

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 + 11:00am
TRINITY LOWER EAST SIDE LUTHERAN PARISH
in the City of New York

Welcome to worship! *We are so glad that you have been led to join us for worship this morning, and we believe that your presence among us more fully completes our community. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, please know that you are most welcome here, and we invite you to fully participate in our life together in whatever way you feel called to do. Our prayer is that you find Trinity to be a place where you are welcomed and affirmed in all your fabulous quirks and eccentricities, and that you feel truly seen and valued as a fellow child of God, beautifully and perfectly created in God's image! If you'd like to learn more about how to join us as we seek to embody God's love as a community of Christ, just speak with Pastor Will!*

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As followers of Jesus, we are called to love our neighbors as we have been loved by God. We believe that loving our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable among us, compels us to show great care as we gather for worship in the midst of a global pandemic. In order to ensure that our gathering is as safe as possible and minimizes the spread of disease, we ask you to please join us in following these important health and safety protocols:

- Face coverings must be worn at all times while inside Trinity's building, and they are recommended when gathered with others outdoors. Both mouth and nose must be fully covered.
- Please avoid close physical contact with anyone outside of your household, including refraining from handshakes or hugs. Six feet of distance should be observed at all times, including at the sharing of the Peace.
- At the distribution of Holy Communion, only the bread will be offered in order to reduce contact with the chalice. Rest assured that receiving Holy Communion "in one kind" is a fully effective and valid means of receiving the promise of Christ's presence and forgiveness in the sacrament. Please remain at your place, and the presiding minister will invite you forward. Keeping your face covering in place, wait until you return to your seat to lower your mask and consume the bread.
- To avoid passing the offering plate from hand to hand, a basket is available for your offerings at the entrance to the sanctuary or garden. We are grateful for your generosity!

+ Gathering +

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal-le-lu-jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version

Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health
and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence,
and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world,
through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

+ Word +

FIRST READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My siblings, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be

heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my siblings, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep

warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146

The psalm is sung responsively.



I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. Refrain**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
the LORD | loves the righteous. Refrain**

The LORD cares | for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! Refrain

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung before and after the reading of the gospel.



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



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

GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.”³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

SERMON

A period of silence follows, introduced and concluded by bell.

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy One, you bring your people together in worship. Enliven your church. Guide all evangelists, preachers, prophets, and missionaries who seek to share your love through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You provide water for thirsty ground and sunshine to feed hungry plants. Bless all who advocate for healthy forests, unpolluted air, and clean waterways. Inspire all people to show care for the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You show no partiality. Increase justice in all nations. Encourage leaders and governments to work with one another for the good of our common world. Especially as we celebrate Labor Day unite us in seeking the health, safety, and dignity of all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You accompany those who are most in need. Shelter all fleeing violence or persecution, protect any who are in danger, and sustain them through uncertain and unstable times. Be with those in any need, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You embrace all who have died in the faith and brought them into your glorious presence. We thank you for their example and rejoice in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

+ Meal +

OFFERING

To avoid multiple people physically contacting the offering plates, your gifts of money may be left in the offering plate at the usher's station near the entrance. Offerings may also be made online as one-time or recurring contributions at www.trinitylowereastside.org/give

OFFERTORY

Be Still and Know

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the offertory. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains two measures of music. The first measure is marked with a '1*' and the second with a '2'. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the notes. The second staff is also a treble clef with the same key signature and time signature. It contains two measures of music. The lyrics 'Be still and know that I am God.' are written below the notes. A fermata is placed over the final note of the second measure.

* *May be sung in canon*

Text: Psalm 46:10

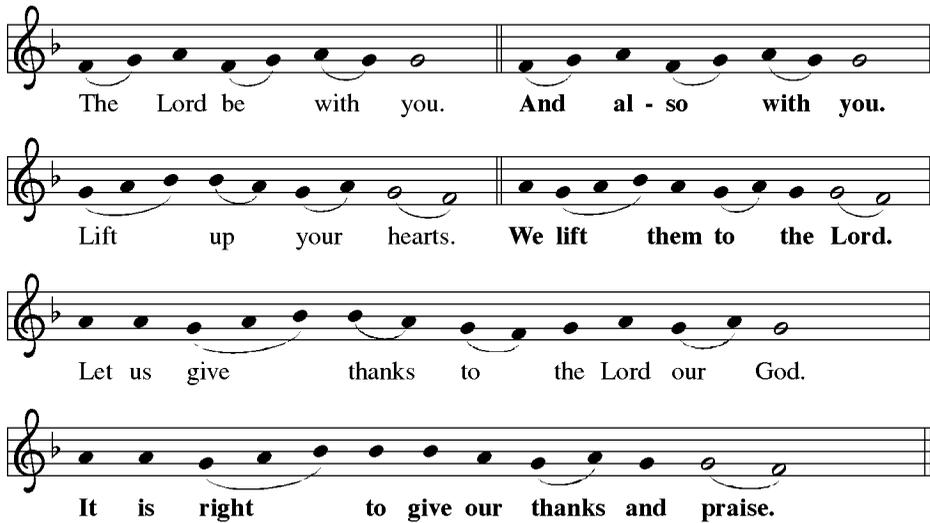
Music: BE STILL AND KNOW (BELL), John L. Bell, b. 1949

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the presiding minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est, 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.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come, and feast on God's love.

COMMUNION HYMN Christ, Our Peace



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

The first system of musical notation consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord, followed by a half note, a quarter note, and a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line features a half note, a quarter note, and a quarter rest, followed by a half note and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines, ending with a final cadence.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of Christ
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table

more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,

now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

+ Sending +

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Earth and All Stars!

Found on the following page.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER AT SAFH Every weekday hundreds of our neighbors come through our doors to be fed in our soup kitchen and to receive groceries from our food pantry. Trinity's Services and Food for the Homeless (SAFH) can only do this essential work with the help of our volunteers, who assist in preparing food, serving lunch, and distribute groceries. As we head into the end of summer we are very low on volunteers, so please consider giving a day in service to our community! Learn more and sign up at www.safhny.org/serve

FORJANDO PATRIA: Puerto Rico en el Siglo XX | FORGING A HOMELAND: Puerto Rico in the 20th Century, a recital of Puerto Rican art song with mezzo-soprano Laura Virella
Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7:00pm, rain date Sunday, Sept. 26 at 5:00pm

Tickets: \$40 general admission, \$30 students, children are free. Visit our website for tickets.

I launched the Puerto Rican Art Song Project in 2016 with a program featuring compositions by Jack Délano, Narciso Figueroa, Noel Allende Goitía and Ernesto Cordero, bringing this subcategory to an audience already familiar with art song, in an informal, chat-laced performance that included a presentation of beautiful art work and text translations, as well as a spoken journey of historical context and personal significance of the compositions. This music is as much my gift to you as it is part of my exploration of my own identity. I hope you'll join me on this journey. ~ Laura Virella, mezzo-soprano

FAITH PLAYS written by Junada Hall and produced by Trinity and HoneyVic Productions
October 1 – 4, \$20 suggested donation. For tickets visit honeyvicproductions.com

Have you lost your faith in humanity? Faith Plays is a compilation of four stories that offer ways in which we can be agents to restoring faith. I'm Sorry is about how a friend reacts when he finds out his best friend is transgender. Wait... What?...No! is about a gay African American guy who is attacked and beaten by white members of the gay community. I'm Homeless Not Helpless is about a homeless couple struggling to exist in a harsh world of racism and hatred. Finally, Shaking The Tree is about an African American family living in the 1930s South who struggle with what it will take to help their children live in a racist world. What will it take to restore our faith? Love, understanding and acceptance!

SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY FRIDGE!

If you'd like to sign up to volunteer, visit bit.ly/loisaidafridgesignup

To support the fridge with financial contributions, venmo [@loisaidafridge](https://www.venmo.com/loisaidafridge)

To follow what's happening at the fridge follow [@loisaidafridge](https://www.instagram.com/loisaidafridge) on Instagram

COIN JAR Proceeds from the coin jar in the narthex are used to support the work of Seafarers International House (SIH) to accompany and advocate for immigrants and asylum seekers being held in ICE detention centers. SIH provides spiritual care to those being detained, case management, and assistance with housing and connecting with relatives when they are released. We are grateful for your generous support of this incredibly important work!

About Trinity:

Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are 3.8 million Christians in 10,000 churches who believe that the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is the core of our faith and life. We welcome women, men, and people of all gender identities into ordained ministry and are enthusiastically ecumenical.

Our Mission:

We welcome everyone into membership regardless of race, economic means, married/single status, sexual orientation, or gender expression and/or identity. We are a richly diverse congregation in a richly diverse neighborhood. We live our Christianity in word and deed. We are here to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Reconciling Works Congregation:

Trinity LES is listed as a Reconciling Works congregation that welcomes LGBTQIA+ people into our fellowship and works to erase all discrimination against them.

Our Outreach:

To carry out our ministry of deed, Trinity LES has a separately incorporated non-profit program, Trinity's Services And Food for the Homeless (also known as SAFH, pronounced "safe") which operates a soup kitchen, food pantry, and offers connections to other services. Between 150-250 meals are served each day, and around 30-40 families are given groceries from our pantry Monday through Friday. Volunteers are always needed. Visit safhnyc.org for more information.

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