

MASS | THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 24th 2022

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the largest progressive Lutheran body in the United States. As Lutherans, we go about Christianity in a Lutheran way, emphasizing that we are reconciled with God (justified) not by anything we do, but through and because of God's love, freely given (grace). We love questions more than quick fixes (paradox); we read the Bible in a way that honors it as the source and norm of faith, but not as a literal handbook. As Lutherans, we also lift up the gifts and capacity for ministry (vocation) that everyone holds.

Holy Trinity is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation welcoming all persons in Christ's name regardless of sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, gender, class or other possible exclusionary distinctions. We seek an active commitment to inclusiveness in membership, evangelism, and social outreach. With a heart for the city, a passion for justice, and a commitment to the arts, we seek to be a place where all God's people will know they are loved. Welcome. We've been waiting for you. There is a place for you here.

LIVE STREAMING AT HOLY TRINITY Please be aware that worship this morning is being filmed, photographed, and live streamed on our YouTube channel. Your likeness and/or voice may be captured by our equipment. Please alert an usher at the entrance if you have any concerns. Selections from this live stream may be used on our website and in our public relations materials.

GATHERING

Today's altar flowers are given by Susan Hannah in loving memory of her parents Edith & Sidney Van Splinter.

At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.

prelude Processional

William Matthias

(1934-1992)

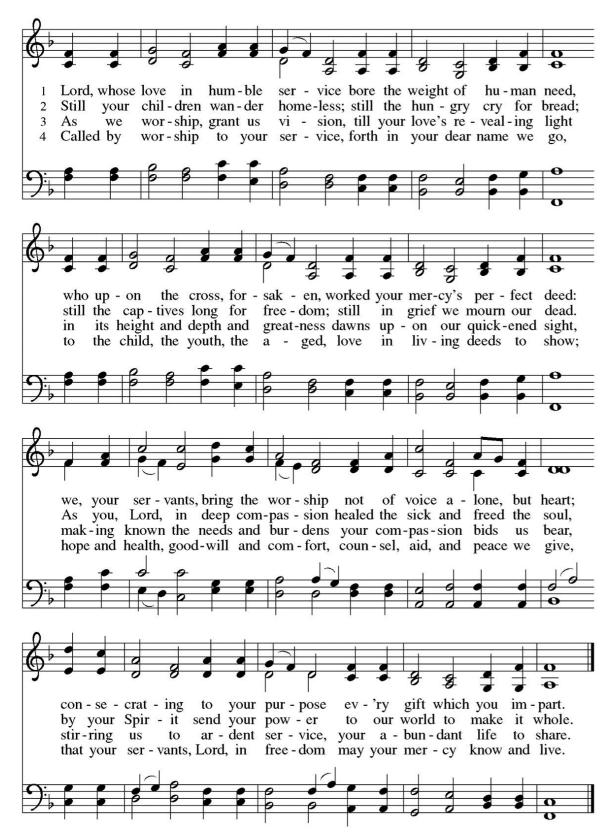
When invited to stand, at this or at any time during this liturgy, please rise either in body or in spirit, as you are able and comfortable.

The presider announces the day. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

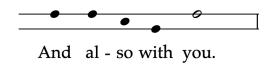
At the entrance of the cross, the assembly rises in body or spirit; turn to face the cross in procession, bowing in reverence to the cross as the procession passes by.



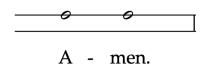
All may bow during the response, mirroring the presider.

greeting

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



prayer of the day Let us pray. *Silence is kept*. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



The assembly sits.

WORD

from the hebrew scriptures

Hosea 1:2-10

²When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." ³So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

⁴And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. ⁵On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

⁶She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. ⁷But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

⁸When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

¹⁰Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Silence is kept.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

psalm 85

A cantor intones the first verse, then the assembly joins to sing.



You have been gracious to your | land, O Lord; you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people and blotted out | all their sins.

You have with drawn \mid all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful \mid indignation.

Restore us then, O | God our Savior; let your anger de- | part from us.

Will you be displeased with | us forever?

Will you prolong your anger from | age to age?

Will you not give us | life again,
that your people may re- | joice in you?

Show us your steadfast | love, O Lord, and grant us | your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you, that your glory may dwell | in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together; righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.

†Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

from the christian scriptures

Colossians 2:6-15

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel acclamation





Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.





Ask, and it will be given you; search, and | you will find; knock, and the door will be o- | pened to you.

from the holy gospels

Luke 1:11-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The assembly is invited to make a small cross over your forehead, lips, and chest, inviting Jesus the Word into your heart, mind, and speech..

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Silence is kept.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

sermon The Reverend Bill Eggers

Silence is kept following the sermon. The assembly stands to sing.



the apostles' 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.

The assembly kneels or sits to pray.

prayers of the people

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

 ${\it The assembly responds to each petition.}$

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

prayer for racial justice

Save us, O God, from ourselves, from racism often cloaked in pious words, from the machinations of white supremacy hidden in calls for civility, from microaggressions thinly veiled in arrogance, from apologies when they don't give way to action, from forgiveness without facing the truth, from reconciliation without reparation.

Deliver us, O God, from expecting siblings of color

to continue to bear this emotional work, which is not theirs to do.

Grateful for the long arc that bends toward justice, we pray: Grant us wisdom, give us courage for the facing of these days, by the power of the Spirit, in the name of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Following the peace, the assembly sits.

MEAL

offertory

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Spirit of God
Trish Blair, soloist

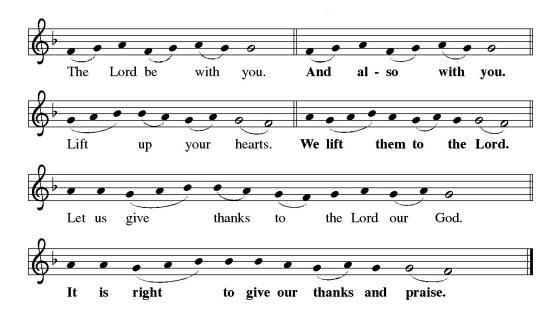
W.H. Neidlinger (1863-1924)

When all is ready, the presider greets us and calls us to prayer.

offertory prayer Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

The assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the great thanksgiving

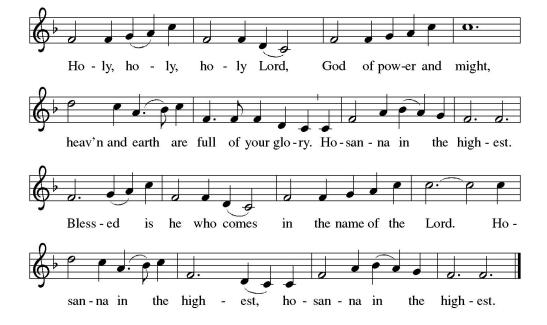


the proper preface

The presider sings: 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. . . and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn. . .

The assembly may bow for the Sanctus, rising and making the sign of the cross at the words, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

sanctus



the eucharistic prayer

Holy God, mighty Lord: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to bless all nations; through the prophets you renewed your promise. At the end of the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and gave his life for the whole world.

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.

The assembly may bow.

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. The assembly may bow.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

Therefore, with this bread and cup, we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever, and let the church say, **Amen!**

the lord's prayer



the invitation

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God!**

The assembly sits until invited forward by an usher.

All are welcome at this table. If we are communing with wafers this morning, gluten-free wafers are always available, just ask; if we are using homemade bread, our recipe at Holy Trinity is always gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegan. The small cups contain either white wine or red grape juice.

After receiving the bread, move to the side before removing your mask to partake; do the same after receiving the cup. Leave your empty cup on the small table near the side aisle.

Please also know that Christ is fully present in only one element. If you do not yet feel at ease receiving either the bread or the cup, you may remain in your seat during distribution, knowing that this table is prepared for you and will continue to be open to you when you are ready.

The assembly stands.

blessing

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

communion music

Melody

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

(1875-1912)

prayer after communion

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

final blessing (1 Thessalonian 5)

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, \star Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

During the hymn, the assembly turns to face the cross in procession, bowing in reverence as it passes by, as we physically orient ourselves towards the street and the world in which we now take the Gospel.

"God of grace and god of glory"



The assembly sits for the postlude.

postlude Tuba Tune Craig Sellar Lang

(1891-1971)

dismissal The Mass is ended.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

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If you would like to give altar flowers in memory of a loved one or in commemoration of an event, email robby@holytrinitynyc.org

WELCOME

If you are new to Holy Trinity, we are glad you're here. Whether you've worshiped at Holy Trinity a thousand times or are here today for the first time, there will always be a place for you here.

Restrooms are located downstairs in the Community Room.

Coffee Hour continues after Mass in the Community Room. Out of love for one another, we ask that only persons fully vaccinated against COVID-19 participate in Coffee Hour at this time. The Community Room is located in the basement; stairs are located on either side of the doors leading out to Central Park West.

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