffer, while we know, Living and dying, Thou art near!

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day Opus 75, No. 2

John Gardner (b. 1943)

Avery Best, *drum*Dave Lansom, *tambourine*

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play,

Refrain: To call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, (refrain).

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, (refrain).

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above, (refrain).

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

The second reading for today is recorded in Acts, the 8th Chapter.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

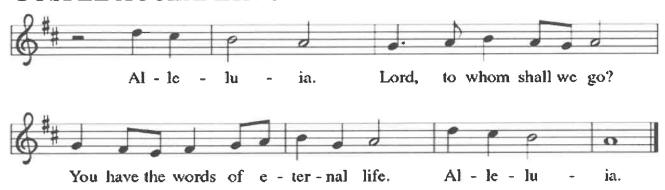
¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke



¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Wilson

Please stand as you are able.

SERMON HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River "Hanson Place"

ELW 423

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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. We honor Anders and Lars Ulrich, and celebrate the 17th birthday of Tim Yap through today's flower dedications. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Send rain to places desperately needing it, especially to the land around Los Angeles ravaged by wildfire. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

THE SOLO

Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual Arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

Wade in the water, children, God's a-goin' to trouble the water.

See that band all dress'd in white.

The Leader looks like the Israelite.

See that band all dress'd in red.

It looks like the band dat Moses led.

(10:30)

THE ANTHEM

Wade in the Water

African-American Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan
(1954-2003)

Holly Holdaway, mezzo-soprano

God's a gonna trouble the water.

(Refrain) Wade in the water, children, God's a-goin' to trouble the water. See that host all dressed in white. The Leader looks like an Israelite. (Refrain) See that band all dress'd in red. Well it looked like the band that Moses led. (Refrain)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

Amen.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow "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.

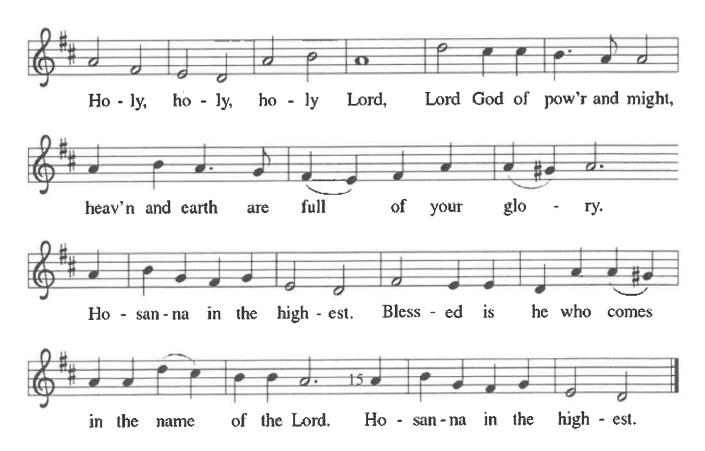
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right ...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

. . .

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

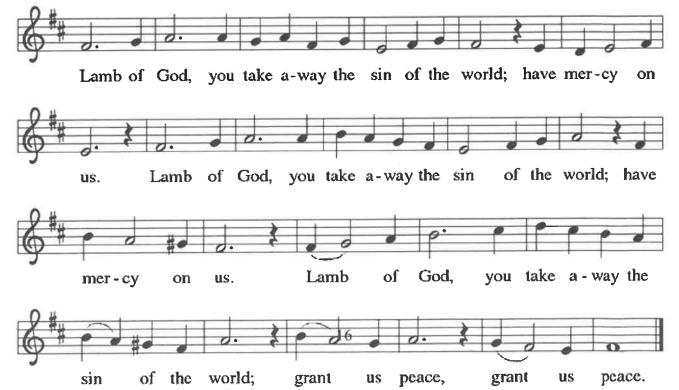
Amen.

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.





Please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Come eat and drink; there is a place for you at the table of our Lord. Communion is received by "intinction" - you will be offered the wafer (gluten-free is available) and you dip the wafer into either the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice).

Pre-filled communion cups are also available for those who prefer less physical contact. People who do not receive communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Please advise an usher if you would like the pastors to bring communion to you in your pew.

(10:30)

COMMUNION SOLO

Hymn of Trust Text: Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894) Amy Marcy Cheney Beach

(1867-1944)

Nicole Brendel, soprano

Please find the text printed on page 8 of this worship bulletin.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Vidi Aquam: I Saw Water

Text: Ezekiel 47:1

David Hurd (b. 1950)

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia. And it brought to people ev'rywhere God's life and His salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise: alleluia, 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.

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

We invite congregation members to share this holy meal with people who are unable to worship in person. Communion elements and a simple printed liturgy are available on the altar to guide you. Please take a bulletin with you to be able to easily share today's scripture and prayers with the meal.

THE BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing "Ar Hyd y Nos"

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water

Barbara Harlach (b. 1946)



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.

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Stewardship - Near

Thank you all who brought joy to the children of School 17 by providing an abundance of gifts, hats, mittens and gloves.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY, January 12, 2025 – Baptism of Our Lord Service of Holy Communion (CH) 8:30 am 9:40 am Sunday Roundtable (FR) Service of Holy Communion (MC) 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS) 10:30 am Coffee Hour/De-greening (RH) 11:30 am Recording Session (MC) 1:00 pm MONDAY, January 13, 2025 Bible Study (FR) 9:30 am Gamblers' Anonymous (RH) 6:00 pm 7:00 pm Buffalo Niagara Choirs rehearsal (CH) TUESDAY, January 14, 2025 12:00 pm Women at the Well (FR) Executive Meeting (FR) 7:00 pm WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025 9:00 am Property Meeting (FR) Vocalis (MC) 6:00 pm Personnel Meeting (FR) 7:00 pm THURSDAY, January 16, 2025 Watercolor Class (RH) 10:00 am Chancel Choir (MC) 7:00 pm 7:00 pm AA/AL-ANON (RH) SUNDAY, January 19, 2025 - Second Sunday after Epiphany Service of Holy Communion (CH) 8:30 am Sunday Roundtable (FR) 9:40 am Service of Holy Communion (MC) 10:30 am Sunday School/Nursery (SS) 10:30 am Coffee Hour (RH) 11:30 am CI = Crib Room CR = Conference Room CH = Mansperger Chapel

FI = Fireside Room/Library

PS = Pastor's Study

SS = Sunday School

FR = Fellowship Room

MR = Music Room

SC = Sacristy

MC = Main Church

YR = Youth Room

RH = Redeemer Hall

At 8:30 am the announcer and reader is Judy Kroll. Ushers and altar guilds are Gail Camilleri and Heidemarie Kunz. Acolyte is Clayton Best.

At 10:30 am the announcer is Jen Yap. Reader is Neil Kattermann. Ushers are Marty Bauer, Matt Brown, Carole Casterline, Roger Draper, Craig Johnson and Dave Pellnat. Communion Assistant is Ron Leiser. Chancel Care member is Vicki Oliver. Acolytes are Griffin Miller, Saniyah Gilchrist, Henry Peterson, Max Peterson, Natalie Leiser, Mer'Liah Gilchrist and Maia Leiser.

The flowers on the altar are given In Honor of Tim's 17th birthday by Jeff and Jen Yap; and In Honor of our grandsons Anders and Lars Ulrich by Dave and Pat Ulrich.

Collection counters are Claire Carmer, Tom Johnson and Ron Pellnat.

Council President Jen Yap, will be at the 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 Anders and Lars Ulrich.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DE-GREENING of the church will take place today after the 10:30am service. All are welcome and lunch will be served to all who help.

BIBLE STUDY: The Monday Morning Bible Study class continues tomorrow when Pastor Rich will begin leading a series of discussions of four major themes that run through our scriptures. Classes run from 9:30 to 11:00 am, in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The 2024 Annual Report is available and can be found on the table at the entrance ways. The annual meeting will take place on January 26 at the completion of the 8:30 and 10:30 am services (in the Chapel and Main Church, respectively). Immediately following the 10:30 meeting, we will be holding a potluck coffee hour. Please bring your favorite dish to pass and join us for fun and fellowship.

THE HT CARES TEAM is hosting a Life Transition Part 2 Workshop on Saturday, March 29 from 8:30am -2:00pm. This workshop will include information on handling the stages of grief, managing funeral home and cemetery preparations, and elder life real estate concerns. Join us for this important workshop led by community experts. A suggested donation of \$5 is payable at the door. Join us for this important conversation. Please register by March 14 using the QR code or calling the church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Each Sunday, the beautiful vases of flowers gracing the chancel are often dedicated by members of our congregation in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Looking ahead, January 26 is available. Please contact Linda Schmidt with your request for this or any other specific date during the year. She can be reached at msmarylschmidt@gmail.com or on her cell 716-472-4194. Vases are currently \$50.00 each

🗍 Register

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise "Salzburg"



- 1 Songs of thank-ful ness and praise, Je sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man i fest at Jor dan's stream, proph et, priest, and king su preme;
- 3 Man i fest in mak ing whole weak-ened bod y, faint ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres ent in thy ho ly word;



from a - far, man - i - fest - ed by the sa - ges the star to man - i - fest; wed - ding guest thy God-head and at Ca - na in dev - il's might; man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the and be pure, as pure art thou; thee now im - i tate



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, man - i - fest in gra - cious will, that we might be - come like thee

in thy birth at Beth - le - hem: chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine; ev - er bring-ing good from ill: at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

God in flesh made man-i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

Shall We Gather at the River "Hanson Place"



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-'ry bur-den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

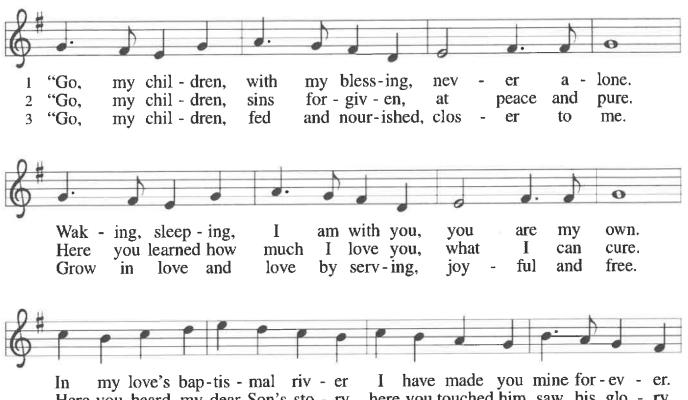
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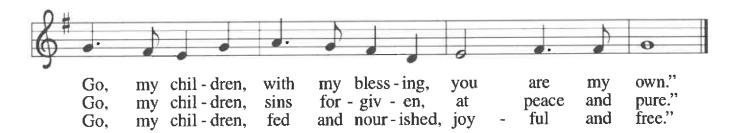
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing "Ar Hyd Y Nos"

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In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt. Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House

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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.

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