



MASS | THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 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

*At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.*

prelude

The Rev'd Mustard his installation prelude

Nico Muhly

(b. 1981)

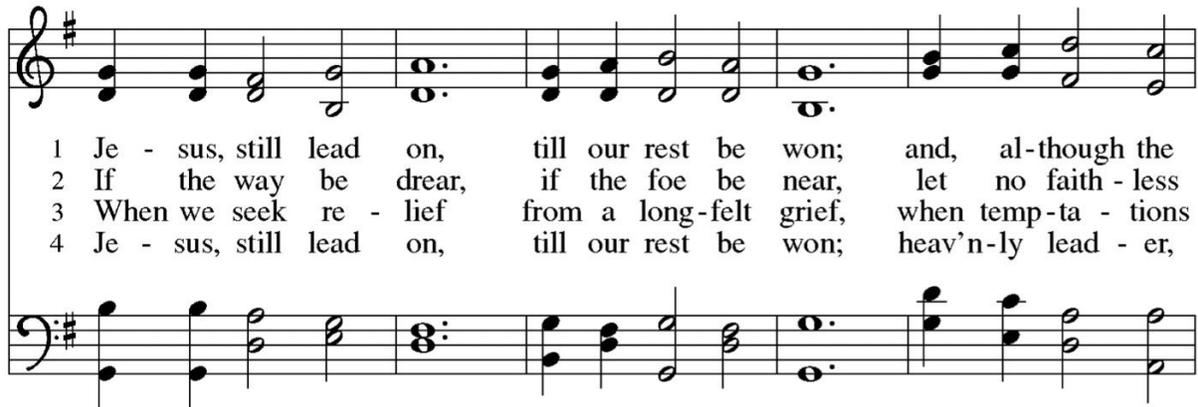
*When invited to stand, at this or at any time during this liturgy, please rise either in body or in spirit, as you are able and comfortable.*

*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.**

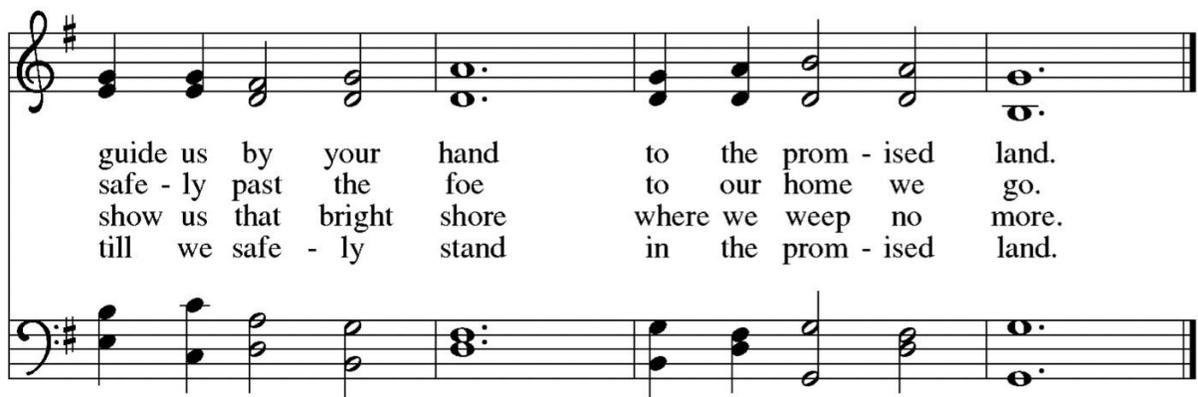
*At the entrance of the cross, the assembly rises in body or spirit; turn to face the cross in procession, bowing in reverence to the cross as the procession passes by.*



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

*All may bow during the response, mirroring the presider.*

greeting

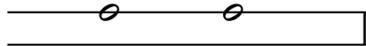
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



And al - so with you.

prayer of  
the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



A - men.

*The assembly sits.*

## WORD

from the  
hebrew  
scriptures

Jeremiah 18:1-11

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will

build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

*Silence is kept.*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

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



*Lord, you have | searched me out;*

*O Lord, you | have known me.*

You know my sitting down and my | rising up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.

You encompass me, behind | and before,  
and lay your | hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

My body was not hid- | den from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths | of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written | in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.

How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!

How great is the | sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;  
to count them all, my lifespan would need to | be like yours.

Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

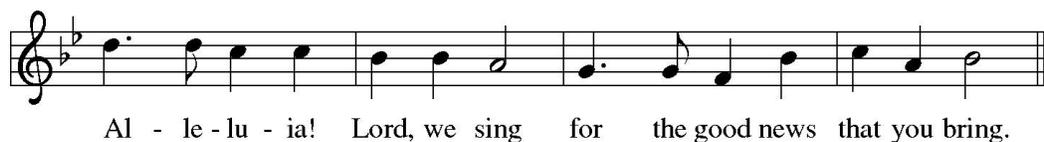
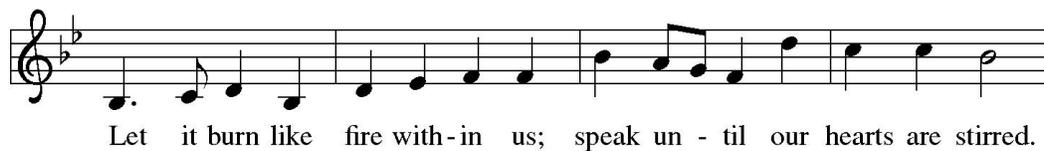
*Silence is kept.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

gospel  
acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*



Let your face shine up- | on your servant,  
and teach | me your statutes. (Ps. 119:135)

from the  
holy gospels

Luke 14:25-33

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..*

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty

thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

*Silence is kept.*

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

sermon

The Reverend Timothy Weisman

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



1. God, the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God, the mil-ler of the sand,  
2. God, the nui-sance of the Pha-roah, God, the cleav-er of the sea,  
3. God, the dress-er of the vine-yard, God, the plant-er of the wheat,  
4. God, the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God, the calm, de-ter-mined youth,



God, the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God, the pot-ter of the land:  
God, the pil-lar in the dark-ness, God, the bea-con of the free:  
God, the reap-er of the har-vest, God, the source of all we eat:  
God, the ta-ble turn-ing proph-et, God, the re-sur-rect-ed truth:



You are womb of all cre-a-tion. We are form-less, shape us now.  
You are fount of all de-liv-'rance. We are wan-d'ring, lead us now.  
You as host have set a ta-ble. We are hun-gry, feed us now.  
You are pres-ent ev-'ry mo-ment. We are search-ing, meet us now.

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.

*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.*

M E A L

offertory

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I'll walk with God  
*Jack Hicks, soloist*

Nicholas Brodzsky  
(1905-1958)

*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 Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.*

communion music

Rêverie

Claude Debussy

(1862-1918)

arr. Philemon

*The assembly stands.*

blessing

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

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.**

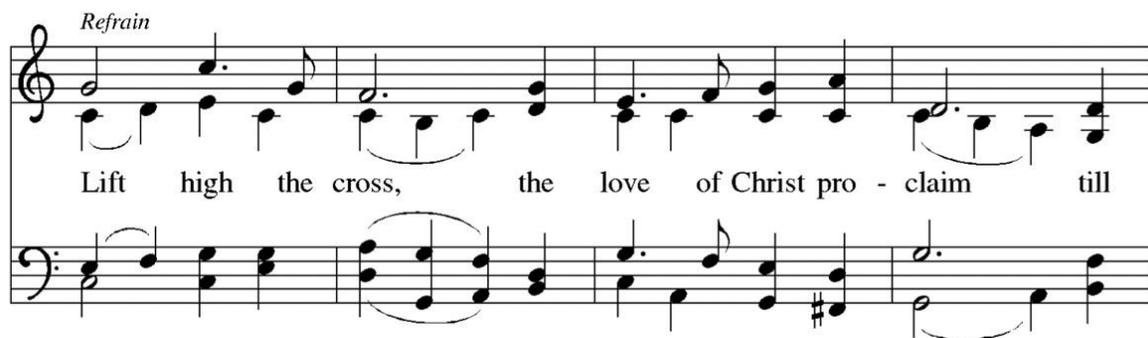
## SENDING

final blessing  
(1 Thessalonian 5)

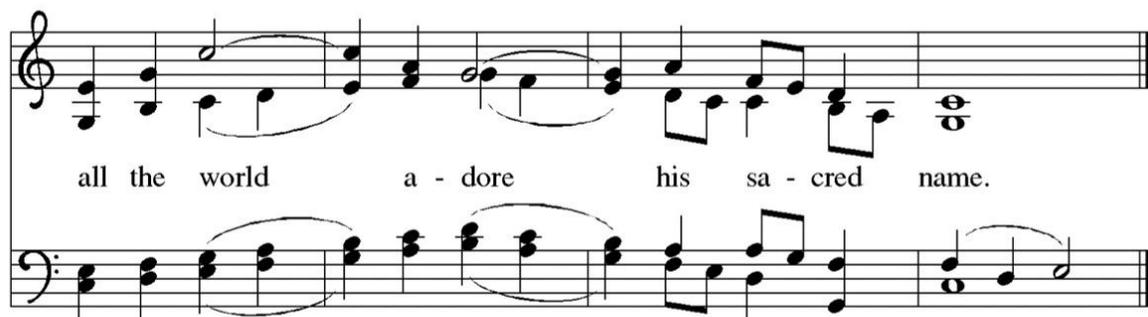
Go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold onto what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, ✦ Son, and Holy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

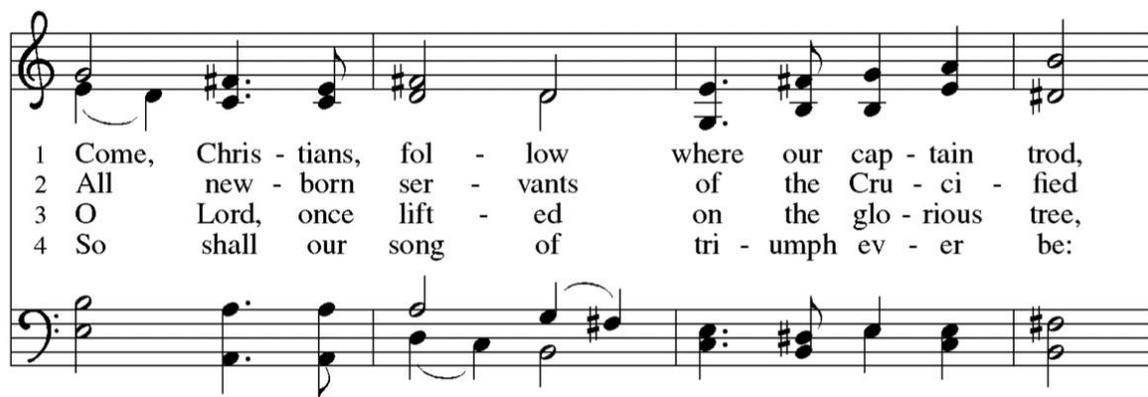
*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

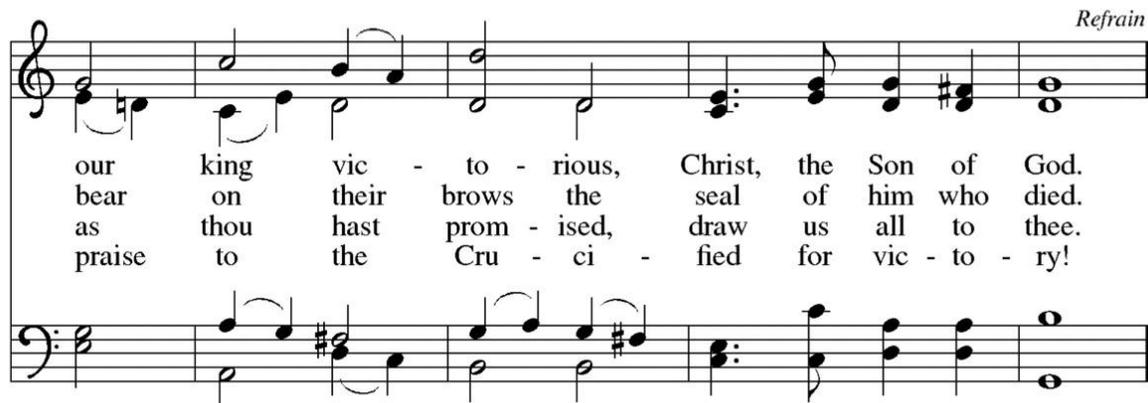


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

*The assembly sits for the postlude.*

postlude

Lay down your burdens

Iain Farrington

(b. 1977)

dismissal

The Mass is ended.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS

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or in commemoration  
of an event, email  
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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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