Trinity Episcopal Church



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Kirking of the Tartans

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

November 15, 2026

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church

WHAT IS THE KIRKING OF THE TARTANS?

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE IT AT TRINITY?

"Kirking" comes from the Scottish Gaelic word "kirk" which means church. In this context it also means blessing. While legend has it that this is a tradition dating to the 18th Century, it was actually started in the United States in 1941 by The Rev. Dr. Peter Marshal, a Scottish-born pastor at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., as a British war relief fundraiser and a celebration of Scottish-American heritage. Even though the tradition began in the Presbyterian Church, it is celebrated in some Episcopal churches too, perhaps most notably at the Washington National Cathedral. And of course it is also celebrated here at Trinity Troy. Our service will include a Procession of the Tartans with a piper introducing the singing of *Amazing Grace*, followed by a Blessing of the Tartans. This portion of the service takes place immediately prior to the Peace.

So why do we celebrate this at Trinity? For at least two reasons: to honor and celebrate our parishioners of Scottish heritage; and to honor and celebrate the very special relationship between the Episcopal Church and the Scottish Episcopal Church. If it were not for the Scottish Episcopal Church, there might not be an Episcopal Church today. As of the time of the Revolution, there were no American bishops, only bishops of the Church of England residing in England. It would not be possible to have an American ordained and consecrated bishop as that would have required swearing allegiance to the crown, impossible in our new country. So we turned to the "non-juror" Scottish Episcopal Church, which had already broken its ties of state allegiance to the British crown. On November 14, 1784, in Aberdeen, Scottish bishops consecrated Samuel Seabury as the first Bishop of the newly formed Episcopal Church, thus preserving the historic apostolic succession for American Episcopalians. Seabury agreed to use the structure of the service of Holy Eucharist used in the Scottish Episcopal Church instead of the English prayer book, a structure that continues to this day.

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.

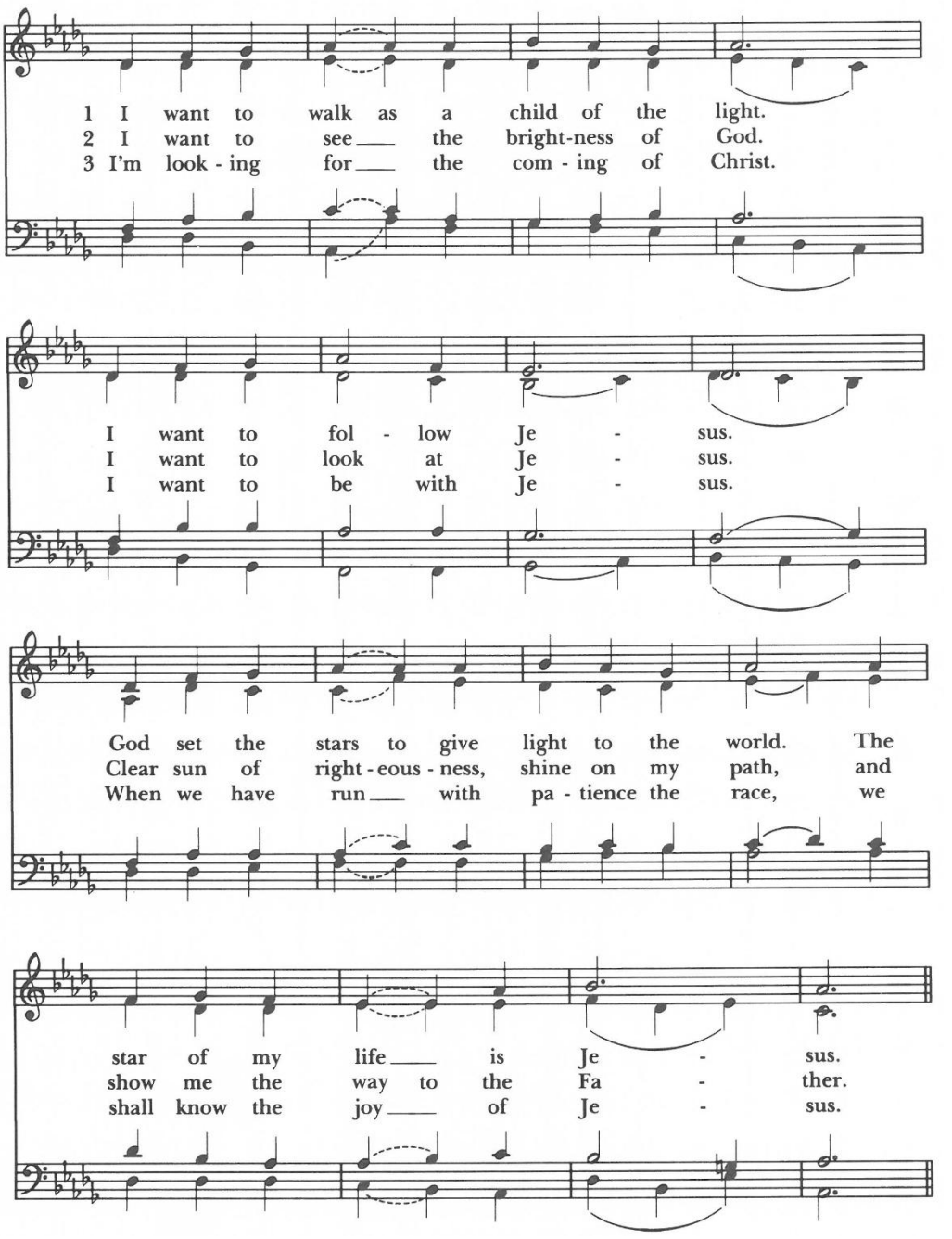
Let us prepare to worship God in the beauty of holiness.

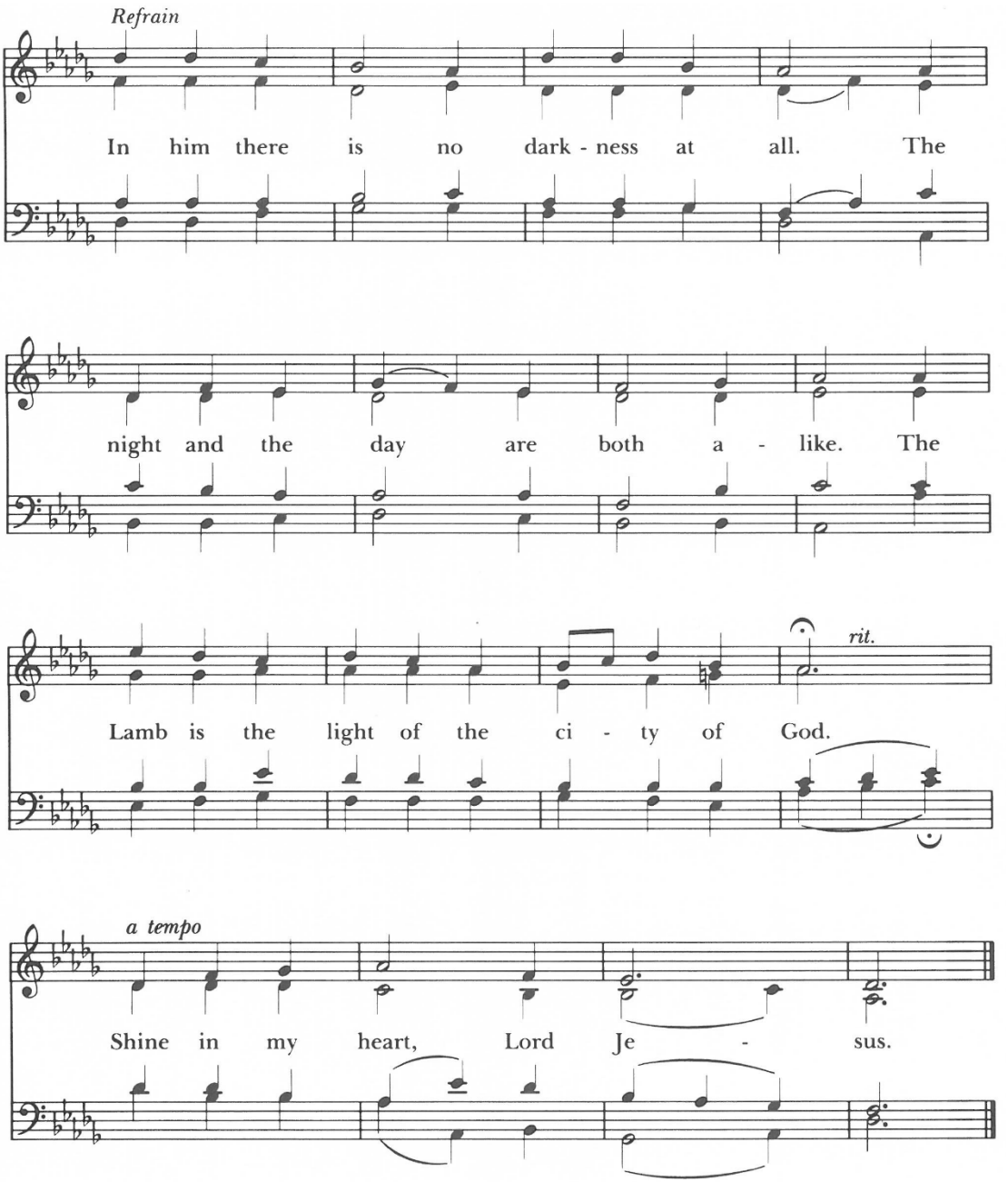
The Word of God

Prelude: Piper: Jeremy Rose

Please stand as you are able

Processional Hymn: I want to walk as a child of the light H 490





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Music: *Houston*, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Irr. with Refrain

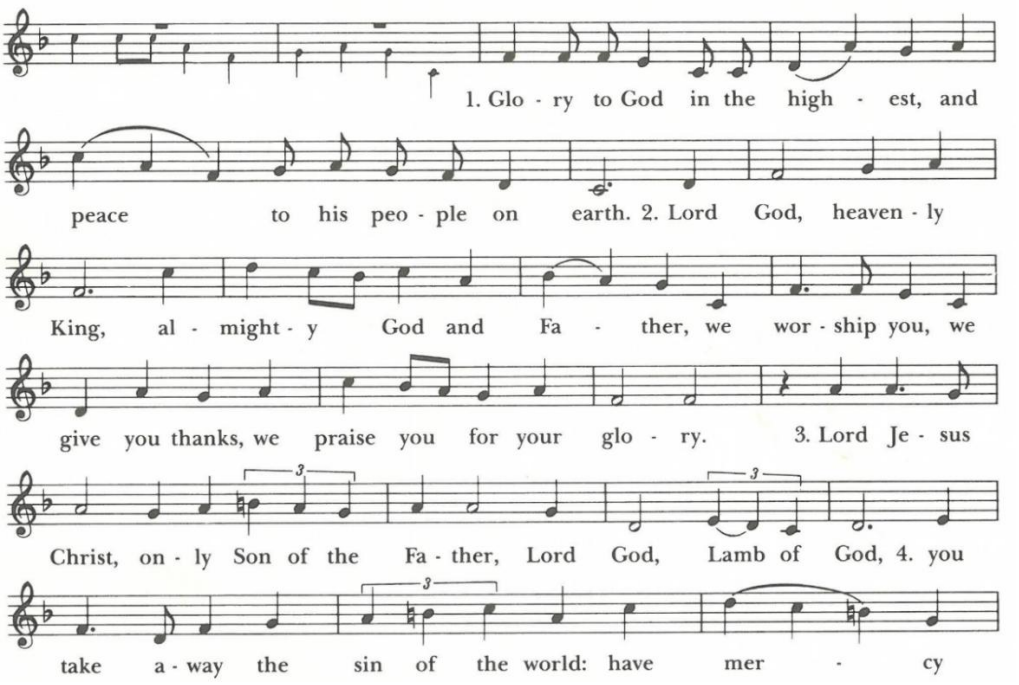
The Opening Acclamation:

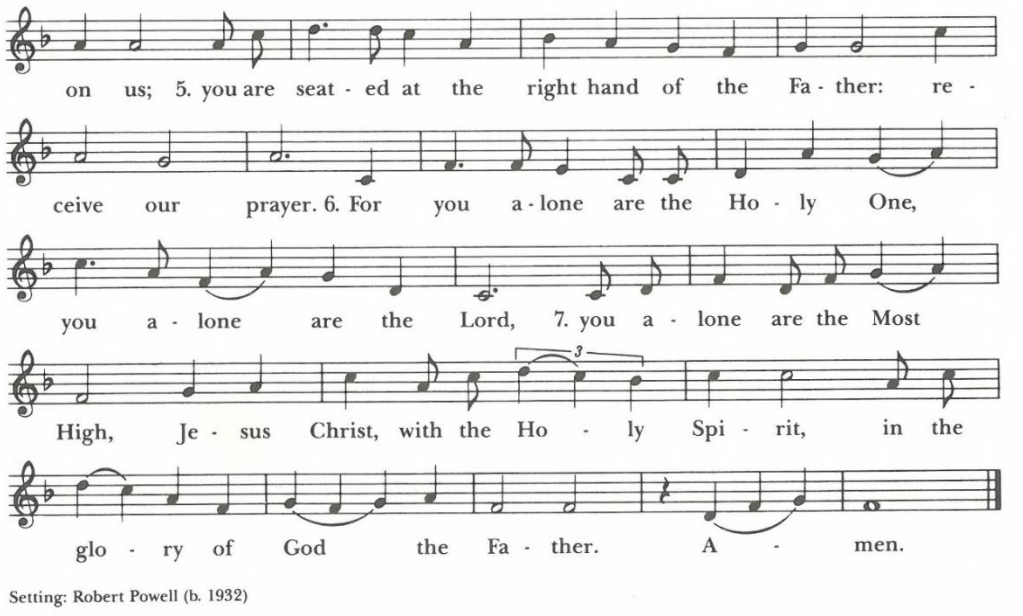
Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity:

Presider: 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who 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: **Judges 4:1-7**

A Reading from Judges.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

The Psalm **Psalm 123**

Lector: Please join me in reading Psalm 123. We will read it together in unison.

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

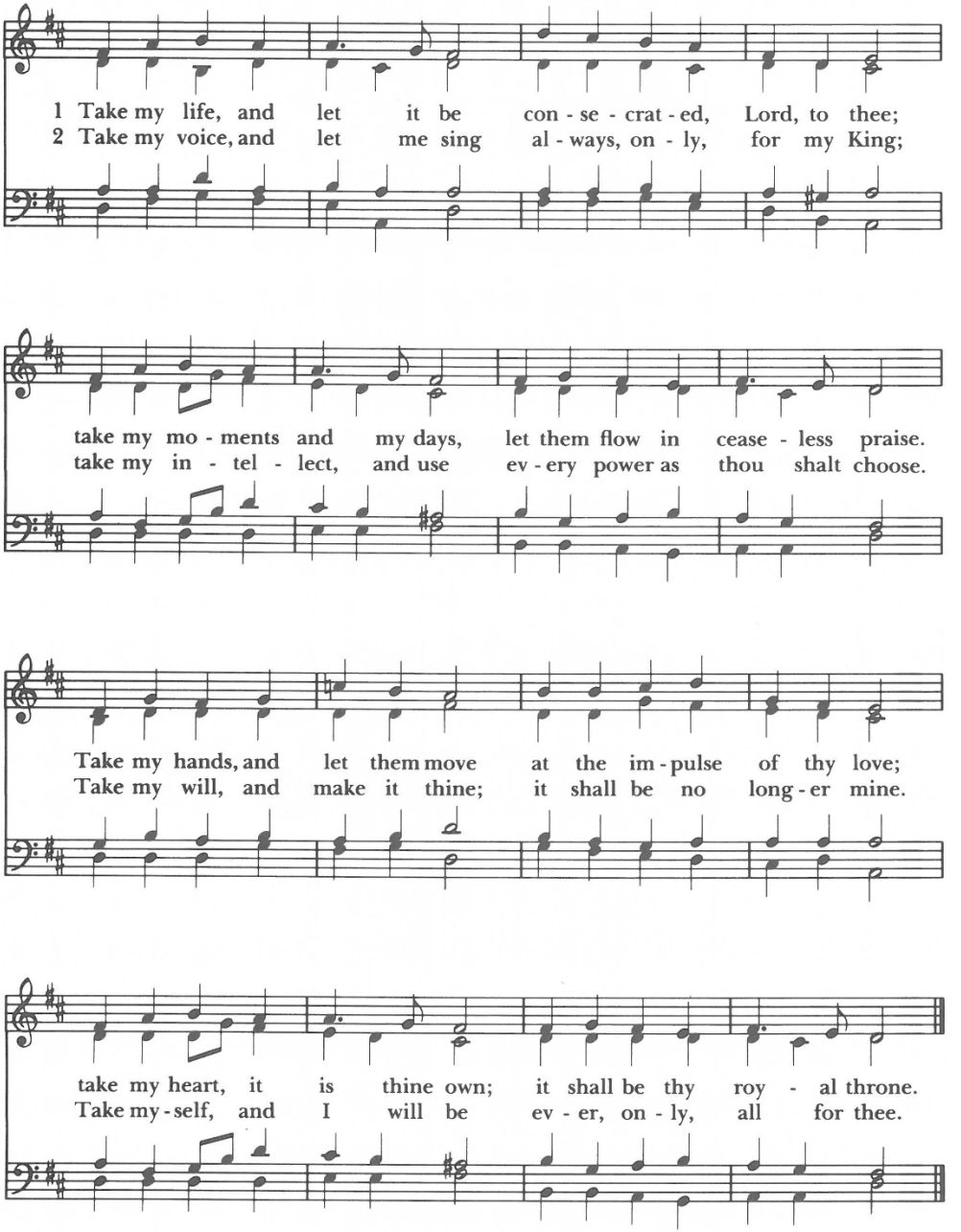
Lector: A Reading from Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn: Take my life and let it be consecrated H 707



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Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) 77. 77. D

The Holy Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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, Danielle, Rob, Connie, Sandy 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 Church of our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador, Cincinnati and St. George's, Dayton.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Chile.

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.

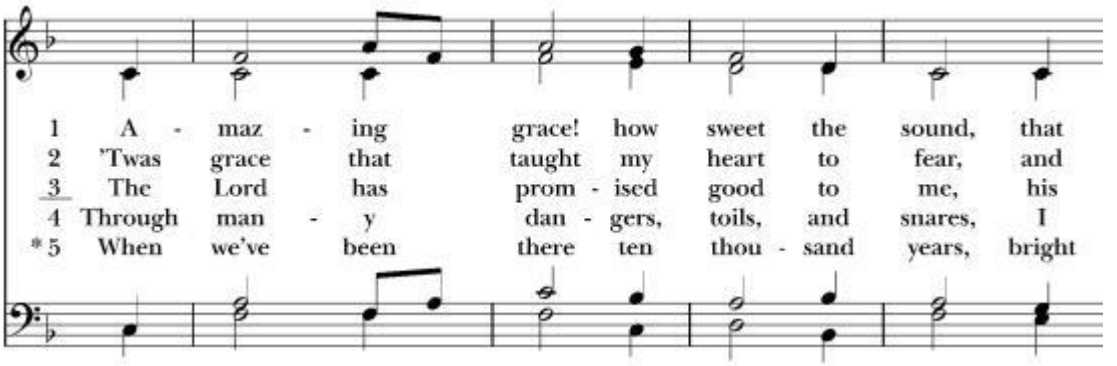
Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son , and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

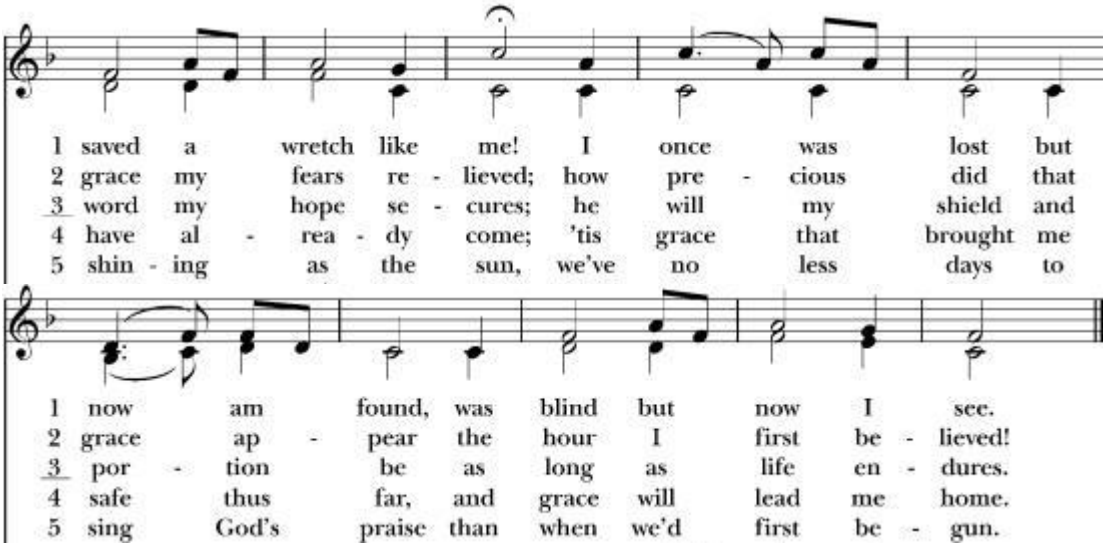
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We 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.

Procession of the Tartans
The piper will play one verse of "Amazing Grace" during the procession. The organist will then play a brief introduction and accompany the congregation in singing vs 1-5 of the hymn.

Hymn: Amazing Grace H671





The Blessing of the Tartans

Tartans gather around the altar before the blessing

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for this celebration of the Kirking of the Tartans. We give thanks for the families and spirit the tartans represent, and for our special relationship with the Scottish Episcopal Church. We thank you for the Kirk, the Church, here at Trinity and throughout the world. Please bless these tartans, bless the Scottish Episcopal Church and our inheritance from them, and bless all of us as we carry out the work of Christ in the world. May we be a bright beacon of love and reconciliation for all. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, **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

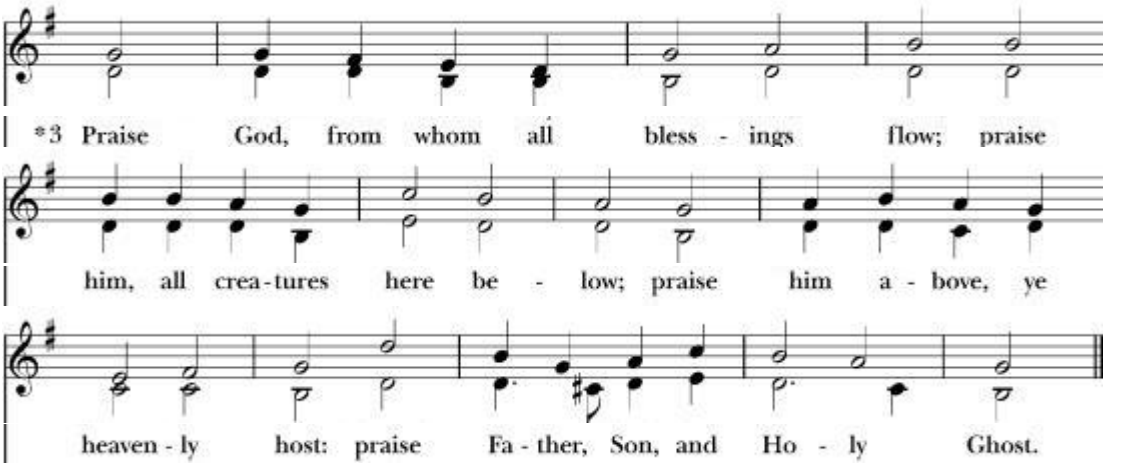
The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Your offering may be given online by using this QR code

Offertory Music: Piper: Jeremy Rose

Presentation Hymn: Doxology H 380 v3



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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

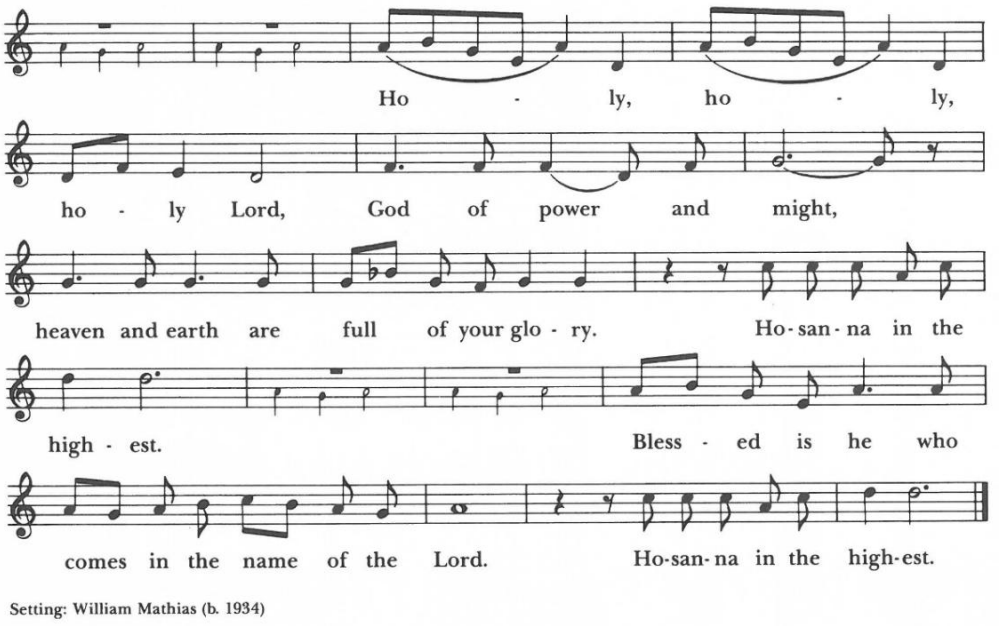
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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:***

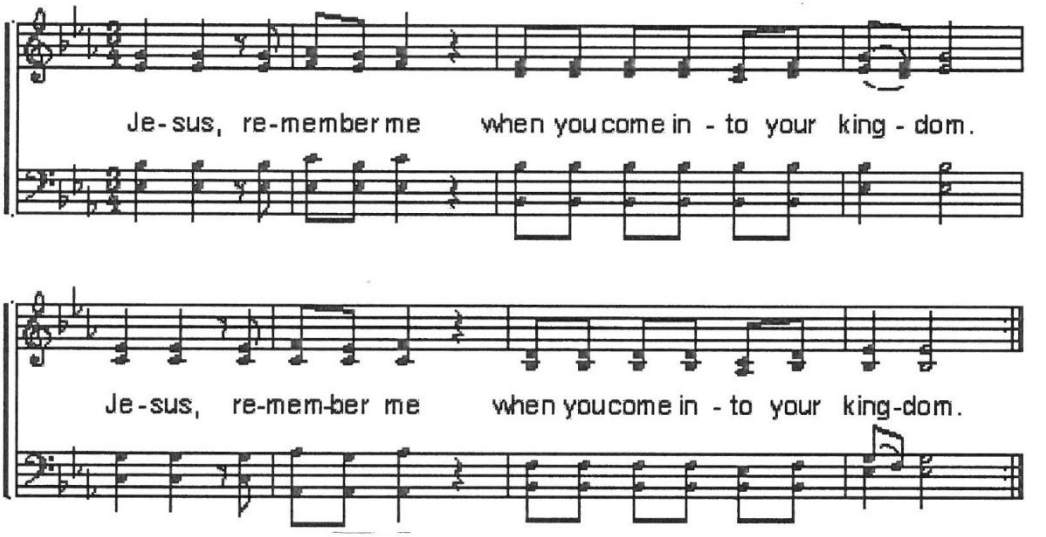
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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: This little light of mine

Verse 1
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Verse 2
Hide it under a bushel NO
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel NO
I'm gonna let it shine (Repeat)
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Verse 3
Don't let Satan blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine
Don't let Satan blow it out
I'm gonna let it shine (Repeat)
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Verse 4
Let it shine till Jesus comes
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine till Jesus comes
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine let it shine let it shine

Repeat Verse 1

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Post Communion Prayer

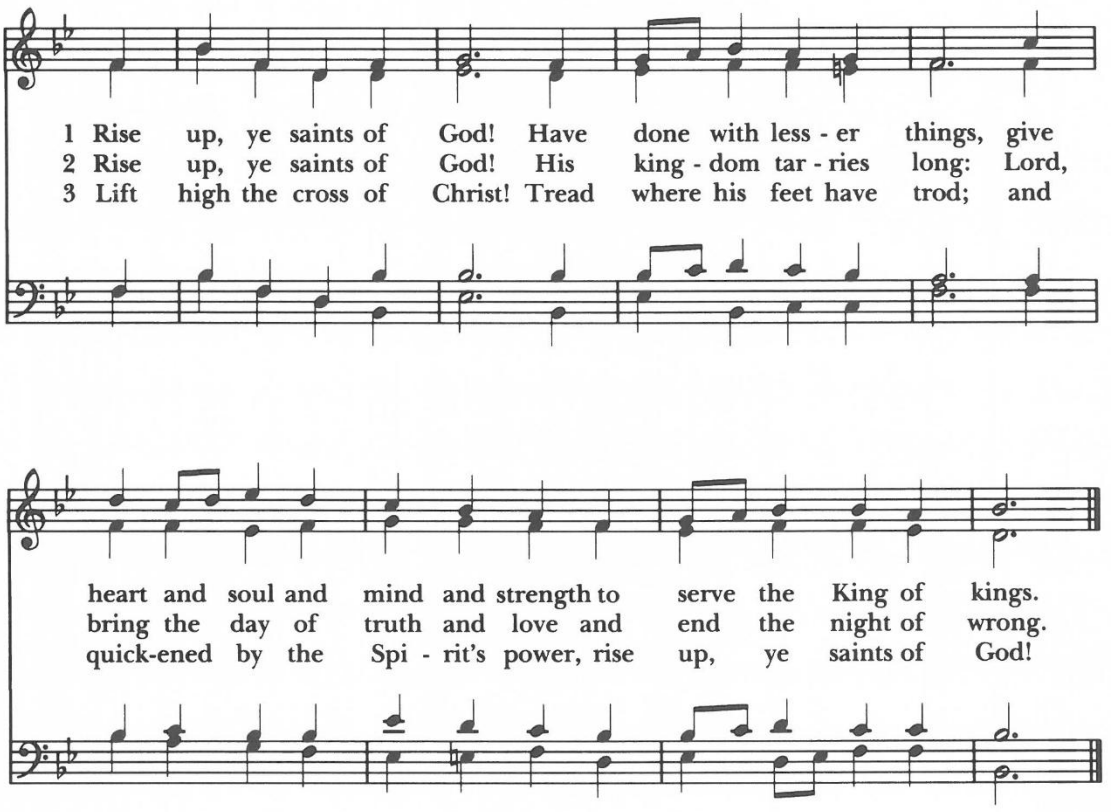
Let us pray.

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: Rise up, ye saints of God! H 551



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Music: *Festal Song*, William H. Walter (1825-1893) SM

The Dismissal:

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

Postlude: "Scotland the Brave" Piper: Jeremy Rose

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

SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR TODAY!!!

Kirking of the Tartans Celebration...

Gaelic Dancing performed by Erin, Charlie and Ryan Gibbemeyer!

Those Serving Today:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Lou Hays
Organist:	Joel Hootman
Bagpipes:	Jeremy Rose
Acolytes:	Caleb Middendorf
Lectors:	Nancy Blair and Evan Jameson
Usher:	Susan Beerbower
Camera:	Jim Beerbower
Altar Guild:	Jenny Anticoli, Pat Marchal and Carole Van Osdol
Children's Homily	The Rev. Lou Hays

Upcoming events at Trinity:

Mondays	Nov.	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	Dec. 2	6:15pm	Search Committee meeting

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!*

Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants **David Duchak, Sandy Ehrlich, Jackie Gay** and **Jacob, Erin, Charlie & Ryan Gibbemeyer.** 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 **celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in November** 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, Danielle Denman, Rob & Connie Gwisdala, Sandy** and all those on our prayer list. We pray that your healing light be with them. Arise, shine; for your light has come.

Gratefully Giving to Bless Our Bright Future Update …

Good news! Over the past week we have received 8 more pledges, bringing us to 28 pledges for a total of $106,348. We are particularly grateful that several of these pledges are from relatively new parishioners. Thanks to everyone who has pledged! We are within striking distance of our goal of $115,000, and with your help, we can achieve it. We hope to receive all pledges prior to Sunday, November 22 when the pledges will be blessed at the altar. If you have misplaced or never received your pledge packet, please pick one up next to the bulletins in the narthex.

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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We're Teaming Up with **PARTNERS IN HOPE** as a Collection Location for the **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOP!**

Donation Items May Include:

New Toys (No Clothes Please!)

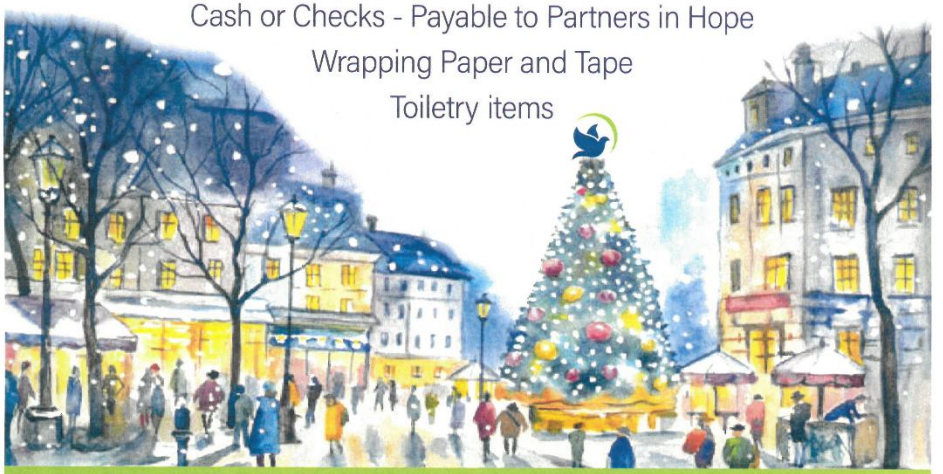
Gift Cards up to $50 (Wal-Mart/Meijer, Kohl's, & Amazon)

Your business's gift cards in $5 denominations as teen stocking stuffers

Cash or Checks - Payable to Partners in Hope

Wrapping Paper and Tape

Toiletry items



DONATIONS ACCEPTED NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 8TH AT THIS LOCATION DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS