



ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

October 18, 2026

St. Luke is identified by tradition as the author of both Luke and Acts, with both books taking care to place the events of Jesus of Nazareth's life and the early Jesus movement in both their social and religious contexts. The gospel according to Luke includes a number of stories and songs not found in the other gospels, including the song of Zechariah at the birth of John the Baptist ("Blessed be the Lord God of Israel . . ."); the annunciation and Mary's joyful response ("My soul magnifies the Lord . . ."); angels appearing to shepherds in the field at the birth of Jesus ("Gloria in excelsis . . ."); the presentation of Jesus in the temple and Simeon's song ("Lord, now let your servant depart in peace . . ."); along with some beloved parables, including the Good Samaritan, and the father with two lost sons (prodigal son). The Acts of the Apostles is a portrait of how the Christ-following movement began to spread and the Church was founded. There is a strong emphasis on care for the poor and marginalized, and the importance of welcoming all into God's family.

Prelude

By All Your Saints

Robert Lind
(b. 1940)

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be God – Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit – who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven, and our sisters and brothers in this community. (*silence for reflection*)

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have lived only for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: How blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. In the mercy of almighty God, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Hymn

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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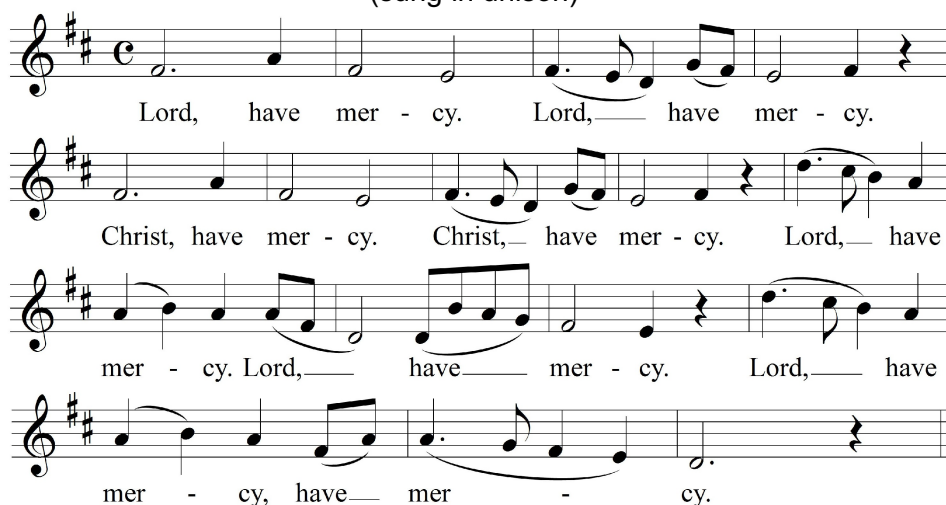
Apostolic Greeting

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

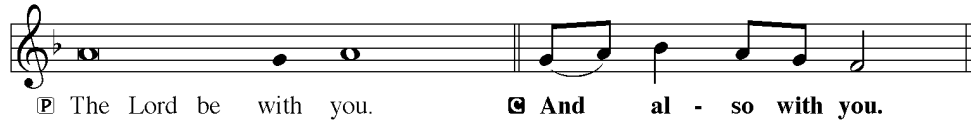
(sung in unison)



Hymn of Praise



Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke to reveal in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your Church the same love and power to heal, and to proclaim your salvation among the nations to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our healer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Isaiah 43:8-13

Set in the framework of a court of law, this poem describes God calling Israel to the witness stand to testify to the fact that God alone is the true God.

⁸Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
who are deaf, yet have ears!

⁹Let all the nations gather together,
and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this,
and foretold to us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
and let them hear and say, "It is true."

¹⁰You are my witnesses, says the LORD,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.

¹¹I, I am the LORD,
and besides me there is no savior.

¹²I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses, says the LORD.

¹³I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

(sung in unison)

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

¹If the Lord had not been | on our side,*
let Isra- | el now say;
²if the Lord had not been | on our side,*
when enemies rose | up against us,
³then would they have swallowed us | up alive *
in their fierce | anger toward us;
⁴then would the waters have | overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone | over us;
⁵then would the | raging waters *
have gone right | over us.
⁶Blessed | be the Lord! *
He has not given us over to be a prey | for their teeth.
⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare | of the fowler;*
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped.
⁸Our help is in the name | of the Lord,*
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

Second Lesson - 2 Timothy 4:5-11

Knowing that death draws near, the epistle writer gives thanks for the grace to finish the race, trusting in the final blessing that awaits him in Christ.

⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel - Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first and twenty-fourth chapters.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

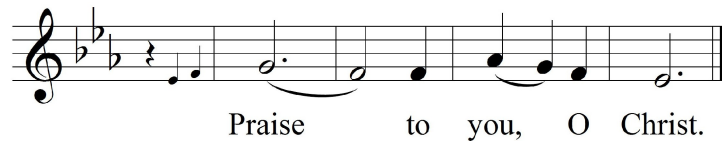
These introductory and concluding verses of the gospel according to Luke provide us with the reason he is writing: so that we might know the truth about Jesus the Christ who, in his suffering, death, and resurrection, fulfilled the ancient promises of God.

Luke writes: ¹Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, ²just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

^{24:44}Before he ascended, Jesus said to the disciples and their companions: “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

By All Your Saints in Warfare *St. Luke, Evangelist*



1 By all your saints in war - fare, for all your saints at rest,
2 For that be - loved phy - si - cian all praise, whose Gos - pel shows
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blest!
the heal - er of the na - tions, the one who shares our woes.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you have won the bat - tle that they might wear the crown;
Your wine and oil, O Sav - ior, up - on our spir - its pour,
till all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and now they shine in glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
and with true balm of Gil - ead a - noint us ev - er - more.
as - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

The 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: Loving God, we pray for the Church. Make us diligent students of your word and teach us to follow your way. Raise up faithful messengers of your Good News and inspire us to share that message. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: For the creation. For forests and mountains, rivers and streams. For our efforts to assist those affected by flooding or drought, and for communities struggling to recover from damaging storms. Fill all creation with your goodness and renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: For those who govern the nations and those who serve as leaders in our local community. For diplomats and ambassadors, lawmakers and judges. Grant them wisdom and compassion and lead them to work for the common good. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: For those who are in need. For any who are anxious or live with mental illness. For those who are hospitalized or in hospice care, and all who are sick. Heal their wounds and make them whole. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: For this congregation. For teachers and storytellers. For medical professionals. For those who care for aging relatives or children with special needs. Guide our ministries of outreach, spiritual care, and advocacy. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- A: With thanksgiving, we remember Luke the Evangelist and all who have gone before us in the faith. Inspire us by their witness and bring us, together with them, into your eternal presence. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.**
- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: 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

Cantate Domino

Guiseppe Pitoni
(1657-1743)

*Cantate Domino canticum novum:
Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum.
Et filiae Sion, exultent in rege suo.*

*Sing to the Lord a new song:
Praise Him in the company of His saints.
Let Israel rejoice in Him who made it.
Let the daughters of Zion exult in their King.*

(Psalm 149:1-2)

Offertory

Unison

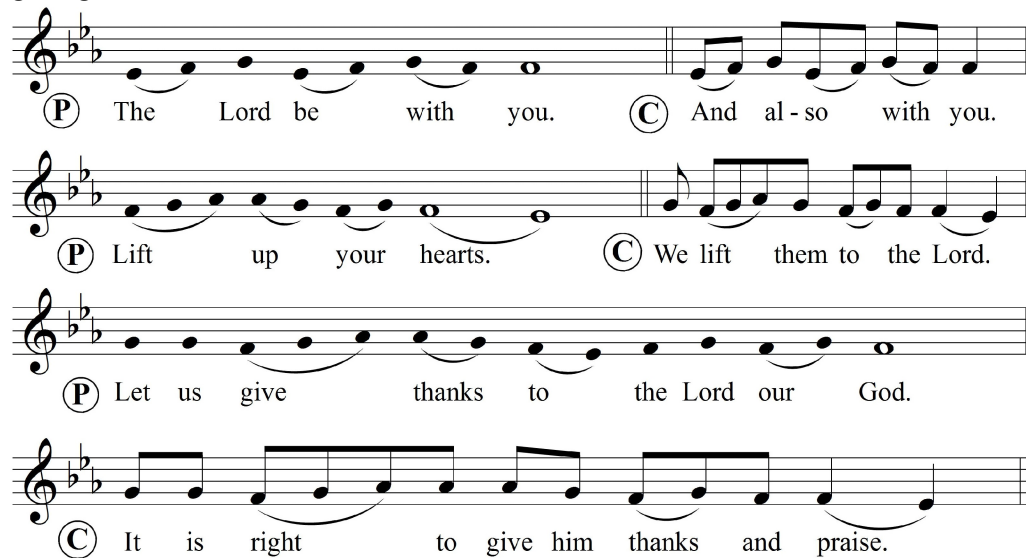
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re -
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence: and take not your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to
me the joy of your sal - va - tion:
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. God our provider,

C: **you have not fed us with bread alone but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bounty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving



Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains two phrases: (P) The Lord be with you. and (C) And al-so with you. The second staff contains: (P) Lift up your hearts. and (C) We lift them to the Lord. The third staff contains: (P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. The fourth staff contains: (C) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

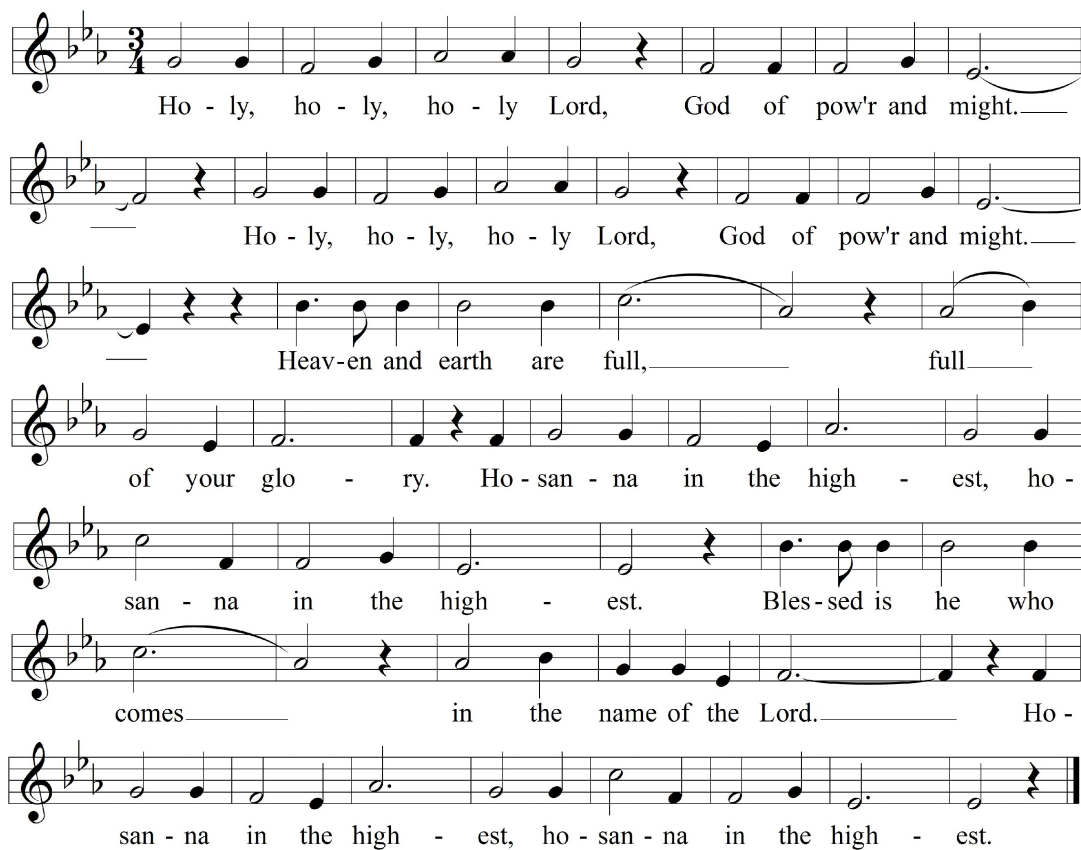
(P) The Lord be with you. (C) And al-so with you.

(P) Lift up your hearts. (C) We lift them to the Lord.

(P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(C) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface and Sanctus



Seven staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is for the Preface: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. The second staff is for the Sanctus: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might. The third staff is for the Benedictus: Heav-en and earth are full, full. The fourth staff is for the Benedictus: of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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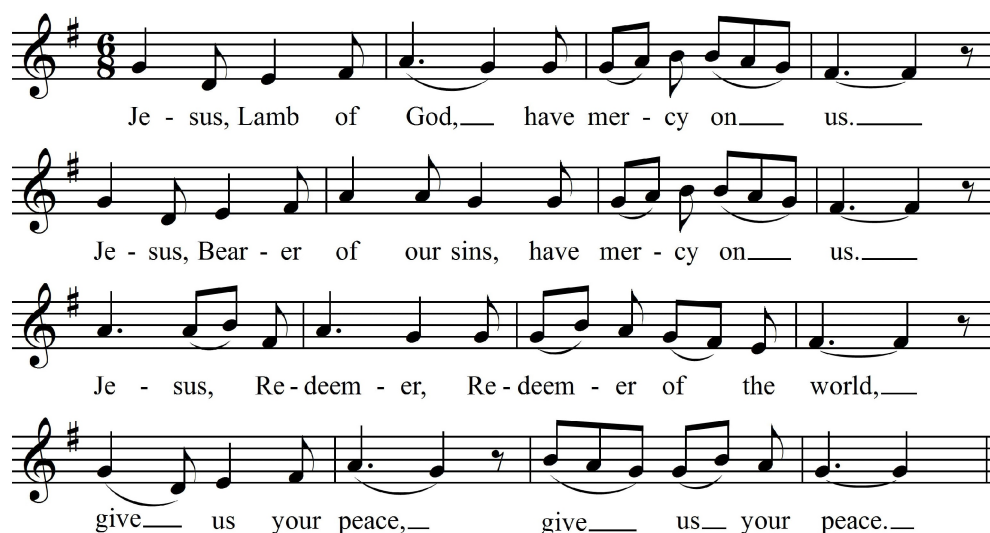
Eucharistic Prayer

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

Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Hymns

God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fearsand bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-cel'd sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
5 To God all glor - y, praise, and love be now and ev - er giv'n



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a - vails for me.
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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 Hymn



Come with us, O bless-ed Je-sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav-ing now thine al-tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho-rus nev - er cease the heav'n-ly strain;



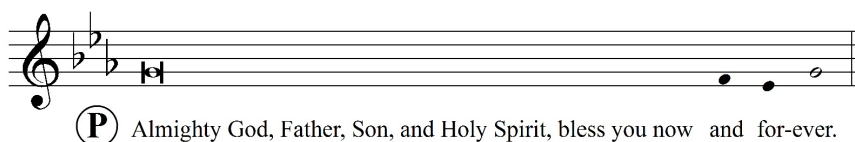
but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: **O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

Benediction



Hymn

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



Refrain
With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Carillon

Louis Vierne

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, October 18	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
	5:00 p.m.	Thomas Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Youth Group (grades nine - twelve)
	6:00 p.m.	Third Sunday Program - <i>Michelle Seddon</i> - "Bound by Class"
Monday, October 19	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	7:00 p.m.	Connecting with God - <i>Know God - Know Self</i> (via Zoom)
Tuesday, October 20	5:40 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 21	12:10 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 22	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
Friday, October 23	9:00 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class
	9:30 a.m.	Chair Yoga Class
	11:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group - <i>Separation of Church and Hate</i>
Sunday, October 25 <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m.	Gifts Festival Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Festival Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube
	3:30 p.m.	Junior & Senior Youth Groups (grades six to twelve)
	4:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (birth to grade five)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Betsy Farrar
in memory of her father, James Berlin, for his birthday.

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