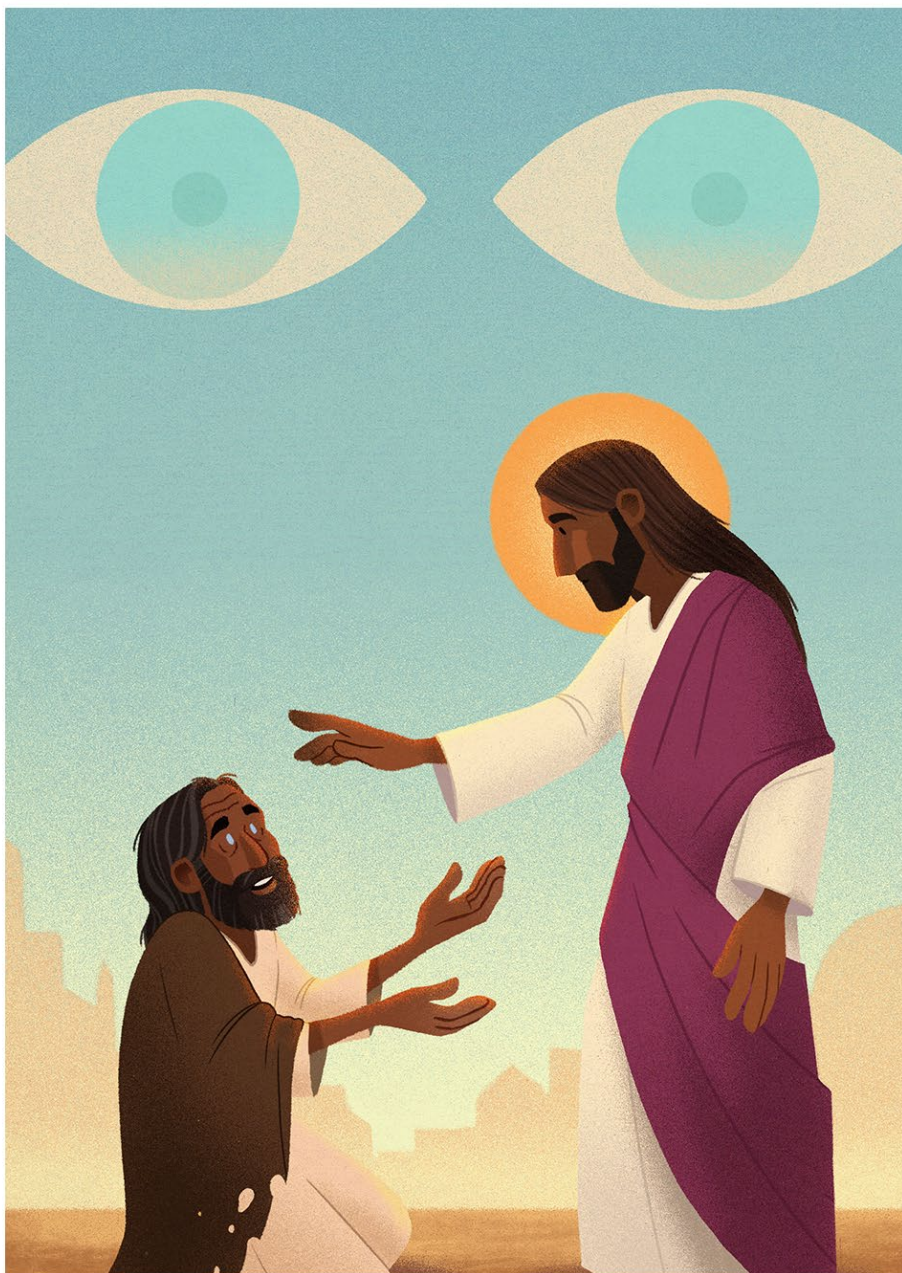


TRINITY LOWER EAST SIDE LUTHERAN PARISH



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 15, 2026 + 11:00 A.M.

# 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.

Trinity Lower East Side Lutheran Parish is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a denomination of 2.7 million members in 8,400 congregations who welcome people of all genders and sexual orientations into membership and ministry and are enthusiastically ecumenical. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation that fully welcomes and affirms LGBTQIA+ people and works to erase all discrimination against them. We grieve over the systemic racism of our society and are committed to the work of dismantling it.

We welcome everyone into membership regardless of race, economic means, married/single status, sexual orientation, or gender expression and/or identity. Whoever you are, whatever your identities, whoever you love, and wherever you are on your journey of life and faith, you are welcome here!

Please silence all mobile devices. Two single stall, 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
  - Youtube: @trinitylowereastsideluther2220 (including livestreams of worship)
  - Instagram: @TrinityLES.NYC
  - Follow our feeding ministry @TrinitySAFH on all platforms

## **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

## **Those Who Serve:**

Pastor: The Rev. William Kroeze  
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Pianist: Paul Staroba  
Choir Director: Alex Lawrence  
Administrator: Gillian Fox Orwoll  
(office@trinitylowereastside.org)

## **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.

## + Gathering +

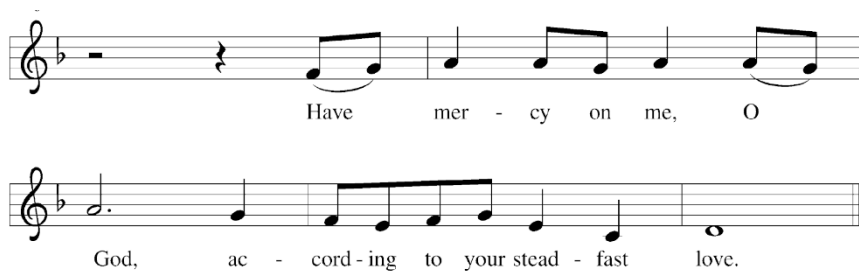
### PRESERVICE MUSIC

*Please stand at the ringing of the bell*

### PRAYER OF LAMENT

Gracious God, by day and night we pour out our prayer to you.  
We are crying out for justice, yearning for what is right, longing for your peace.  
Come quickly to help us, O God; save those who call upon your name.

*The assembly sings this refrain, and continues humming the final note as the Presider continues:*



Have mer - cy on me, O  
God, ac - cord - ing to your stead - fast love.

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first line contains the melody for the words "Have mercy on me, O". It starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second line contains the melody for "God, according to your steadfast love." It starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and ends with a whole note G4.

We are surrounded by hateful violence and senseless killing...  
We feel the suffering, sorrow, and shame of the oppressed...  
In the midst of plenty, your children cry out for bread...  
We fear that justice will again be delayed or denied...  
We see your creation destroyed by carelessness and greed...  
We recognize patterns of privilege and systems of discrimination...

### *The refrain is sung*

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding – the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray.

### *The refrain is sung*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ | *La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo*,  
 the Love of God | *el amor de Dios*,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit | *y la comunión del Espíritu Santo*  
 be with you all. | *sean con ustedes*.

**And also with you. | *Y también contigo*.**

## KYRIE

*Refrain sung by all, verse sung by soloist.*

Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy; Lord have mer - cy

on us; Lord have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy;

Lord have mer - cy on us.

## Verse 1:

In a world that's broken, we pray for peace that's lasting.  
 For the strength to care for the hungry and the poor.  
 Let us band together with truth and grace and justice,  
 In unity of spirit, we lift to you in prayer...

## Verse 2:

We pray your holy spirit, may bring our lives abundance  
 That we may feel your nearness in our work, our rest, our play.  
 For your watchful presence over family, friends, and neighbors.  
 With a loving spirit, we lift to you in prayer...

## Verse 3:

Bless this holy dwelling and all who come to worship.  
 May we receive your guidance in the water and the Word.  
 Let us all be nourished by your precious blood and body.  
 With a reverent spirit, we lift to you in prayer...

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ,  
and come among us.

By your gracious life and death for us  
bring light into the darkness of our hearts,  
and anoint us with your Spirit,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

+ Word +

## FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

**T**he LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the

sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the LORD.”<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”<sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons

here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

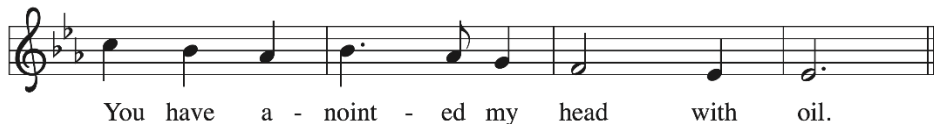
The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

## PSALM

### Psalm 23

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

*The verses are sung responsively.*



Psalm 23:5

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The LORD<sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;

I shall not<sup>1</sup> be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>1</sup>side still waters.**

You restore my<sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>1</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>1</sup> comfort me. Refrain**

You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>1</sup> of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>1</sup> running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>1</sup> LORD forever. Refrain**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light,<sup>9</sup> for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.<sup>10</sup> Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.<sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly,<sup>13</sup> but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,<sup>14</sup> for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

*The acclamation is sung before and after the reading of the Gospel.*

Oh, God we are turn - ing, turn - ing to hear you,  
show us your mer - cy and kind - ness.  
Slow to an - ger and rich in bless - ing, your  
love leads us out of the dark - ness. Oh,  
Je - sus we turn to you.

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

**A**s Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now

it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone

opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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

## **SERMON**

*A period of silence for reflection follows introduced and concluded by the ringing of a bell.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## For Everyone Born



- 1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
- 2 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble —
- 3 For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the ta - ble,
- 4 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
- 5 For bod - ies di - verse, a place at the ta - ble,
- 6 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
- 7 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 and all those bet - ween, be - yond, and be - sides;  
 in - vi - ted to wed, to bap - tize and preach,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 all man - ner of speech and move - ment and minds;  
 a chance to re - pent, re - form and re - build,  
 to live with - out fear, and simp - ly to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 ex - pan - ding our world, dis - man - tl - ing pow - er,  
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and co - lor  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrink - led,  
 en - a - bled to lead and teach us new lan - guage,  
 pro - tect - ing the wronged, with - out shame or press - ure,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

This is an unofficial revision of Shirley Erena Murray's original lyrics,  
 revised by Avery Arden (they/them).

To see what's been altered, visit:

<https://binarybreakingworship.com/for-everyone-born-revised>



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 each val - ued for what their voice can pro - vide.  
 for queer, trans, and ace, God's jus - tice in reach.  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 for bod - ies di - verse, a church re - de - signed.  
 for just and un - just, God's vi - sion ful - filled.  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

*Refrain*



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus-tice and joy!

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

The following response is sung throughout the prayers as indicated:



Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam,  
Let your peace rain up - on us, O liv - ing God of . . . peace.



ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam.  
Let your peace rain up - on us, Lord, fill our hearts . . with your peace.

God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church.  
Lead Christians in our community and across the globe in right paths for your name's sake.

God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds.  
Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems,  
and save creatures from natural disasters.

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence,  
and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community  
organizations who seek goodness and mercy. **Response**

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant,  
and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice.  
Care for all in special need this day, especially those we name aloud before you now or in  
the silence of our hearts.

God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us.  
Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess,  
and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all.

God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal  
journeys. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. **Response**  
Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.  
**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.*

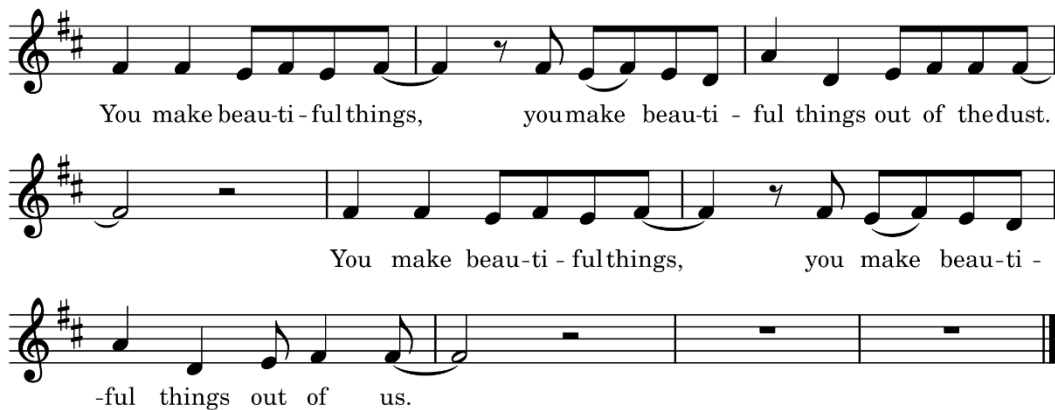


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## AT THE PRESENTATION

Beautiful Things

ACS 925



You make beau-ti-ful things, you make beau-ti - ful things out of the dust.

You make beau-ti - ful things, you make beau-ti -

-ful things out of us.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**


## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

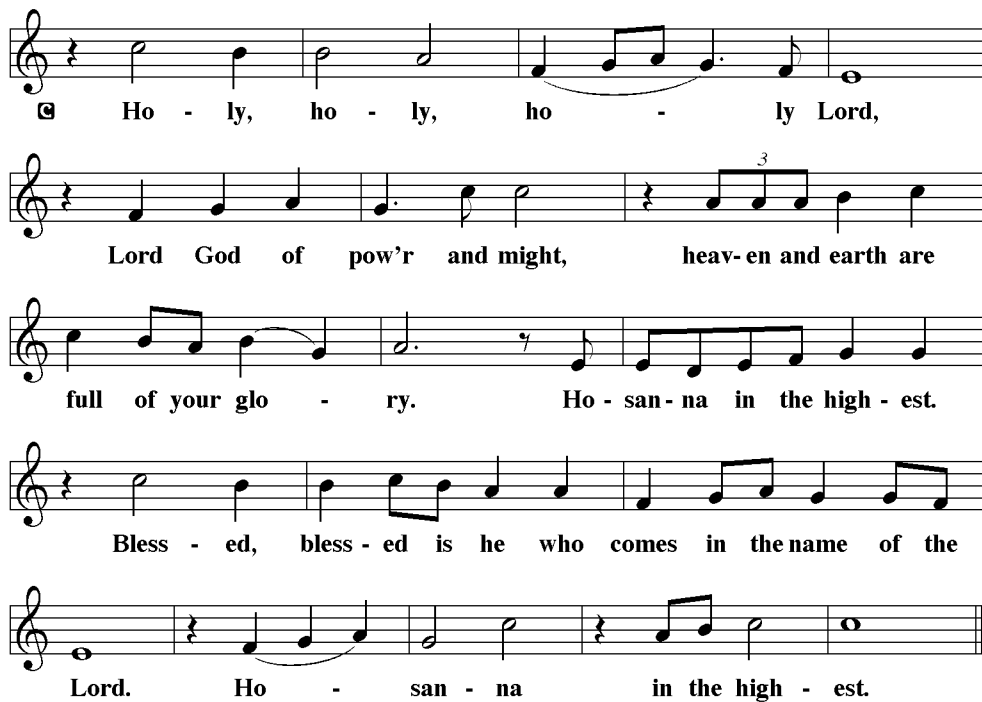


♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

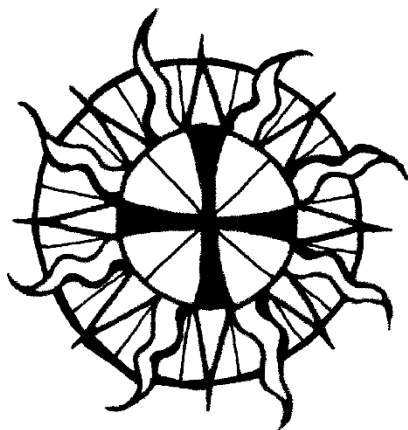


♪ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

... with this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



☐ Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.  
Christ will come a - gain.

... Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

... We praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.



☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

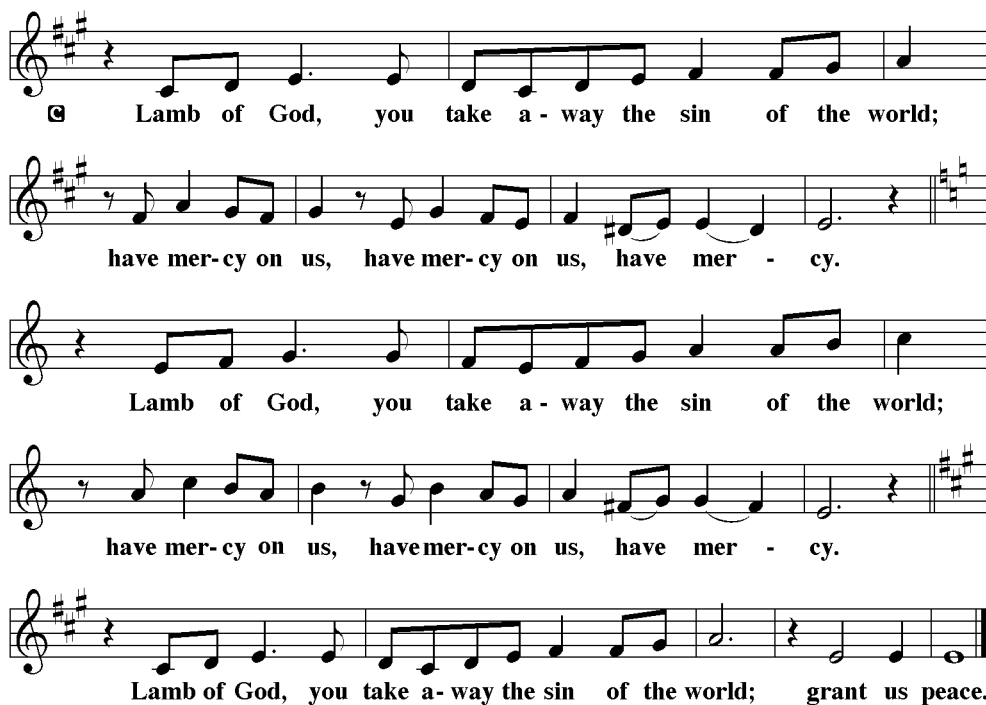
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

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



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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at Christ's table to receive communion. Wafers are low gluten. The silver chalice contains wine and the ceramic chalice contains grape juice. During Communion the assembly sings:*

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied;  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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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.

God of our salvation,

we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.

Through the body and blood of your Son,

may we become Christ's body in the world,

bearing witness to your love for all creation,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

+ Sending +

## **BENEDICTION**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ, who redeems us,

and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

+ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

Jesus is a Rock

**ELW 333**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ journeys with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TRINITY TALENT SHOW – TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Trinity is a congregation that is gifted with talent, and we want to give you a chance to shine. Talents of all levels and all kinds are welcome! There is no competition; this is just to share our gifts and have fun. March 15th, immediately after worship.

## EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Help enrich our experience of the joy of Christ's Resurrection this Easter with contributions toward our flowers and decorations. Contributions may be made in memory of loved ones who have died, or in honor of an individual, family, or cause. Access the dedication form using the QR code to the left.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON APRIL 19

The Church Council has called a special congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, April 19 immediately after worship. The only business to be conducted will be the adoption of required amendments to Trinity's constitution to align with updates to the ELCA's Model Constitution for Congregations adopted by the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, and the adoption of an amendment changing the length of term for officers from (5) five years to (3) three years, and the adoption of a bylaw instituting term limits of (3) three years for church council members. The proposed amendments and bylaw are available for members to review in advance of the meeting.

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

We're thrilled to welcome our kids back from Christmas break for Sunday School TODAY!

Upcoming Sunday School sessions through the end of the year are:

- March 22, April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7

## FOOD AND FAITH: LENTEN SMALL GROUPS, WEDNESDAYS IN LENT AT 7:00 PM

Across cultures and religious traditions, humans have long recognized the powerful intersection of food, community, and spirituality. This small group will explore the place of food in scripture and the ministry of Jesus; the ways food builds community and erases divisions; and how food can be justly and equitably produced and distributed.

Led by Pastor Will Kroeze and Vicar Nick Paulson-Moe, with special guests. Followed by Evening Prayer at 8:00pm.

## LITURGICAL ILLUSTRATIONS FOR LENT BY JOSH BRENNAN

Throughout the season of Lent, parishioner Josh Brennan will be creating liturgical illustrations for each week's bulletin, with his interpretations of the meaning of each day's scriptural images. We're grateful for Josh offering his creativity in this way, and hope that these images will be meaningful for you in your Lenten journey!