



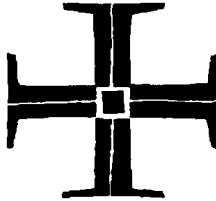
## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 4, 2026 + 11:00 a.m.

TRINITY LOWER EAST SIDE LUTHERAN PARISH  
*in the City of New York*

## **Welcome to worship!**

We are so pleased to have you with us this morning for worship,  
and we believe that your presence among us more fully completes our community.  
Whoever you are, whatever your identities, whoever you love, and wherever you are on your  
journey of life and faith, you are welcome here!



Out of respect for this time of worship, please silence all mobile devices.

As Christ welcomed all to his table without distinction, so you are welcome at our table at the celebration of Holy Communion. Regardless of your religious tradition or stage in your journey of faith, there's a place for you here!

Two all-gender restrooms are located in the Community Room on the first floor. A changing table for infants is available.

If you're visiting us this morning and would like to keep in touch,

- Add your name and contact information to the guest book on the Welcome Table at the sanctuary entrance.
- Follow us on social media:
  - Facebook: @TrinityLES (including livestreams of worship)
  - Instagram: @TrinityLES.NYC
  - Follow our feeding ministry @TrinitySAFH on all platforms

Periodically throughout the year, we offer orientation sessions for newcomers and welcome new members into our congregation. If you've been worshipping with us and would like to learn more about becoming a member of Trinity, be sure to speak with our pastor and you could be a member in no time at all!

Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Mohican and Munsee Lenape peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

# + Gathering +

## PRELUDE

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell.*

## GATHERING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

ELW 665

## THE 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW 289

1) Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

*refrain:* Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2) Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which  
inspire your heav'nly song?

*refrain*

3) Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

*refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star.  
Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives,  
and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

+ Word +

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

**A**rise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen  
upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the  
earth and thick darkness the peoples, but  
the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory  
will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come  
to your light and kings to the brightness of  
your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look  
around; they all gather together; they  
come to you; your sons shall come from  
far away, and your daughters shall be

carried in their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you  
shall see and be radiant; your heart shall  
thrill and rejoice, because the abundance  
of the sea shall be brought to you; the  
wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all  
those from Sheba shall come. They shall  
bring gold and frankincense and shall  
proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

### Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

*The refrain is sung first by the cantor, then by all.  
The verses are sung responsively.*



Psalm 72:11

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Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;  
**that he may rule your | people righteously**  
**and the | poor with justice;**  
that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.  
**Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,**  
**rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. Refrain**

May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.  
**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,**  
**like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**  
In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.  
**May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,**  
**and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. Refrain**


May all kings bow | down before him,  
and all the nations | do him service.  
**For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,**  
**the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.


<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**      *The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

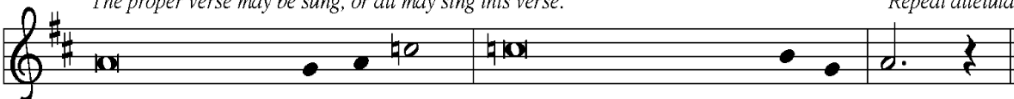


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Al - le-lu - ia,      al - le-lu - ia,      al - le-lu - ia,      al-le-lu-ia.

*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.* *Repeat alleluia*



We have observed his star | at its rising,\* and have come to | worship him.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**I**n the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had

appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*A period of silence for reflection follows, begun and concluded by bell.*



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,  
 2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,  
 3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,  
 where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"  
 guide us through the shad-ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,  
 Where an earth - ly pow - er makes the heart turn cold,  
 show us in a man-ger our re - demp-tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.  
 there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.  
 bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



*Refrain*  
 Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the



prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: WHERE THE PROMISE SHINES, Bob Moore, b. 1962

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

Repairer of the breach, you separate us from our sin and unite us with one another. Heal the animosity in our hearts, and bind us together in love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Author of life, you sent your spirit over the waters, your breath into your children, and guiding stars across the sky. Awaken us to the plight of the planet and send us to care for your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Light that leads the way, you make yourself known to the nations. Illuminate just paths and guide leaders in the church and the world in your holy will. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Voice of the silenced, you cast the mighty from their thrones and fill the hungry with good things. Grant those in need the courage to demand equality and those with abundance the wisdom to share. Respond to any who call out in need this day, especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Proclaimer of promises, you raise up prophets and messengers in the places we least expect. Equip us to listen well to those who bring both good news and painful truths. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Redeemer of the saints, you gift us with many people throughout our lives who point the way to you. We give you thanks for the recently departed and all who have loved us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

+ Meal +

## OFFERING

*An offering is collected to support the work of the church in our community and the world. Gifts may also be made online at [www.trinitylowereastside.org/give](http://www.trinitylowereastside.org/give) as one-time or recurring contributions or on Venmo using the QR code.*



**venmo**

**OFFERTORY SOLO** "O Jesulein Zart", traditional German carol

**Elizabeth Ruf**  
*voice and guitar*



## AT THE PRESENTATION

*As the people's gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward,  
we stand to sing:*

*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of glory,

great are your wonders among us

and many are the blessings you bestow.

Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,

that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,

through Christ our Savior.

**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 are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which includes the following responses:*

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

...one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,**

**santificado sea tu nombre.**

**Venga tu reino.**

**Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra**

**como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**

**Perdona nuestras ofensas**

**como también nosotros**

**perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.**

**No nos dejes caer en tentación**

**y líbranos del mal.**

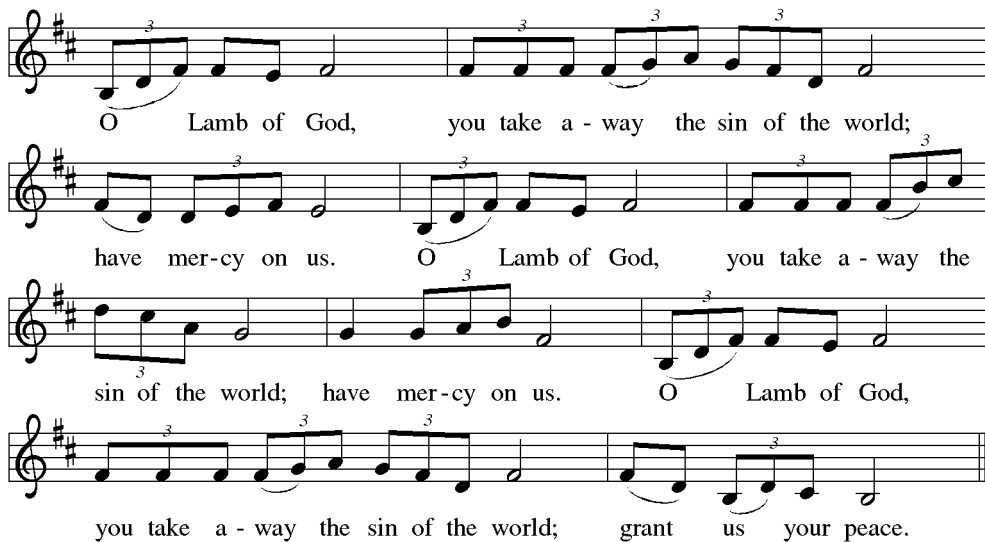
**Porque tuyo es el reino,**

**tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora**

**y siempre. Amén.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*The assembly is seated.*



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God is now in flesh appearing.  
Come to the feast of joy!

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table to receive communion. Wafers are gluten free. Wine contains alcohol. Communion may be received in one or both kinds. The ushers will guide you forward.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light

ELW 815

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.

May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts  
the mystery of your presence.

Move us to discover the wonders of your love  
in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.

**Amen.**

+ Sending +

## BENEDICTION

May Christ,  
who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth,  
give you peace this Christmas and always.  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

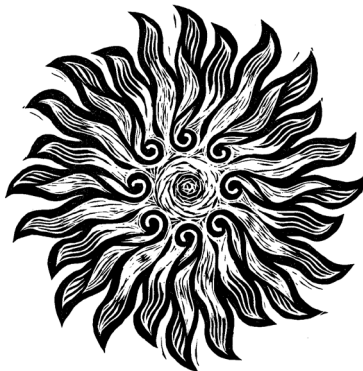
This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is born!

**Thanks be to God.**



### **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 genders 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](http://safhnyc.org) for more information.

### **Our Schedule:**

Mon – Fri:	11:00am, Soup Kitchen; 12:30pm, Food Pantry
Mon:	7:00pm, "Valley of the Dolls" NA Group
Wed:	7:30pm, STP Creative Foundation
Thurs:	7:30pm, "Clean and Dry" AA Group
Sun:	11:00am, Worship Service
	6:00pm "Unity" NA Group

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