

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 28th Anniversary by John and Caroline Otten,

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister an Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Lynn Andrews
Gospel Reader	John Beckford
Prayers	Kerrie Seymour
Communion Assistant	Jess Bigby
Cantor	Shannon Whitworth
Acolyte	Madelyn Fagala
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Melissa Kolb Margaret Roth
Nursery	Anne Harmon
Praying for Possibilities	Jackie Hickey
Greeters	Mark Allen Ann Berlam Anne Harmon Lisa Rehm John Roberts Maria Roberts
New Member Greeters	Jane Mortensen Lyle Mortensen Melanie Wessisnger
Ushers	William Bryant Carol Elliott Calvin Harmon Pattimarie Jannsen
Fellowship Hosts	Parish Life Committee
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One

who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely  
live, a place where saints and children tell how  
hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and  
visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
Christ shall end divisions:**

*Refrain*

***All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and  
true, where all God's children dare to seek to  
dream God's reign a new. Here the cross shall stand as  
witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we  
claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and  
wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground here  
peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through  
Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in  
Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and  
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and  
live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the  
stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an  
end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all the named, their songs and visions  
heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as  
words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and  
laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house  
proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. God of Easter joy, signs of new life abound and we give thanks for the way you are always making all things new. In this suffering, hurting world, give us the strength to pick up all the broken pieces of our lives, entrust them to your care, and believe with all our hearts that you will create something new, something even more beautiful than what existed before. Hold before us always the hope and promise of resurrection, 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*

## WORD

FIRST READING

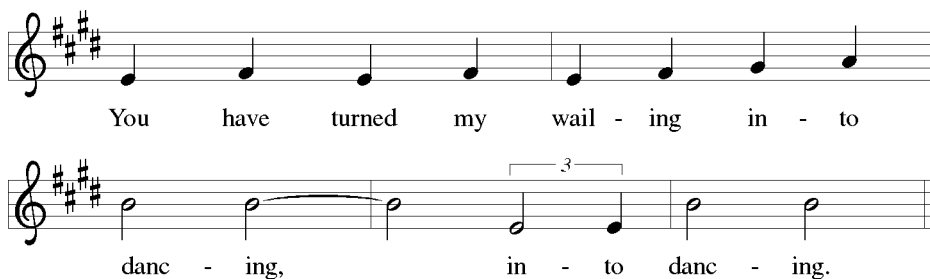
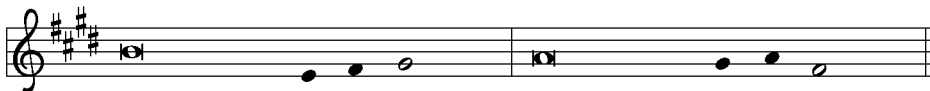
Acts 9:1-20

A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of Jesus, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as Saul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> Those who were traveling with Saul stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. Christ said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> Christ said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But Christ said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and rulers and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm  
Refrain**Psalm  
Tone*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,  
and you restored | me to health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. R**

<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

<sup>6</sup>**While I felt se- | cure, I said,  
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup>**I cried to | you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with | my LORD, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;  
O LORD, | be my helper." R**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing | into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. R**



A reading from Revelation.

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*I Am Peace*

*Please stand as able*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Sing twice*

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.”  
<sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.  
<sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was Jesus, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to Jesus, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Simon Peter would glorify God. After this Jesus said to him, “Follow me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*Picking Up the Broken Pieces*

*Please stand as able*

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth and children's directors, faith formation teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living, and deeply inclusive faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries, especially the Reedy River, Lake Hartwell, and Lake Keowee, so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local water sources. Allow the waters of our daily lives to remind us of your most precious gift of baptism. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of the oppressed and those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need with your tender care. Help those who are suffering to gather the strength needed to take up the cross they carry and follow you. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Turn our wailing into dancing. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your dream for the church is for all people to experience belonging and welcome. We dream with you of a diverse and expansive kin-dom. We pray for the College of Cardinals as they deliberate and discern your purpose in the election of a new Pope. Bless the Catholic Church with your peace, comfort, and wisdom during this time of transition. Guide their process in ways that might produce a leader who embodies the values of the cross and the gospel. Elect a Pope who will work to liberate the queer community and women within the heteronormative and male-centered Christian religion. Do not allow regression. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved, celebrated, and cherished. Show us how to better welcome guests and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place, especially our Greeting Ministry and the ways we care for the sick, grieving, and the dying. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Your table is infinitely expanding before us. As this community of faith welcomes new members this day, we pray your blessings upon Esther, Brian, Lynn, Missie, Michael, Anna, Lane, Margaret, Nathan, Sally, Everly, Acadia, Joni, Jaime, Tony, Frank, Wesley, Ella, Betsy, Sonny, Valerie, Marrisona, Chase, Kerrie, Caroline, Donna, Jeff, and David. Allow them all to experience communal belonging in this place and in your world. May each of them receive that which they need from our Trinity family, always trusting that you make your love and yourself known through your people. Remind us that as we welcome new members, we become a new family of faith. This day, we are changed. Help us to fearlessly live into the evolution. Continue showing us new ways to be your church together for the sake of the world. We give you thanks and praise on this day that our pews and chairs continue to be filled with people seeking to follow you, to welcome the LGBTQIA+ community into your kin-dom, and to live out your gospel of justice in bold new ways. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Welcome into Membership

I invite those who are being received today as members of Trinity Lutheran Church to come forward at this time and stand facing the congregation.

Esther Atkins

Brian and Lynn Andrews

Missie Coneybeer

Michael and Anna Crouch

Lane and Margaret

Nathan and Sally Curd

Everly, Acadia, and Joni

Jaime Durrah

Tony Giordano

Frank Griffin

Wesley Matson

Ella

Betsy Paroby

Sonny and Valerie Patrick

Marrissa Price and Chase Smith

Kerrie Seymour

Caroline Stipp

Donna Twichell

Jeff Waddell and David Londono

Siblings in Christ: You belong to God. You are created in the image of Mother-Father God. You are strong, beautiful, loved, enough. Today, your connection to this community of faith is made official. We now belong together. We now serve together. We now work together to shine Christ's love and light into the world.

We strive to see the value and worth in every single human being. We strive to bring hope and comfort to a broken, hurting world. We strive to create brave, safe spaces where more and more people can find welcome and belonging. We acknowledge the pain and suffering that the church has caused and we covenant to work together to bring healing and wholeness, restoration and reconciliation.

My siblings in Christ:

Will you join with this fellowship of faith as we work to make this community and the world a more fair, just, and equitable place for all people?

Will you embrace the reality that in life as in faith, there are often more questions than answers, more uncertainty than certainty?

Will you use your time, talent, and treasure to proclaim in word and deed the good news of God's love in Christ for all people?

Will you strive to grow in faith, to see the image of God in all humanity, to break down barriers that divide and exclude one person from another?

Will you step forward in faith, knowing that saying "yes" to this community, "yes" to God in Christ, "yes" to life in the church is fraught with risk and challenge?

Will you say “yes” to God and this family of faith trusting that the Holy Spirit is always leading and guiding us into new places, new ministries, new ways to lead and serve?  
Will you trust that through the sacraments of communion and baptism God is extending grace?

Will you open your heart, your mind, your ears, your eyes, your hands to the work God is calling us to do together even when that work is difficult and challenging?

**I will and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*Please stand as able*

Trinity family and friends, will you welcome these fellow travelers on the journey of faith and into the life we share together in this community? Will you accept them as partners in ministry, extending your love, care, and support to them as part of this family of faith?

**We will, with the help of God.**

Let us pray. Gracious God, you make these people your very own. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit you empower them, encourage them, sustain them. Through the sacraments of baptism and communion, you extend grace upon grace. As they join with this family of faith, renew their lives, strengthen their faith, give them patience and grace for the challenges of daily life, remind them over and over and over again of your love in Christ for each and every one of them. Use them to build and nurture the kingdom of God.

**Amen.**

Let us welcome them into our family of faith.

**Beloved children of God, we welcome you into this household of faith. You are no longer strangers or sojourners, but equal citizens with the saints and members of this household of faith, all of us learning together, serving together, proclaiming together the good news of God in Christ’s inclusive love for all humanity.**

*Service continues with the Sharing of the Peace*

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

OFFERING

*Now the Green Blade Rises*  
arr. Shirley W. McRae

Shannon Whitworth

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*Hail Thee, Festival Day!*  
(verses 1-2)

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*Refrain*

***Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;  
day When our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.***

**All the fair beauty of earth from the  
death of the winter arising! Ev'ry good  
gift of the year now with its master returns: *Refrain***

**Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of  
life and creation. Treading the pathway of  
death new life you give to us all: *Refrain***

Let us pray, Risen One,  
**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
Amen.**



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

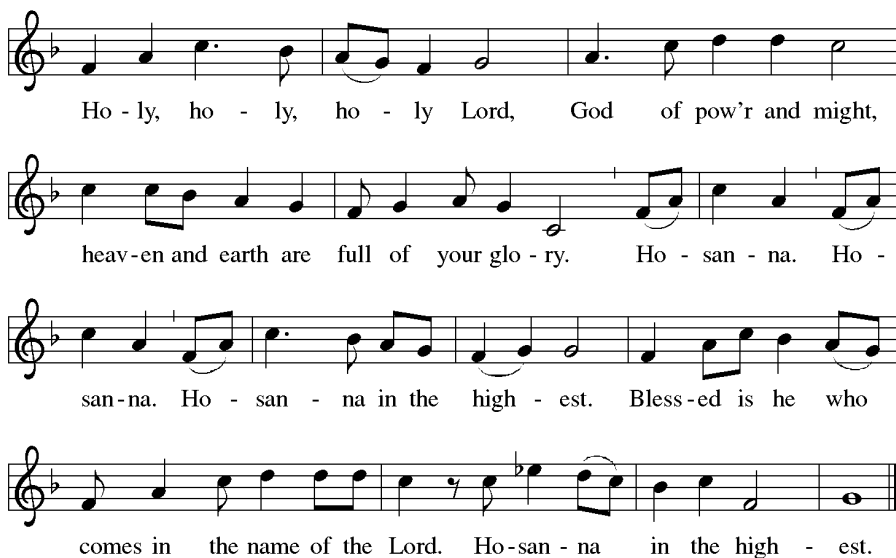
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,  
who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,". The second staff continues: "heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who". The fourth staff concludes: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est." and ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace.

The gift of new life belongs to you...to ALL of you!

**Thanks be to God!**

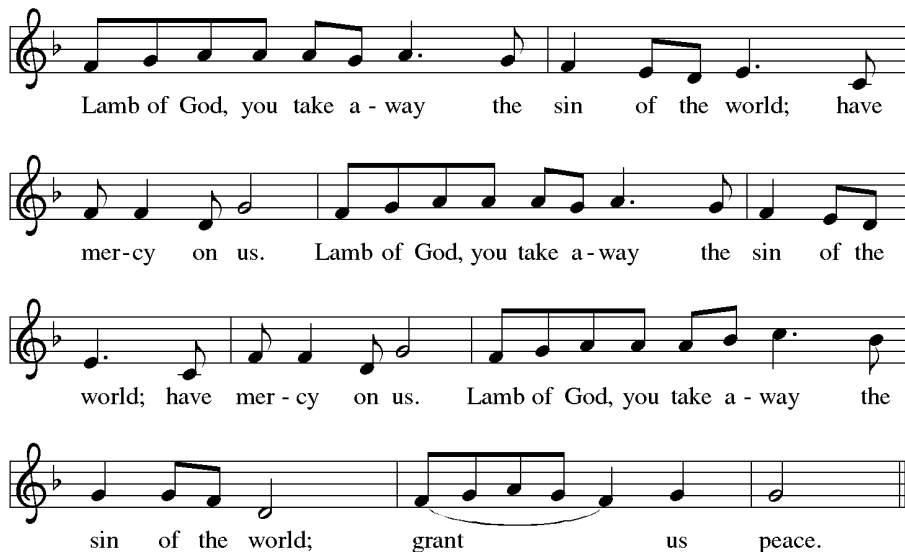
*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph  
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is  
rolled away; let all the earth rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which  
cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with  
one accord, the life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.  
Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress,  
for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.  
You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release  
from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.  
Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life.  
Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger give us faith.  
Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,  
give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!**

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

*Refrain*

***Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!***

**For three long days the grave did its worst  
until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death under go,  
and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain***

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear.  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.  
Only the graveclothes are lying there." *Refrain***

**"Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain***

**Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain***

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

*Refrain*

***Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!***

**Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain***

**City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I Am! *Refrain***

*Please stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection joy,  
now and always. **Amen.**

*Refrain*

***Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat***

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.**

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,  
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,  
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel Refrain**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace.

Stand firm in the promise of new life.

Believe in the resurrection.

Be brave as you pick up all the broken pieces of your life  
and trust that God can and God will  
make it whole and new again.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Following worship, everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship  
in the back corner of the Gym in honor of Trinity's new members*

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