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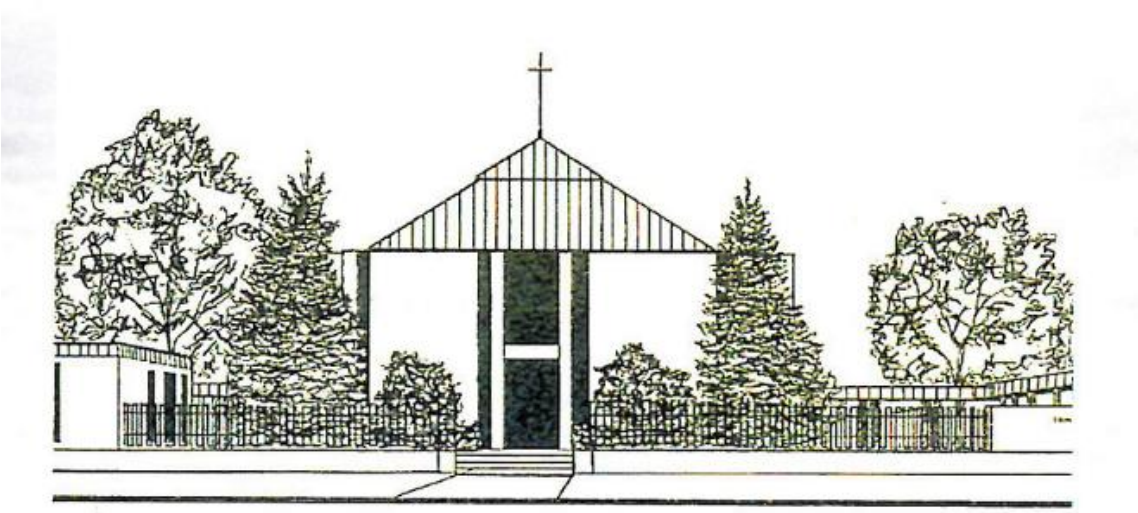


Invite. Include. Inspire.

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 8, 2026

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. We are very happy you are here and hope you will join us for coffee hour following the service. Please know that children of all ages are always welcome in church. Most of what you will need is contained in this bulletin. Hymns will be found in the red hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask someone nearby.

It is our tradition to observe quiet time during the playing of the Prelude. We invite you to use this time to prepare for worship, enjoying the music and respecting our musicians by ending any conversations.

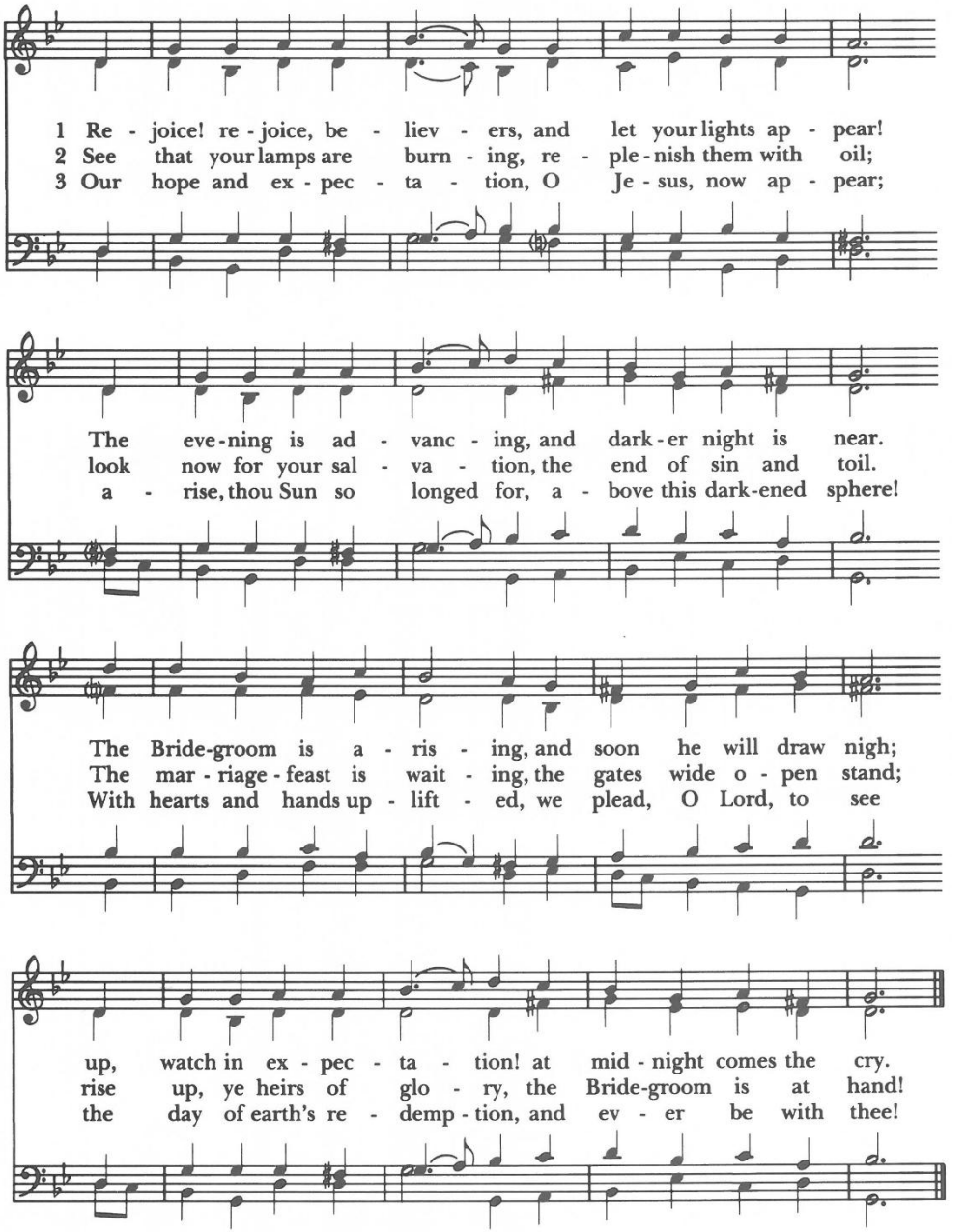
Let us prepare to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

The Word of God

Prelude: "Chorale Prelude on `Gardiner`" arr. By Paul Karvonen

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn: Rejoice! Rejoice, believers H 68



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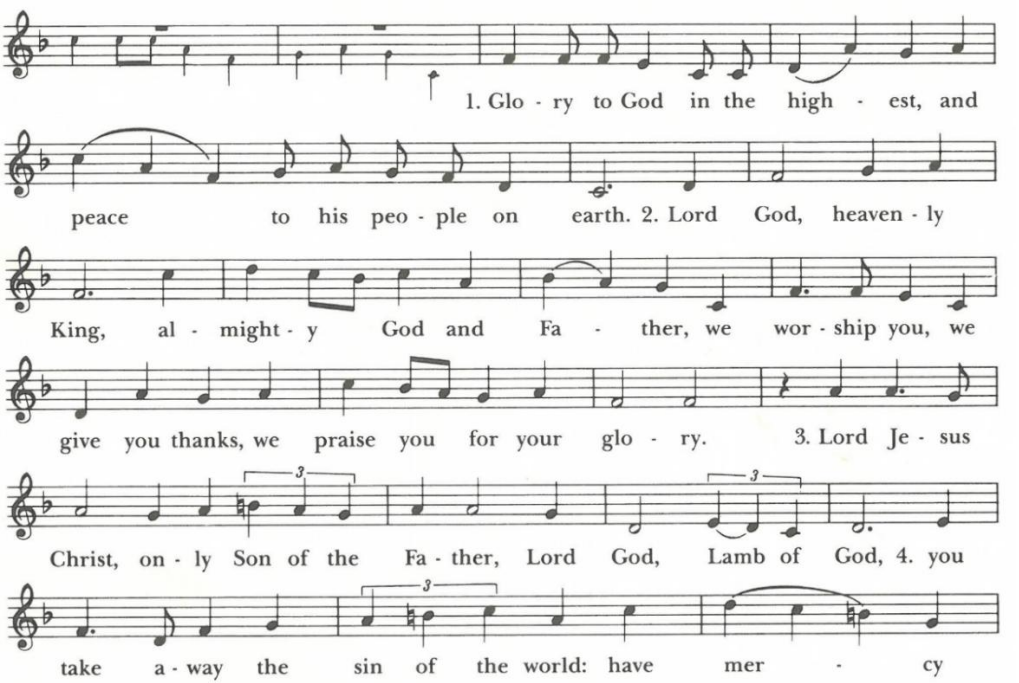
Music: *Llangloffan,* melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru,* 1865 76. 76 D

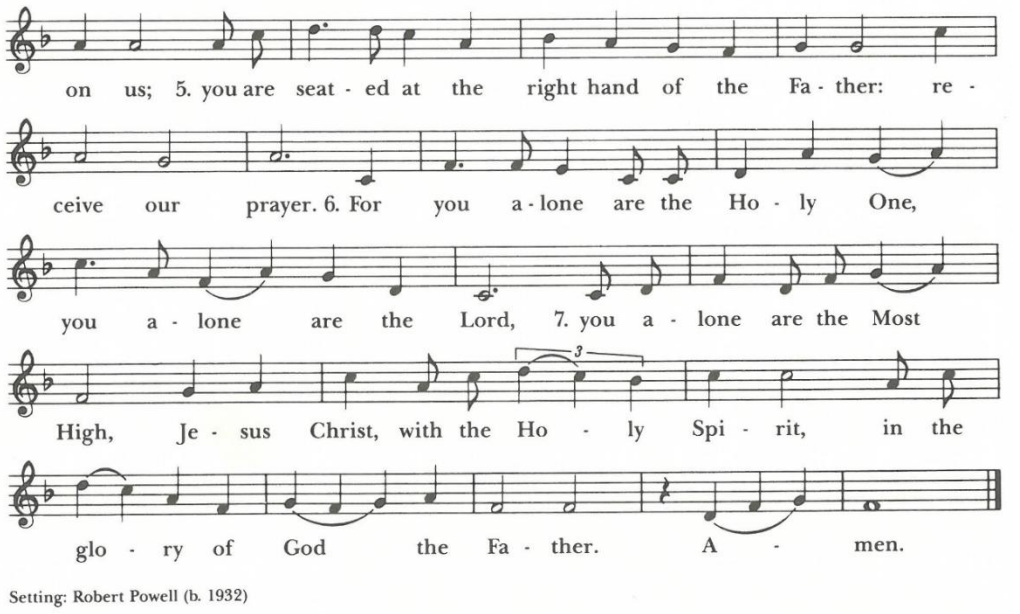
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Glory to God **S 280**





The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings

The First Lesson: **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

A Reading from Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 78:1-7**

Lector: Please join me in reading a portion of Psalm 78. We will read it responsively, by whole verse.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

The Second Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

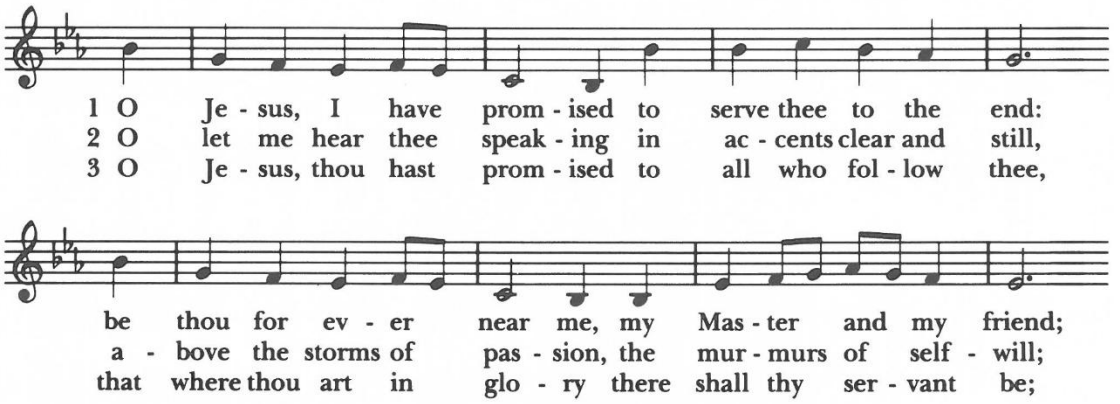
Lector: A Reading from Thessalonians

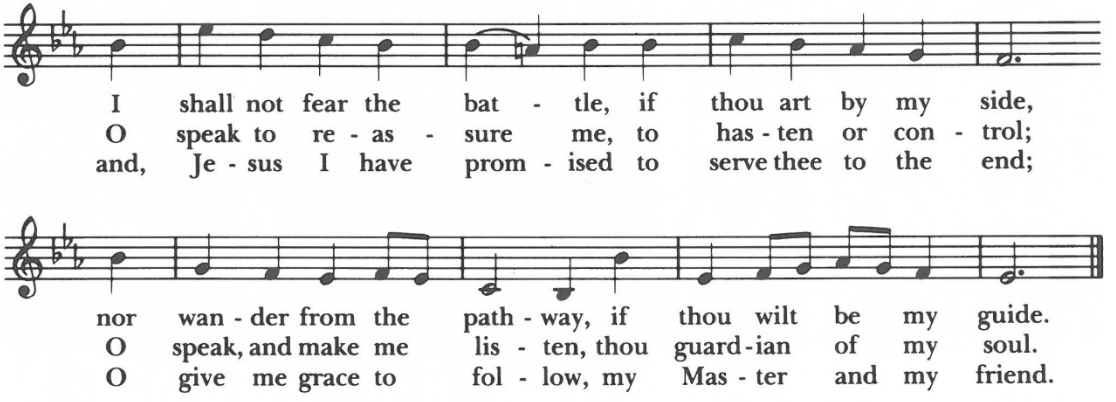
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised H 655





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Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948) 76. 76. D

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Children's Homily The Rev. Lou Hays

The Sermon The Rev. Lou Hays

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant ***and People:***

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Kristen our Bishop; for Lou our priest; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially **Becky, Jo, Leanne, Pamela, Oliver, Collin, Brooke** and for any others we might now name, either silently or aloud.
(Pause)

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died, especially our loved ones who have gone before us, and for any others that we might now name, either silently or aloud.
(Pause)

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, for our family, friends and loved ones, and for any other thanksgivings we might now name, either silently or aloud.
(Pause)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Barnabas, Montgomery and the 152nd Diocesan Convention.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Province of the Anglican Church of Congo.

Please join me in the Prayer for the Transition.

Gracious and loving God, we give thanks for this sacred time of transition. Open our hearts and minds to your will for us. Guide the Search Committee, the Interim Rector, Vestry and all of us as we celebrate our past, focus on the present and

prepare for our future. Give us the strength, courage and patience to sustain us during this season of Trinity Episcopal Church. Amen.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son , and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The priest says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

All stand.

The Celebrant says to the people
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

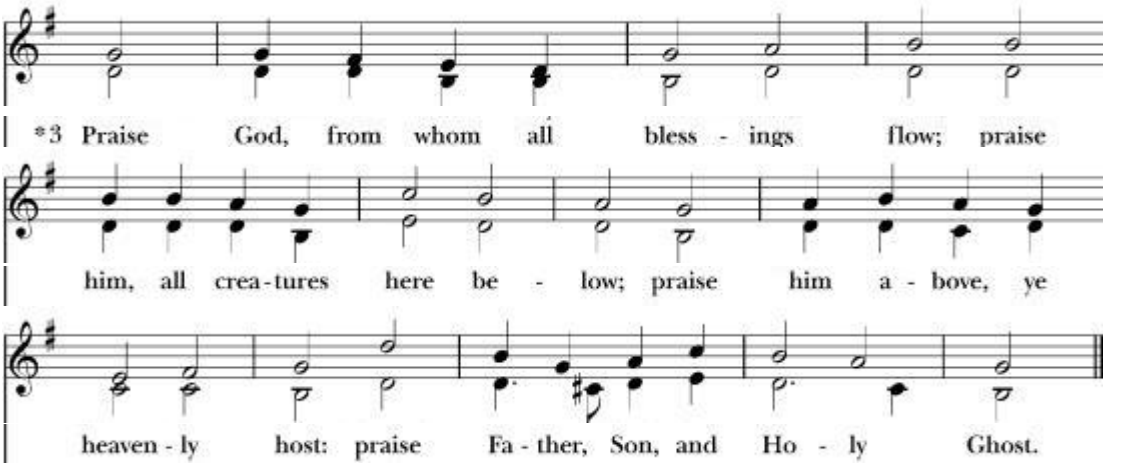
The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Your offering may be given online by using this QR code

Offertory Music:

Presentation Hymn: Doxology H 380 v3



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

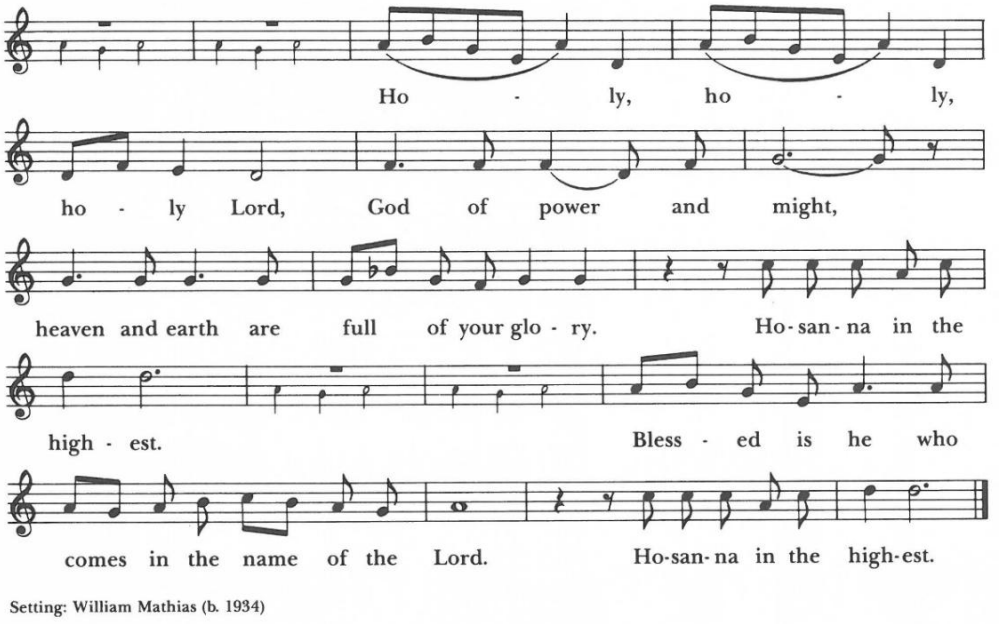
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and **People***

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord S 128



The people remain standing and the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and **People: Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and ***People:***

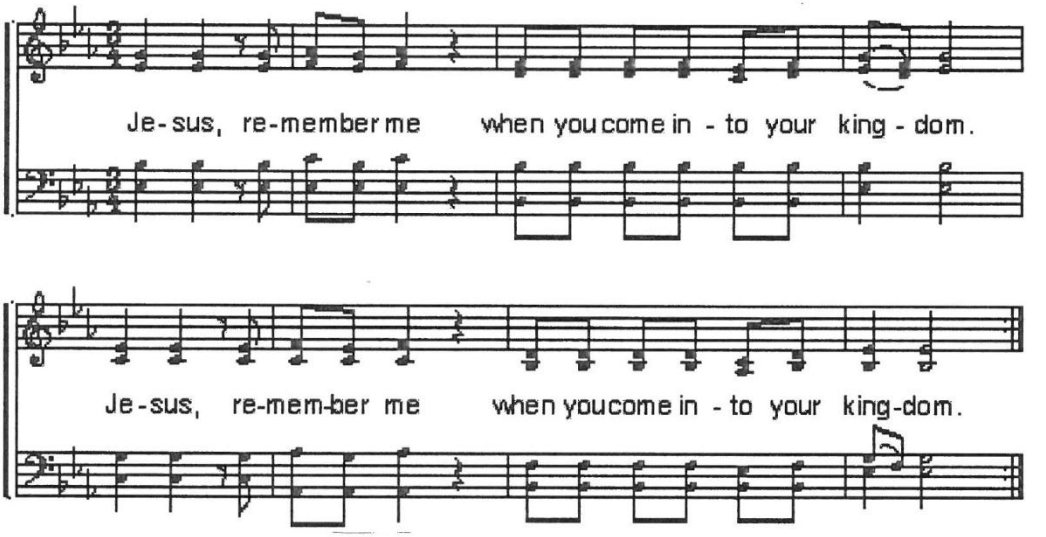
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward to the altar rail when indicated by an usher. Please tell the priest if you need to receive a gluten-free wafer. After receiving the host (bread), please drink from the cup (which is the preferred and most hygienic way), or you may dip the host into the second cup, carefully avoiding touching the wine with your fingers. If you don't want to receive the wine in either manner, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest as the priest comes to you.

Communion Hymn: Jesus, remember me taize



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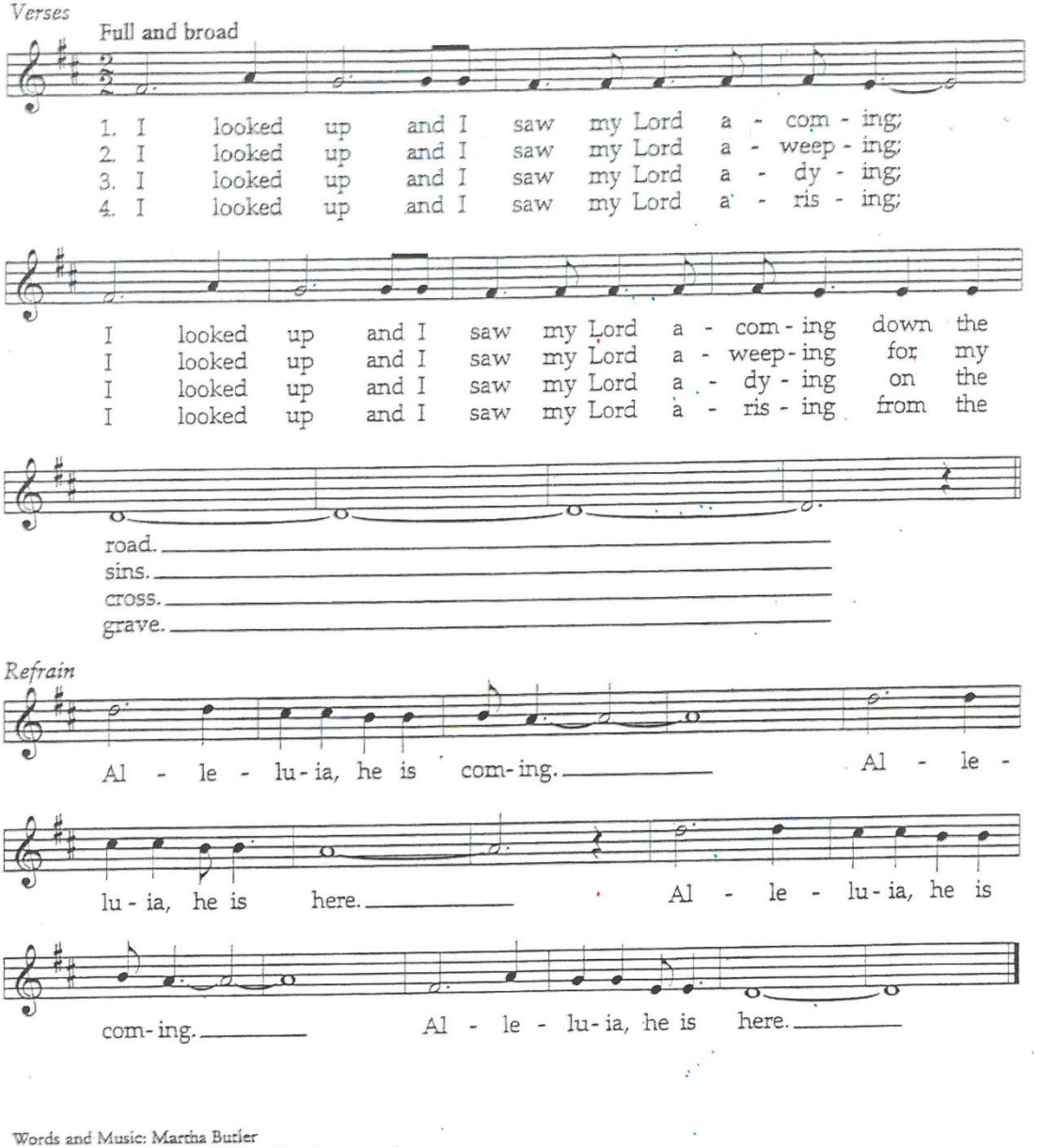
Post Communion Hymn: Alleluia, he is coming, v. 1



Words and Music: Martha Butler

Post Communion Prayer

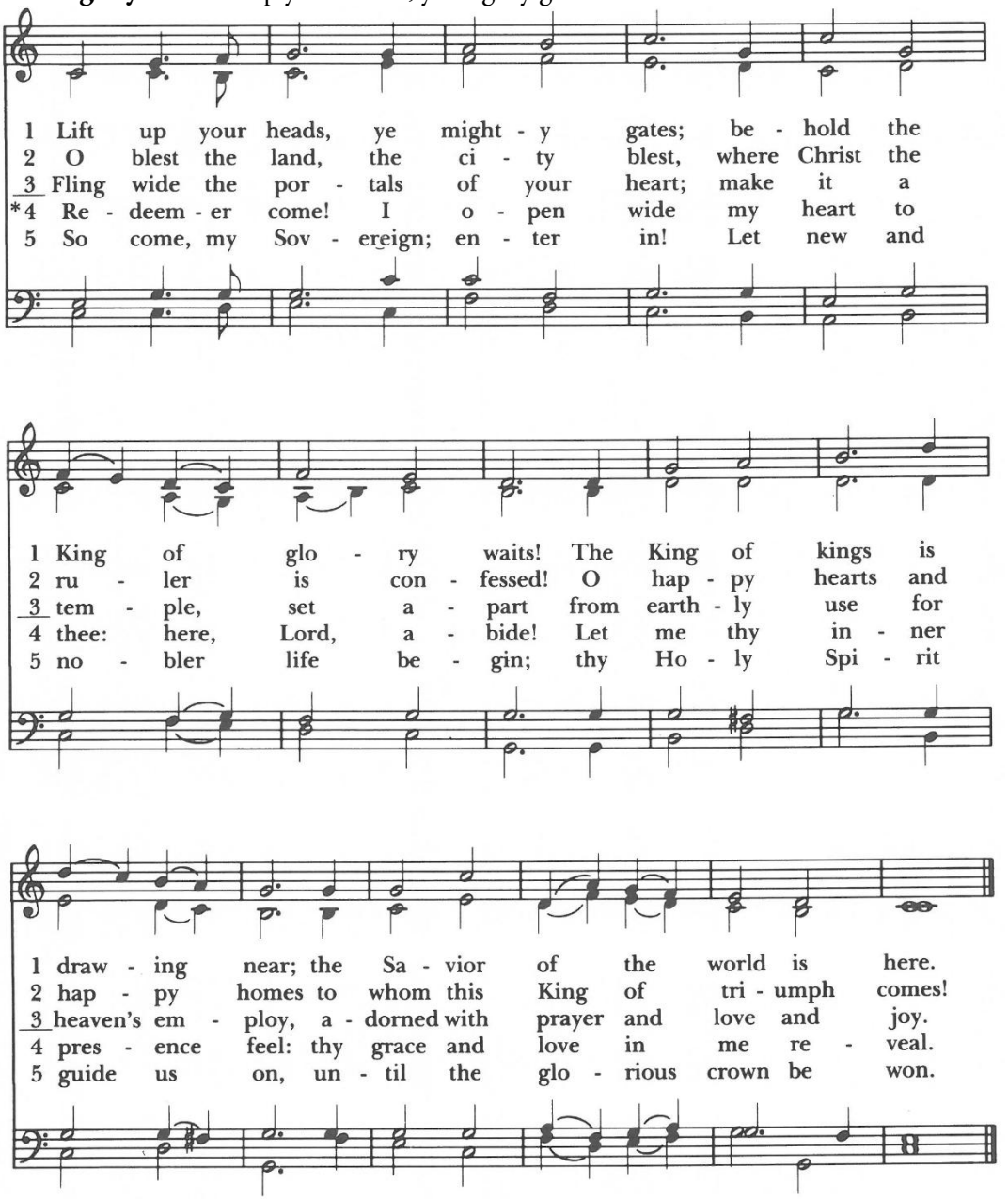
Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing



Closing Hymn: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates vv.1-3 & 5 H 436



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Music: *Truro,* melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II,* 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt. LM

The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: "Break thou the bread of life" arr. by William Sherman

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for a time of coffee and fellowship.

Those Serving Today:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Lou Hays
Organist:	Joel Hootman
Acolytes:	Caleb Middendorf
Lectors:	Joan Swank and Bill Ryan
Usher:	Pat Marchal
Camera:	Carole Cobb
Altar Guild:	Jenny Anticoli, Pat Marchal and Carole Van Osdol
Children's Homily	The Rev. Lou Hays

Upcoming things to know at Trinity:

Mondays	Nov.	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	Nov. 11	6:15pm	Search Committee meeting

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Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants **Dave & Carole Cobb, Sherry Conard, Becky Daffner** and **Phyllis Donahoe** Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on all your servants **Andrew Allen, Bill Ryan and Luke Anticoli** as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially **Aaron Griggs, Seth Glenn, and Eean Glenn (grandchildren of Diana Bodenmiller)**. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Healing

Merciful God, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for **Becky Daffner, Jo Stull, Leanne Jones, Pamela Tompkins, Oliver Bookner, Collin Claywell, Brooke Harris** and all those on our prayer list. We pray that your healing light be with them. Arise, shine; for your light has come.

Anyone who would like to participate in Sunday services as either a Lector or Lay Eucharistic Minister…

please speak with Rev. Lou! ***Training and preparation will be provided!***

An Update from Jenny Anticoli on behalf of the Search Committee…

Your Search Committee has begun its work, and we wanted to share an update on the steps we have taken so far as we seek God's guidance in calling our next priest. Our committee held its first meeting on September 13, followed by a meeting with Diocese representatives Rev. Melanie Slane and Rev. Derrick Fetz on September 17. We are pleased to share that Rev. Fetz has taken on the role of our Diocese Transition Minister, and we look forward to working with him throughout the search process.

We have established a bi-weekly meeting rhythm and will continue meeting regularly as we move through this process. Initially our efforts were organizational. We have been collecting information, assigning responsibilities, and outlining the tasks required to develop a new Parish Profile for Trinity Troy. Now we are drafting the various sections of our new Parish Profile and working through the Narrative Questions that form an essential part of preparing the job posting for our next Rector.

We will continue to gather information and request input in the coming weeks, and we appreciate your participation as this work continues. While this work takes time, we are approaching it diligently and prayerfully, staying focused and on task together.

We ask for your continued prayers during this season of transition. We are grateful and blessed to serve our church in this way. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Search Committee if you have questions. We remain committed to clear and open communication with our Trinity Troy family.

How to contact or meet with the Interim Rector...

Lou will be serving us on less than a full time basis. Based on our Letter of Agreement with Lou, he will normally be with us on Sunday, one weekday, and other days will be working remotely from home. There are several ways you can arrange to speak or meet with Lou. Of course he welcomes informal interactions Sunday morning or when he is on site during the week. However, if you would like to meet with Lou, it would be best to schedule an appointment by emailing him at LouisBHays@gmail.com. (please note that his email address is not case-sensitive) You may also call the office and leave a message for Lou. **In the event of a true pastoral emergency, such as serious illness, injury or hospitalization, you may call Lou on his cellphone, which is 412-841-1722**

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