



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023

Jesus of Nazareth begins his public ministry by calling fishermen to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus, the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as our Lord suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news so that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Prelude

Litanei

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear-est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o -



hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in
shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night, fill - ing
ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light; help our
ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most: your blest



glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is - es here
us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good
hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and songs may
gos - pel's con - so - la - tion, while we here on earth a -



giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

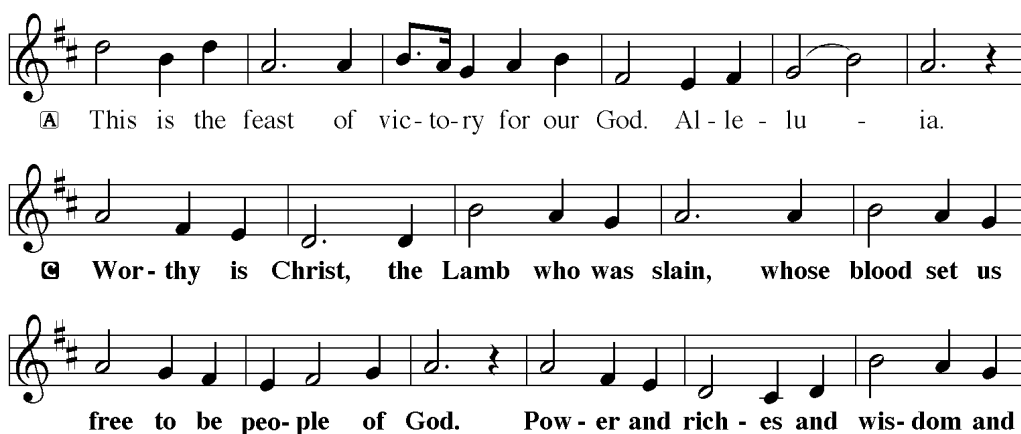
G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

Hymn of Praise



A This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

G Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness

— on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-10

(sung in unison)

The psalmist expresses great trust and confidence in the Lord and asks always to be in God's presence.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?*
The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I ¹ be afraid?

⁵One thing have I asked of the LORD; one ¹ thing I seek;*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days ¹ of my life;
⁶to behold the fair beauty ¹ of the LORD*

and to seek him ¹ in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe ¹ in his shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up- ¹ on a rock.

⁸Even now he lifts ¹ up my head*

above my enemies ¹ round about me.

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds ¹ of great gladness;*
I will sing and make music ¹ to the LORD.

¹⁰Hearken to my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call;*
have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.

Second Lesson - 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

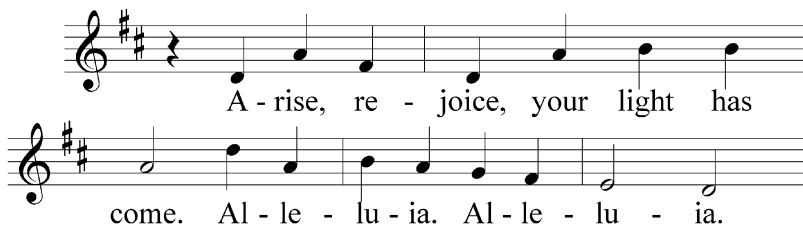
¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

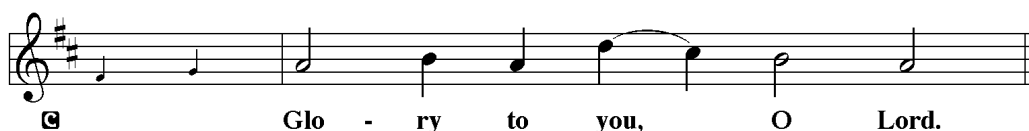
(The congregation sings the refrain **(R)** as indicated.)



Jesus went about Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. (R)

Holy Gospel - Matthew 4:12-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

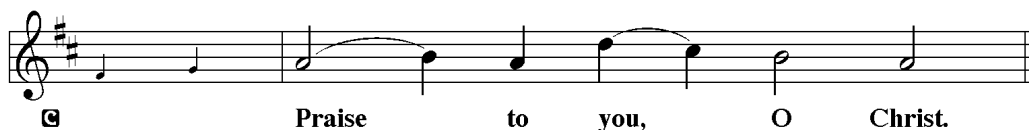


*Jesus of Nazareth begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod.
He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

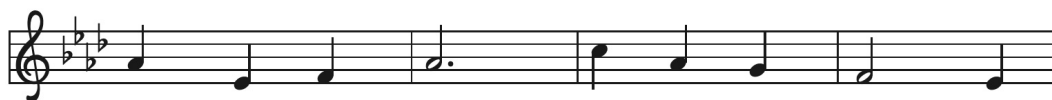


Sermon

Pastor Roberts

Hymn of the Day

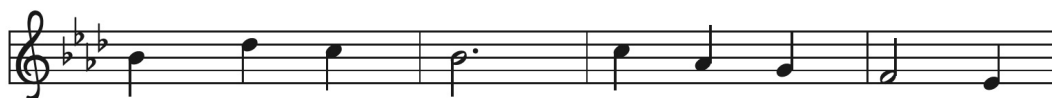
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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Apostles' Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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. Amen

The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: O God, make your Church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and care for the earth sustainably. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

- A: In Jesus the Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Empower leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- A: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- A: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all faith communities in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- A: We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both known and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

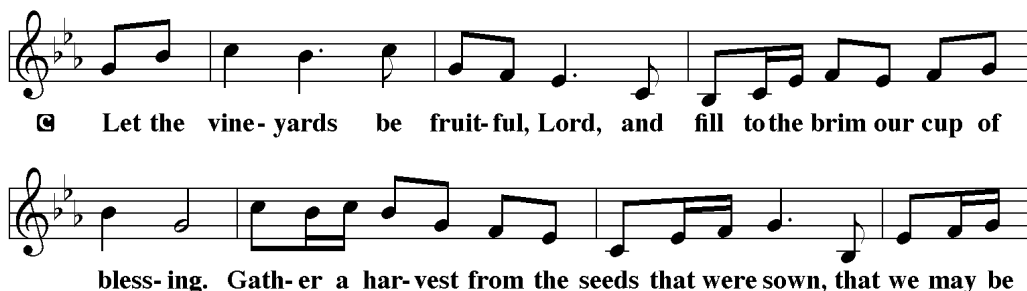
Carson Cooman
(b. 1982)

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my tired soul in thee;
 I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller, be.*

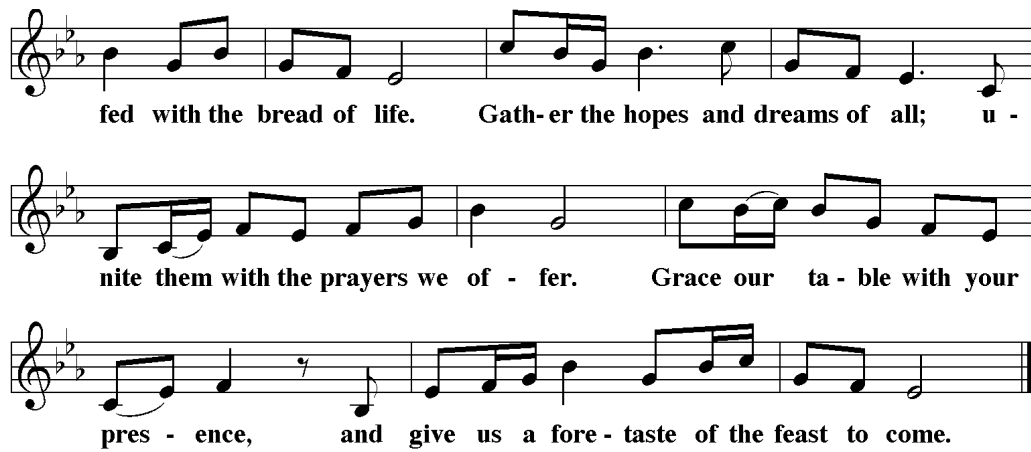
*O Light that follows me all my way, I give my flickering torch to thee;
 my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer, be.*

*O joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
 I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be!*
 (George Matheson, 1842-1906, alt.)

Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

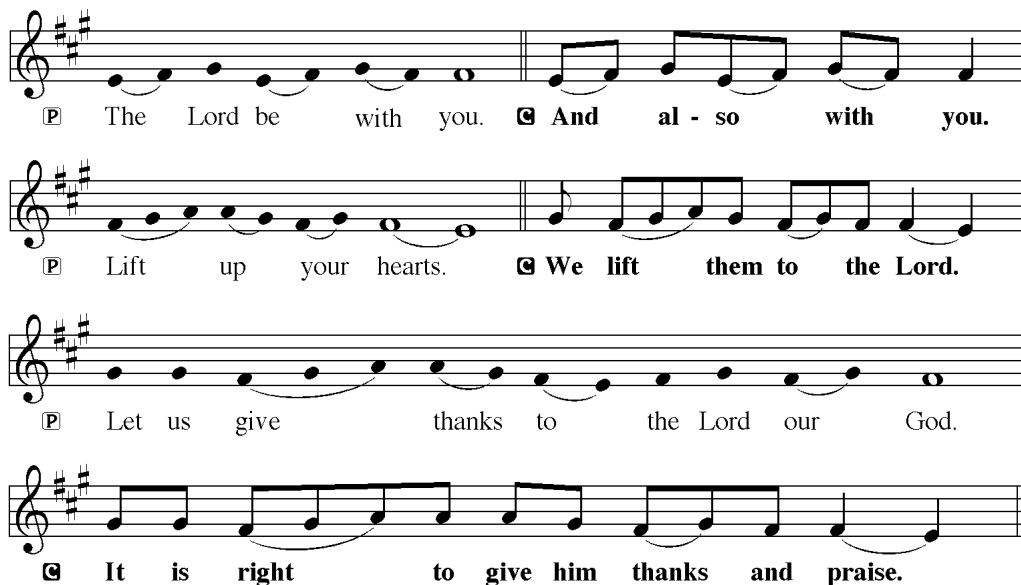


Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

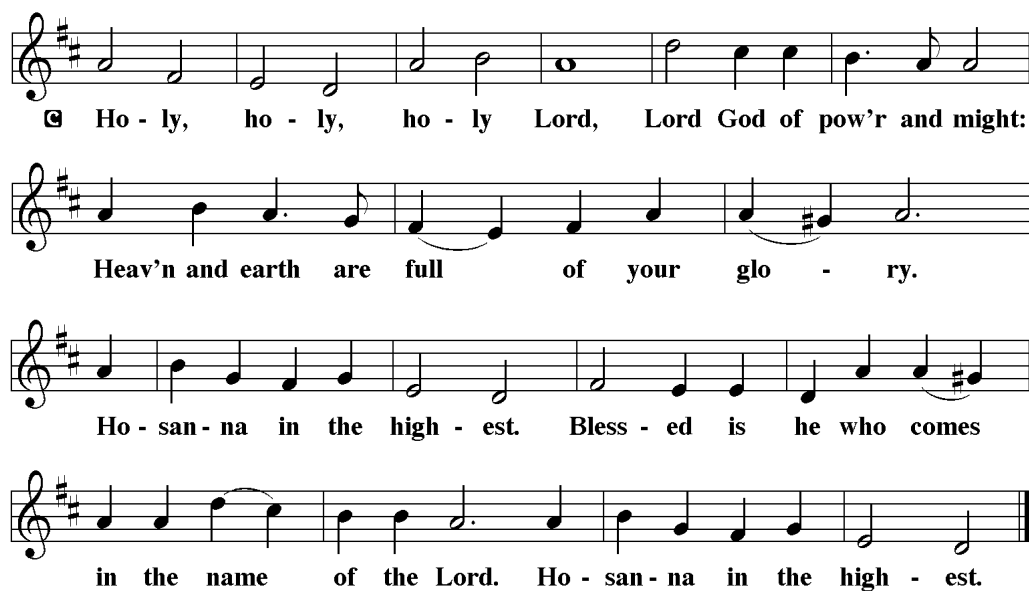
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



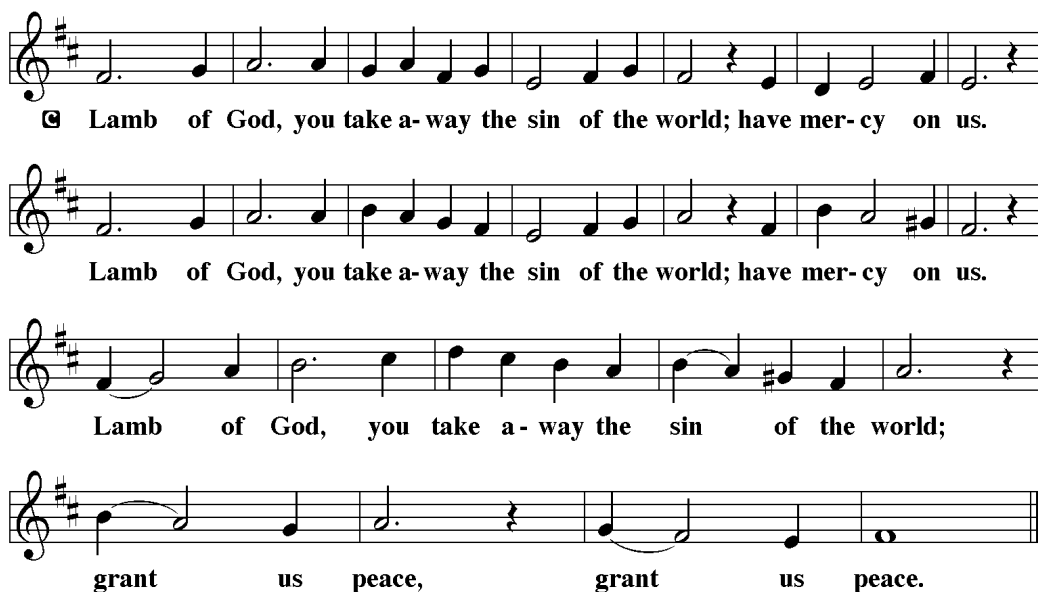
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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**

Communion with our Risen Lord



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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
 you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
 in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with you in low-ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa-tience; share with me a clos-er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin-ing ray far down the



paths of ser-vice true; tell me your se-cret;
 win-ning word of love; teach me the way-ward
 dear-er com-pa-ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu-ture's broad-'ning way, in peace that on-ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas-ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

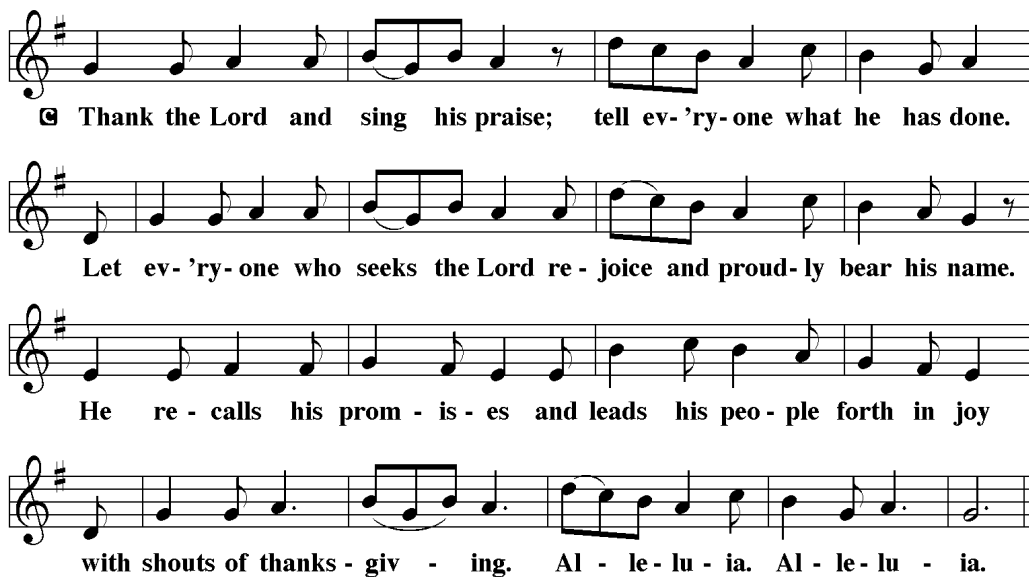
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

Post -Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

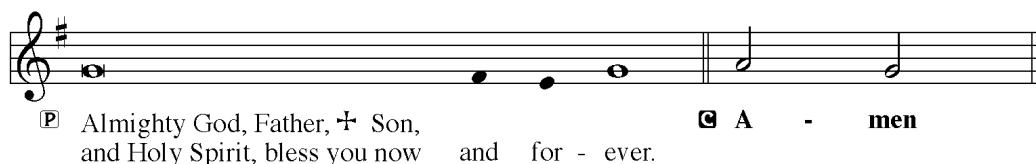
Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Benediction



☞ Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for - ever. ☞ **A - men**

Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Postludium festivo

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Ida Proco's seventieth birthday by her family in Pennsylvania.

The candles are given to the glory of God in celebration of Zach Hesson's birthday by Faye Hesson.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, January 22	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity Youth
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	11:30 a.m.	Soup Luncheon
	2:00 p.m.	Jewish-Christian Text Study
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday, January 23	9:15 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:50 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (via Zoom) - <i>The Extraordinary Women Who Shaped Our Faith</i>
Tuesday, January 24	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study - <i>The Gospel According to Matthew</i>
	5:40 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Lynchburg Chapter - American Guild of Organists
Wednesday, January 25	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Children's Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 26	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
	11:00 a.m.	Discussion Group - <i>The Challenge of Jesus</i>
Friday, January 27	9:15 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:50 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	11:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group - <i>The Meaning of Mary Magdalene</i>
Sunday, January 29	8:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday Church School
	10:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	2:00 p.m.	Jewish-Christian Text Study
	5:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Youth
	6:00 p.m.	International Dinner

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