

MASS | THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 5th 2023

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

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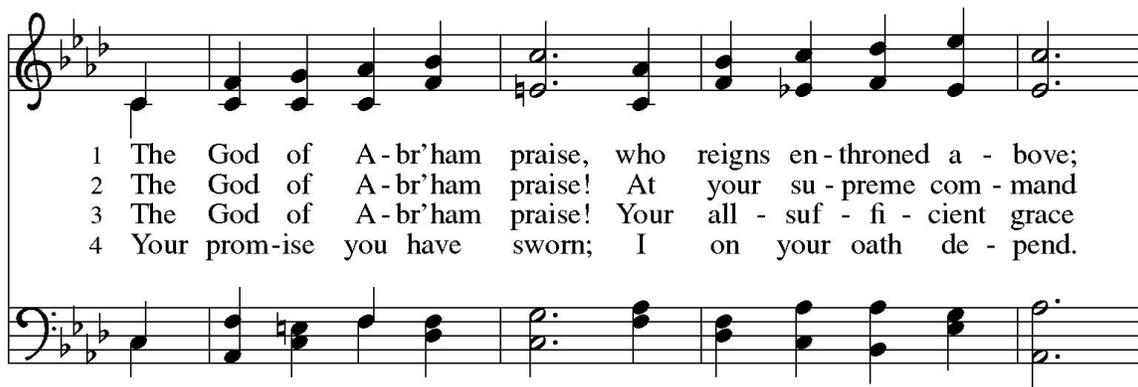
GATHERING

At the sound of the bell, we gather quietly.

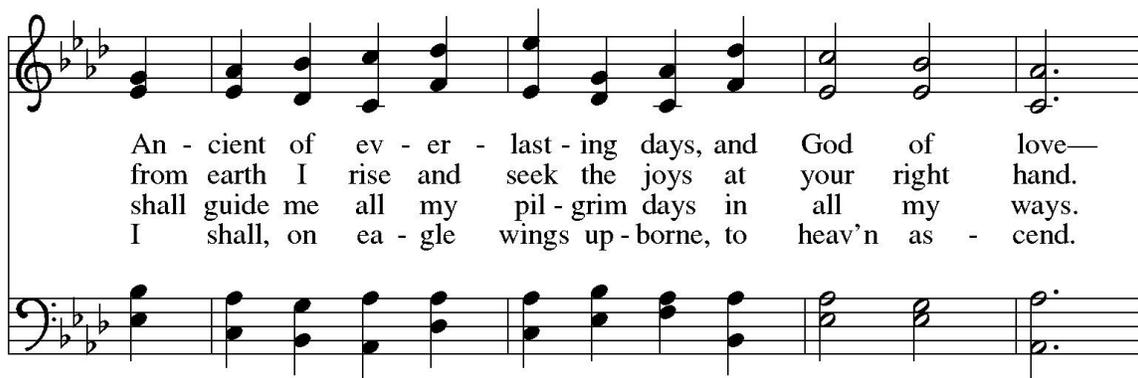
prelude

Improvisation: land

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.



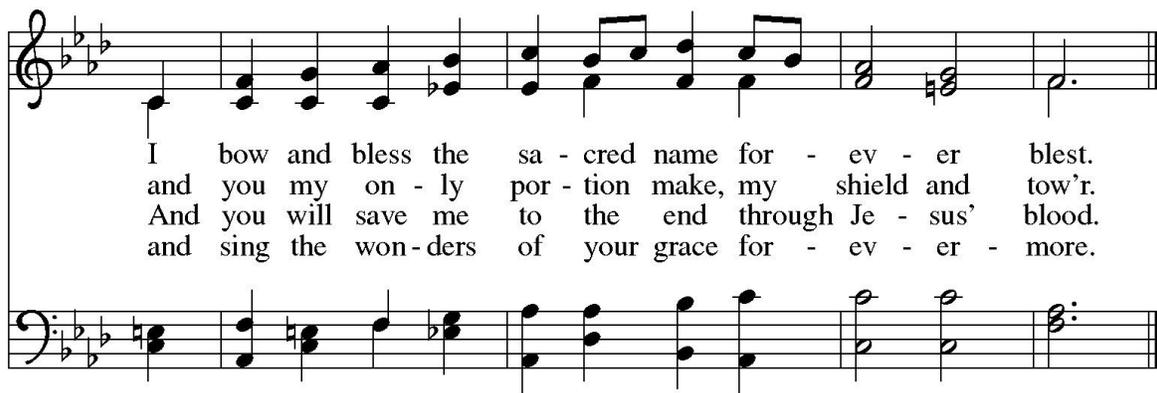
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2 The God of A-br'ham praise! At your su-preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise! Your all-suf-fi-cient grace
4 Your prom-ise you have sworn; I on your oath de-pend.



An-cient of ev-er-last-ing days, and God of love—
from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.
shall guide me all my pil-grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea-gle wings up-borne, to heav'n as-cend.



“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav'n con-fessed;
I all on earth for-sake— its wis-dom, fame, and pow'r—
You deign to call me friend; you call your-self my God!
I shall be-hold your face; I shall your pow'r a-dore,



I bow and bless the sa-cred name for-ev-er blest.
and you my on-ly por-tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And you will save me to the end through Je-sus' blood.
and sing the won-ders of your grace for-ev-er-more.

All may bow during the response, mirroring the presider.

greeting
(2 corinthians 13:14)

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

kyrie

Cantor, then all

Lord, _____ have _____ mer - cy.

Christ, _____ have _____ mer - cy.

Lord, _____ have _____ mer - cy.

prayer of
the day

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

The assembly sits.

WORD

from the
hebrew
scriptures

Genesis 12:1-4

¹The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Silence is kept.

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

Thanks be to God.



*I lift up my eyes | to the hills;
from where is my | help to come?*

My help comes | from the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

The Lord will not let your | foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.

Behold, the keep- | er of Israel
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep;

the Lord watches | over you;
the Lord is your shade at | your right hand;
the sun will not strike | you by day,
nor the | moon by night.

The Lord will preserve you | from all evil
and will | keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your | coming in,
from this time forth for- | evermore.

from the
christian
scriptures

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Silence is kept.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

gospel
acclamation

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

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

The choir sings: The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to John. **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.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Silence is kept.

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

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

hymn of the day
#323

“God loved the world”

ROCKINGHAM OLD

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

the apostles'
creed
(4th century)

**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.

confession and
forgiveness

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

The presider announces God's forgiveness. At the sign of the peace, the assembly may bow, mirroring the presider.

the peace
(john 20:19)

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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God so loved the world

Sir John Stainer
(1840-1901)

*God so loved the world.
God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth, believeth in Him
should not perish, should not perish
but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world.
God sent not His Son into the world
to condemn the world;
But that the world through Him might be saved.*

offertory
prayer

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

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.* 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
(Isaiah 6:3 and
Matthew 21:9)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your
glo - ry; Ho - san - - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - - na in the high - est.

eucharistic
prayer

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you do not abandon us, but guide us into the path of love and light. In every age you send prophets who make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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.*

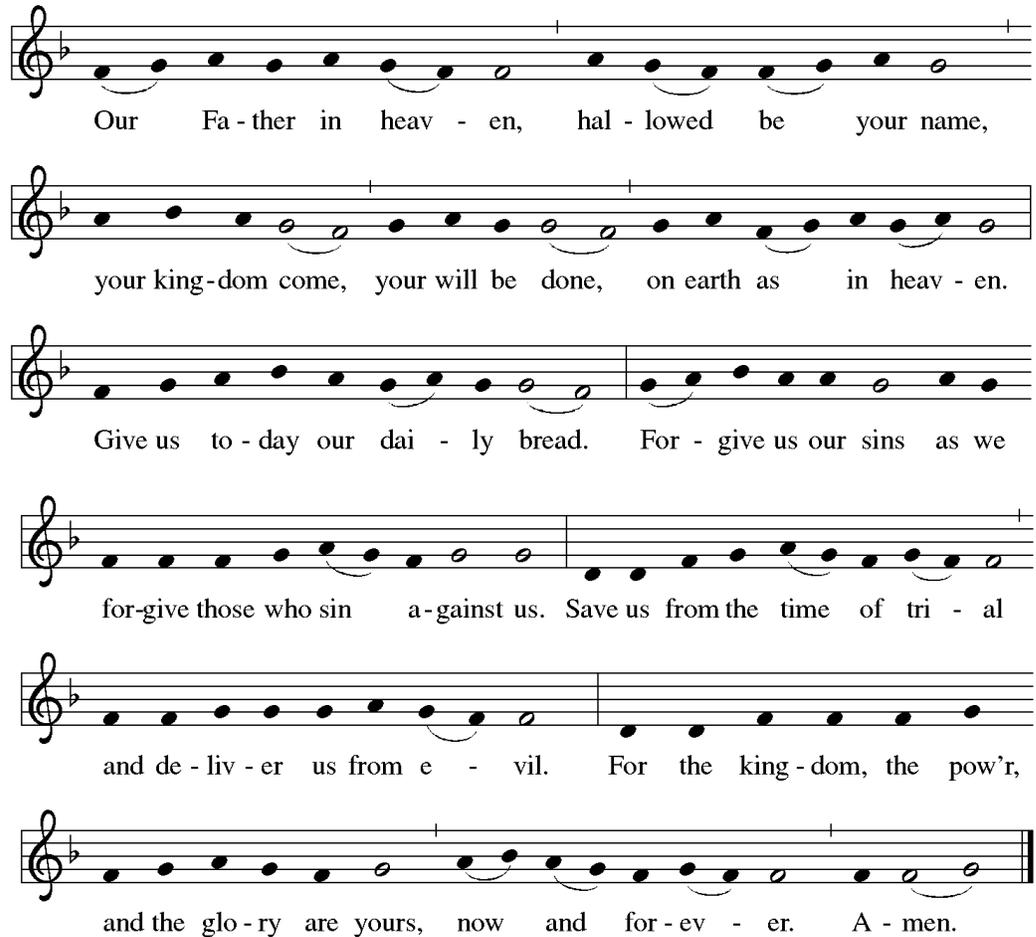
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again.

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!**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread
and cup. Grant us courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the
world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, **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 Christ, with Christ, and 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
(Matthew 6:9-13)



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
(psalm 34:8)

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. This is not a Lutheran, Episcopal, or a Roman Catholic table; it is God's table and all are invited to receive. The small cups contain either white wine or red grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are always available, just ask. After receiving, you may leave your empty cup on the small table near the side aisle.

If you do not yet feel at ease receiving either the bread or the cup, you may receive only one or the other, trusting that Christ is fully present in only one element. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing, and you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. You may also 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
motet

I will lift up mine eyes

Leo Sowerby
(1895-1968)

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord: which hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not slumber
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper: thy shade upon thy right hand;
The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth and even for evermore. Amen.*

communion hymn "Mothering God, you gave me birth"
#735

NORWICH



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

The assembly stands.

prayer after
communion
(Martin Luther)

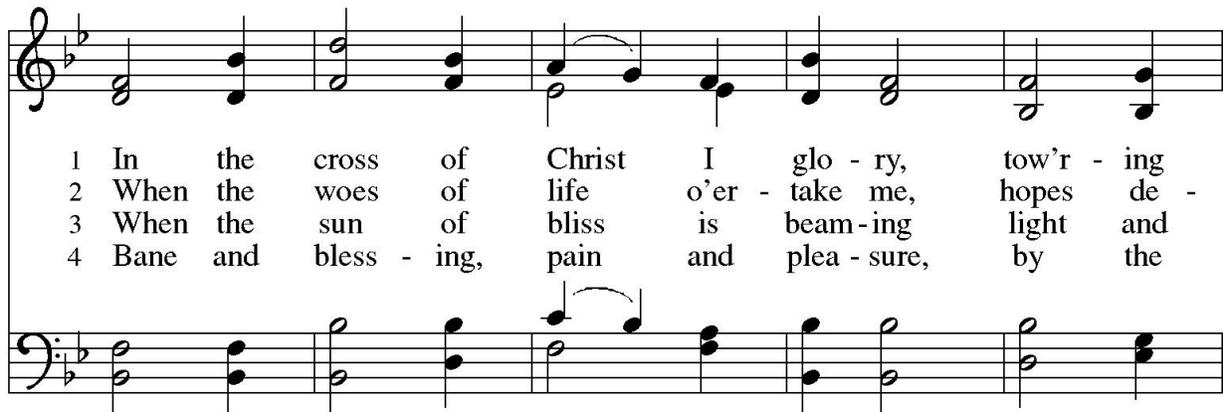
Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

final blessing
(1 Thessalonians 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.



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

dismissal The Mass is ended.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

The assembly sits for the postlude.

postlude Improvisation: Wind

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YOUR PRAYERS

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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.

After Mass, **please join us for Coffee Hour** in the Community Room. The Community Room is located on the lower level; stairs are located on either side of the doors leading out to Central Park West.

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