THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

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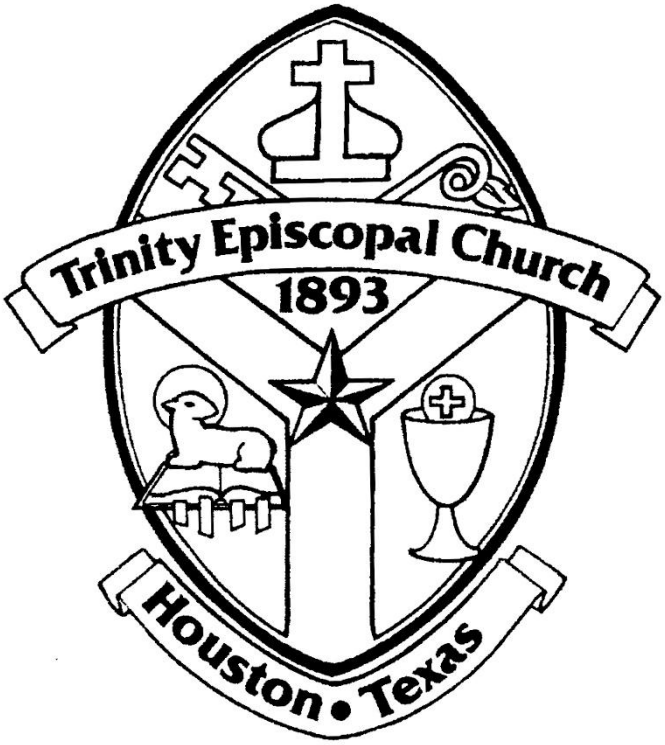


The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector
The Reverend Maria Teresa Bautista-Berrios, Associate Rector
The Reverend Marcia Sadberry, Priest Assisting

Tian Qin, Organist
Paul Mortilla, Choirmaster

Making God's Presence Real
By Sharing Christ's Life-Changing Love

Welcome to Trinity Church

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We're glad you chose to worship with us. We follow the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to guide our worship. In this leaflet, you'll find everything you need to follow along printed.

Whether you've been attending Trinity your whole life or this is your first time here, we invite you to participate in the service as fully as you feel comfortable doing.

If you're looking for a new church home, know that the Trinity family welcomes you. We would also appreciate your filling out a virtual visitors card, which can be accessed at this link:

https://www.trinitymidtown.org/contact-card-page/

For more information, please visit our website:

www.trinitymidtown.org

Facebook Live Stream. Please be advised that this service is live streamed through our Trinity Facebook Page and YouTube channels. By participating in the service, you are consenting to the broadcast of your image and voice and to the broadcast of the image and voice of your children who participate.

Children 3yrs through 3rd grade *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* Meets in room 112 at 9:30 a.m. and the children return to their parents at the passing of the peace.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

- Your children are welcome here at Trinity! First, please relax and enjoy your time here. We know that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed.
- Each Sunday, your child may pick up a pew activity in the back of the church.
- To make things easier for your family, dare to sit closer to the front where your child can see what's going on at the altar. Guide them in the liturgy and be models for them. Help them sing the hymns and encourage them to stand/sit when appropriate, say "Amen" and "Thanks be to God," and generally help them be a part of the service. The liturgy belongs to them too.
- If you have to leave, hurry back! Jesus wants the children here, and we do too. If you need help, just ask. There are many here who are willing to lend you a hand.
- There is a Children's Area in the Historic Church near the Fellowship Hall. It is available to children 2 to 5 years old and their caregiver during the 10:30 service. It features books, puzzles, and other quiet activities.

Vestry

Elisabeth Tsubai, *Senior Warden*
Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

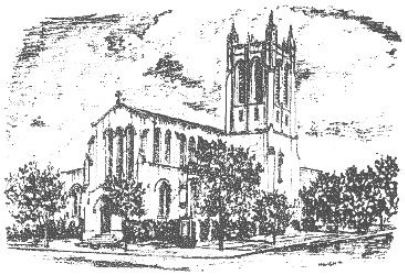
Ben Blanding	Tim Lawson
Shelby Bradley	Andréa Shiloh
Catherine Guthrie	Jeanne Sommerfeld
Tony Huffman	Amanda Talaat
Patrick Humphreys	Ben Tallcott

Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Ben Blanding, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Lector: Ethan Smith
Prayers: Jim Castro
LEMs: Stan Tubbs, Jim Castro
Acolytes: L. Blanding, S. Chambers, L. Chambers, G. Chambers, S. Blanding
Ushers: Ben Blanding, Larry Laubach
Verger: Alex Bruton
Altar Guild: Amanda Talaat, Alex Bruton, Gregg Harrack
Audio Visual: Harry Gonzalez
Vestry Person of the Day: Jeanne Sommerfeld

The High Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in gratitude for all the educators who have dedicated their lives to helping others,
and pray for a wonderful year of learning and growth for all the students!
by Samantha Rainman



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Holy Eucharist Rite II

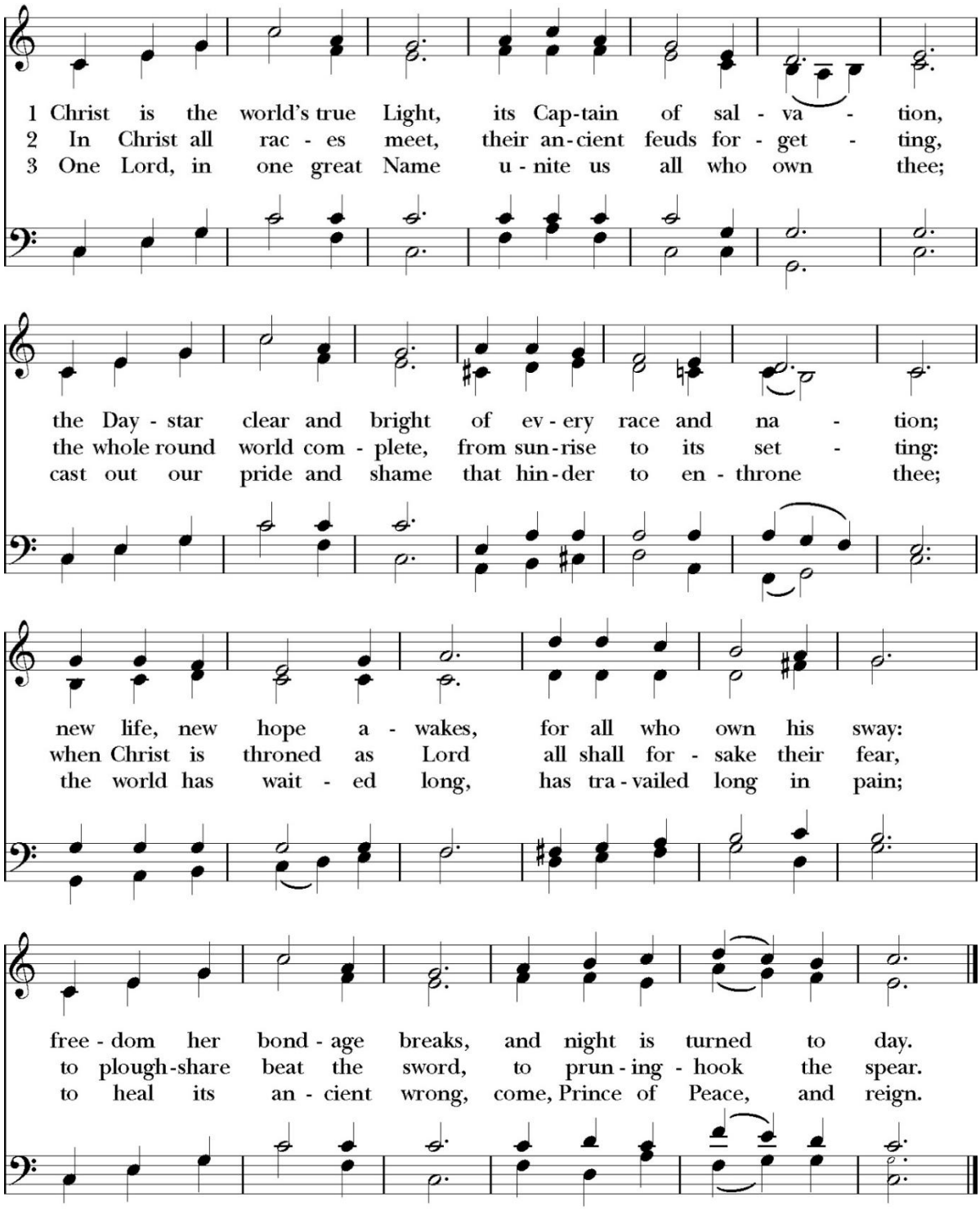
10:30 a.m. Historic Church

Please enter in a spirit of prayerful contemplation.

PRELUDE *Improvisation on Melcome* Paul Mortilla

Please stand as able.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 542 *Christ is the world's true Light* St. Joan



The Liturgy of the Word

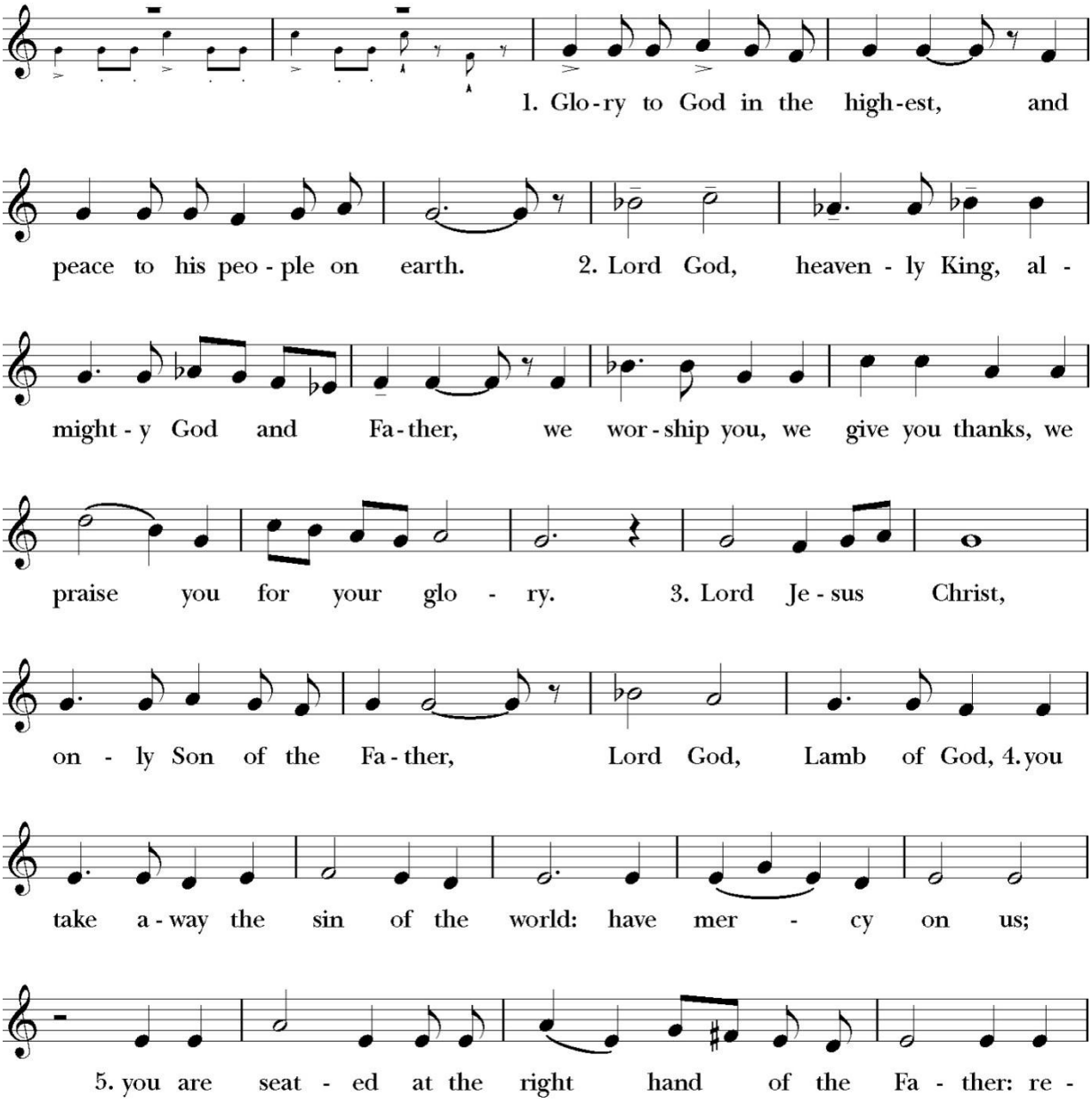
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION *BCP*, PAGE 355

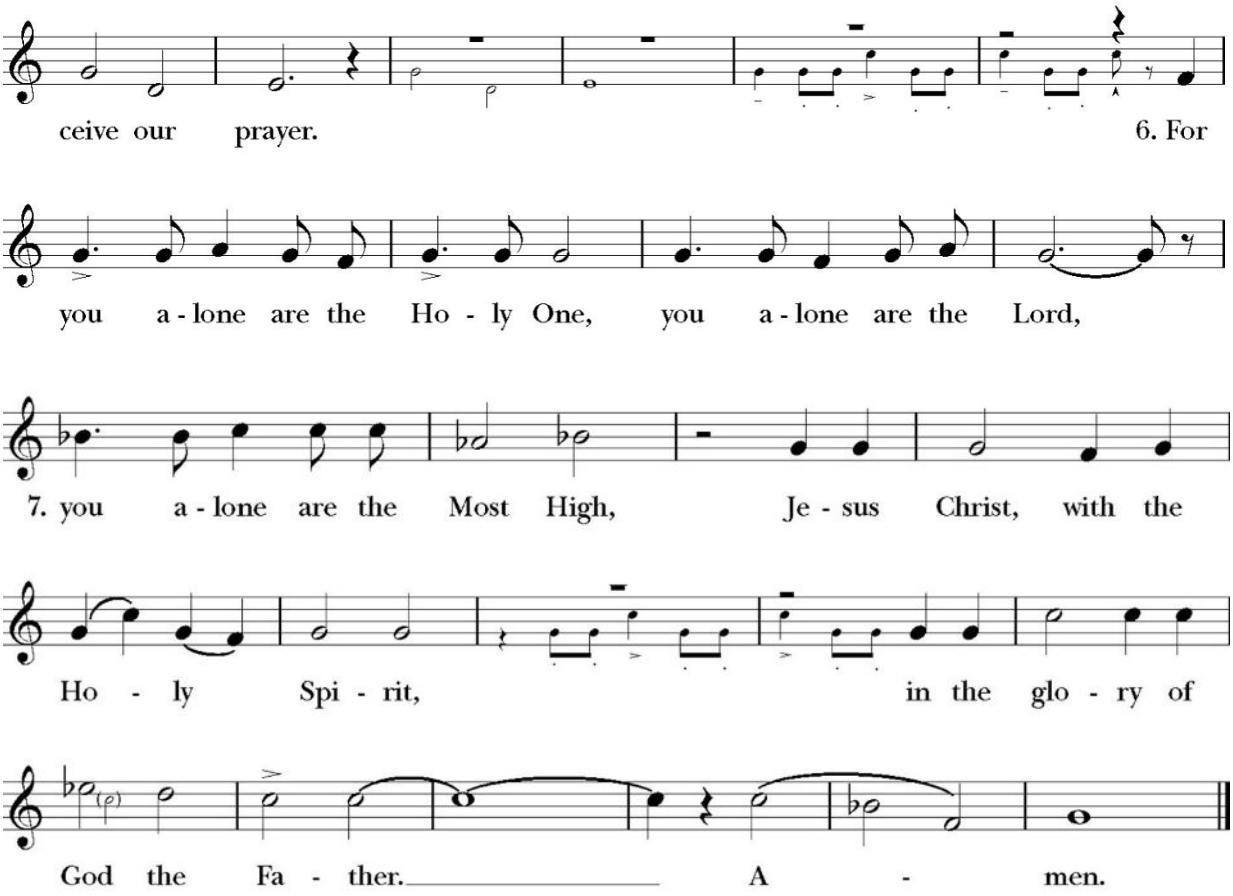
Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.
People **Amen.**

CANTICLE S278 *Gloria in excelsis* William Mathias (b. 1934)





COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 45: 1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

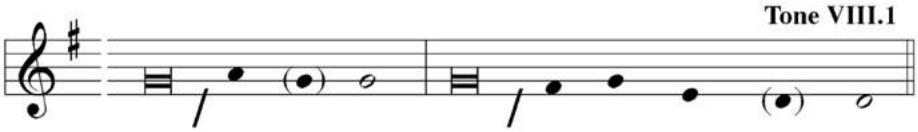
Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you

to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**.

PSALM 133 *Ecce, quam bonum!* Episcopal Musicians Handbook

Sung by the choir, with the congregation joining the verses in bold.



1 Oh, how good and pleasant / it is,*
when brethren live togeth/er in u-ni-ty!
2 It is like fine oil up/on the head*
that runs / down up-on the beard,
3 Upon the beard of / Aa-ron,*
and runs down upon the / col-lar of his robe.
4 It is like the dew of / Her-mon*
that falls upon the / hills of Zi-on.
5 For there the LORD has ordained the / bless-ing:*
___ / life for ev-er-more.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

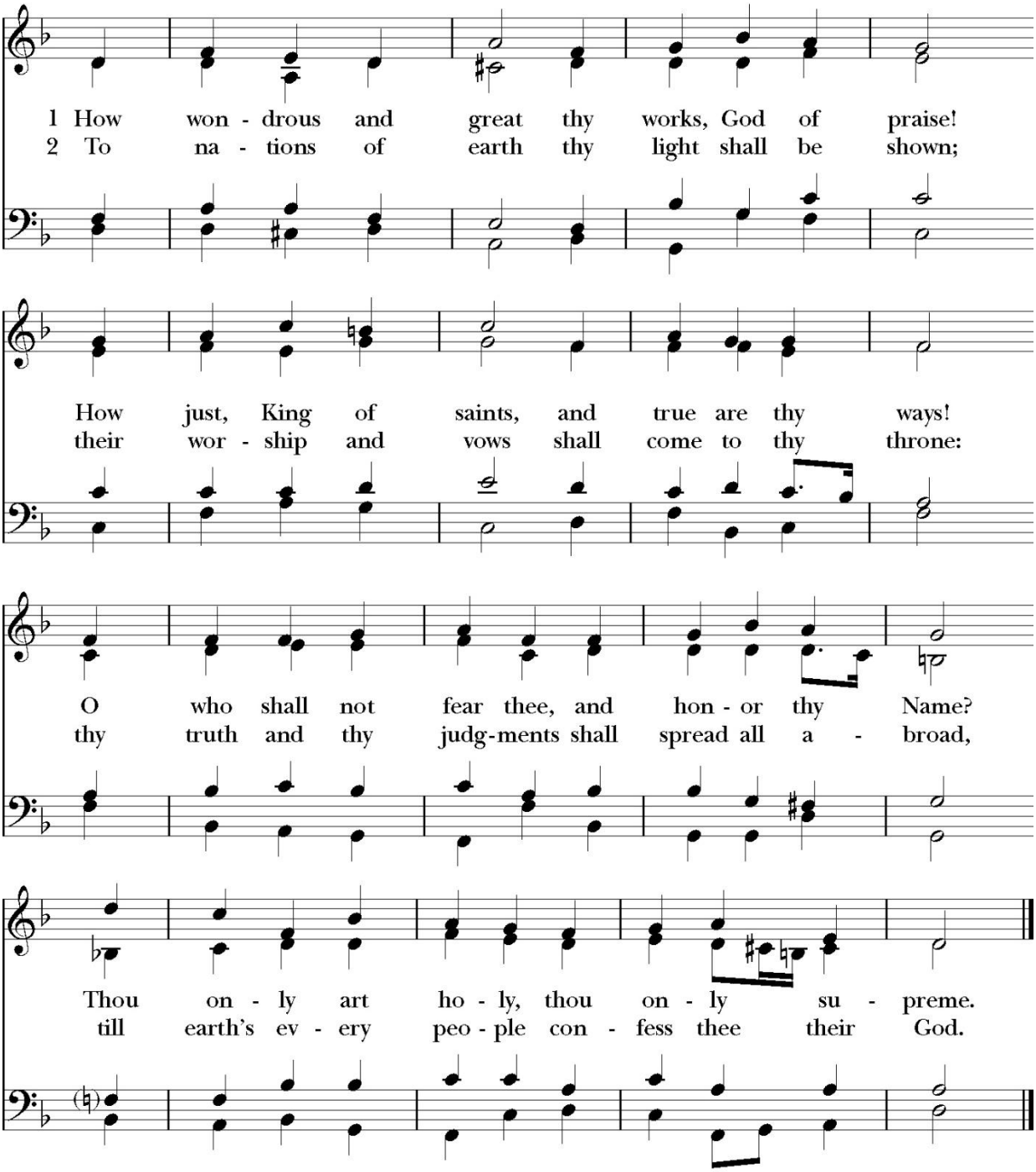
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**.

Sunday School will not be meeting over the summer, but the nursery and Children's Chapel will still be available. Children will begin the service with their parents, and the teachers will pick them up before the Gospel reading and return them during the announcements. Nursery is still open throughout the service.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE 532 *How wondrous and great thy works* Old 104th



THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15: 10-28

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero, Rector

Please stand as able.

NICENE CREED *BCP*, PAGE 358

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 VI *BCP*, PAGE 392

We invite you to offer any prayers you wish to share in the Livestream comment section.

Reader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Reader We pray for Donald, the president; Greg, the governor; Lina, the county judge; John, the mayor, and the legislatures, and courts:
For this community, the nation, and the world:

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Reader For the end of systemic racism that divides us; for the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Reader For all women and men, boys and girls who are homeless this day, and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Reader In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Most Reverend Cherry Vann and the Church in Wales. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Holy Spirit, Waco; St. Alban's, Waco; and St. Christopher's, Killeen. In the ministry cycle of prayer for Mary Cloud, David Villarreal, and the Acolytes Ministry.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

People **For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Reader For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai (pronounced "Kaye"), Hector, and Brian, our Bishops; for Hannah, Maria Teresa, and Marica, our clergy; for Barrett, our seminarian; for all who minister in this place; and for all bishops and other ministers.

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Reader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those who are on our prayer list: Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Jimmie, Arthur, Christina, Garrett, Dave, Linda, Alejandra, Joanne, Ron, Kathy, Nia, Gina, Tricia, Hudson, Amy, Vivian, Mary, Erma, Ken, and Linda.

Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Reader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Natalie, Ford, Caydon, Richard, Tian, Madeline, Jhenna, and Will, as they celebrate their birthdays.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Reader We pray for all who have died, especially for Henry Stoesser, Charmian Pitts Markell, Lavern Aloysius Kremer, the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela, Japan, and Columbia; the victims of wildfires in Canada and Europe; the victims of war and famine in Ukraine, Sudan, Lebanon, Iran, and Palestine; victims of violence in U.S. cities; and all victims of gun violence, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

CONFESSION *BCP*, PAGE 393

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *BCP*, PAGE 360

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our complete announcements and the Weekly Window at the end of this bulletin.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Bless now this backpack and the person who carries it: That with a heart enlightened by your Holy Spirit this person may grow in knowledge and piety, to worship and serve you from generation to generation through Jesus Christ Our Lord, **Amen**.

COLLECT FOR SCHOOLS

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Please be seated

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Please participate as able in the collection of an offering to help Trinity Church sustain our mission and ministry. For those who are unable to give monetarily, or have given online, we have made reusable wooden coins available so that all might participate in the spiritual practice of giving and contributing in a visible, inclusive way. A dollar, an offering coin, or more helps ignite the spirit of generosity in children and adults alike.

Online Giving is available:
- Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right,
- or click: https://onrealm.org/TrinityMidtown/-/form/give/now
- or scan this QR code:

Texting: Send the message **heartofmidtown** to **73256**.
- Be sure to type **heartofmidtown** with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church.
- The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contribution.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *He That Is Down Needs Fear No Fall* John Dowland (1563-1626)

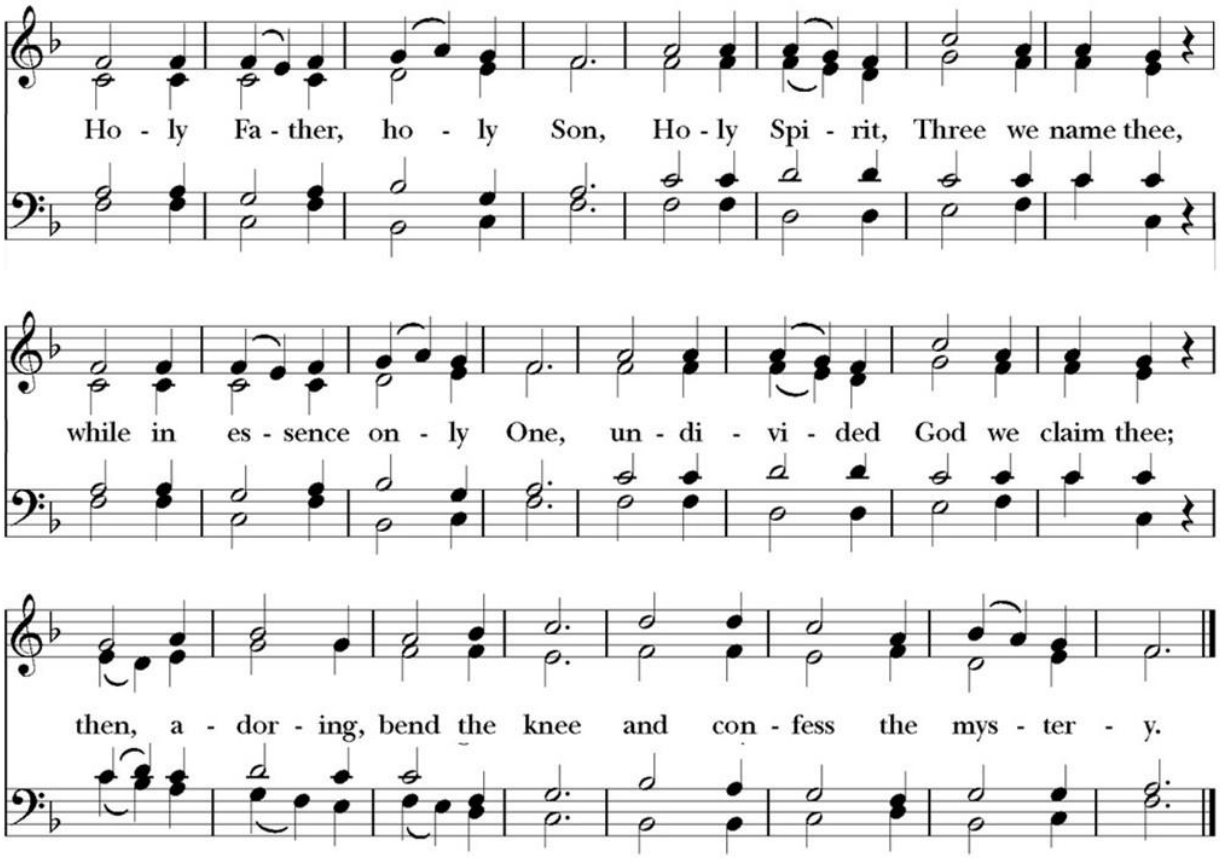
He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave
Because thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little and hereafter bliss
Is best from age to age.

Please stand as able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 366, stanza 4 Grosser Gott



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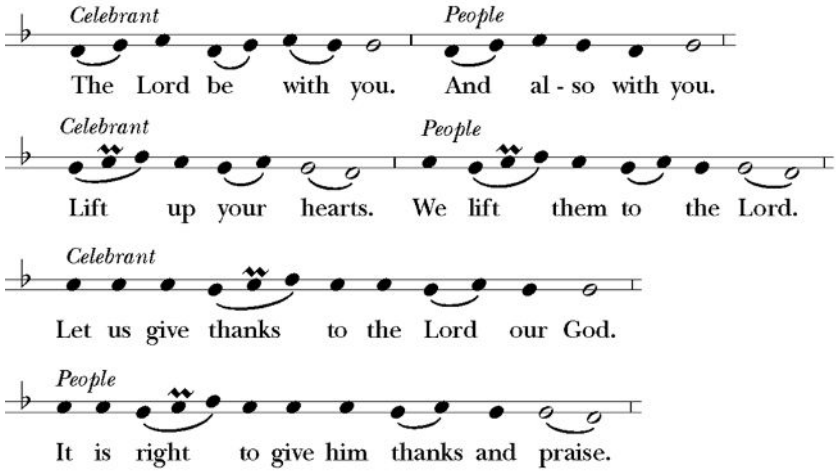


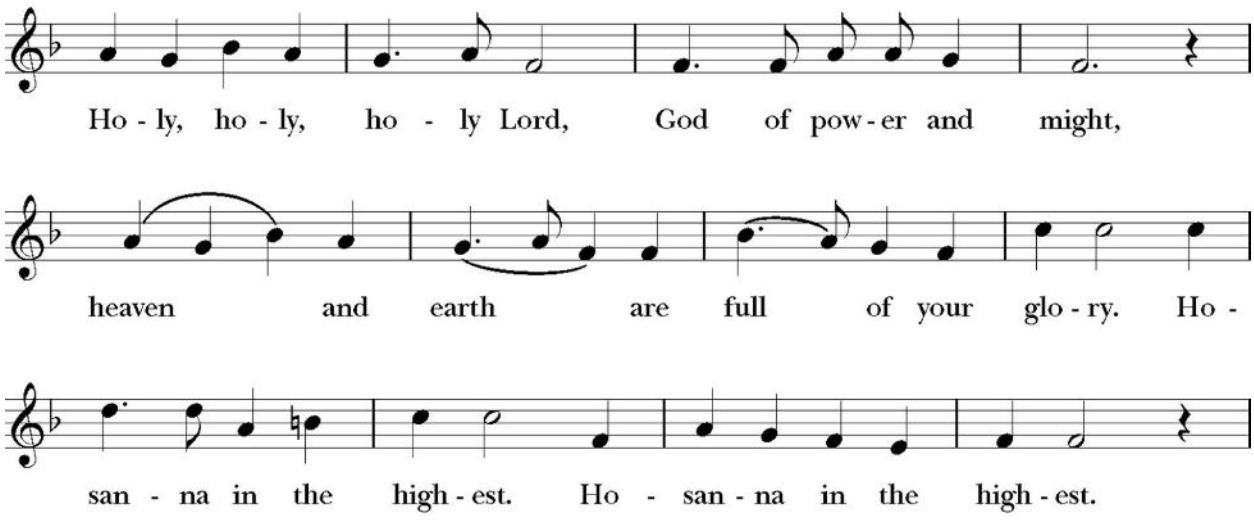
The Celebrant proceeds

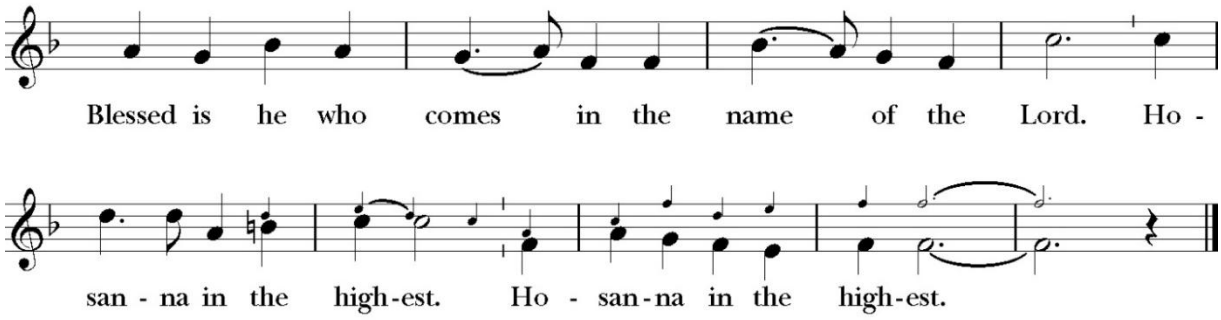
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S125 Richard Proulx (b. 1937)





Please stand or kneel, as able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

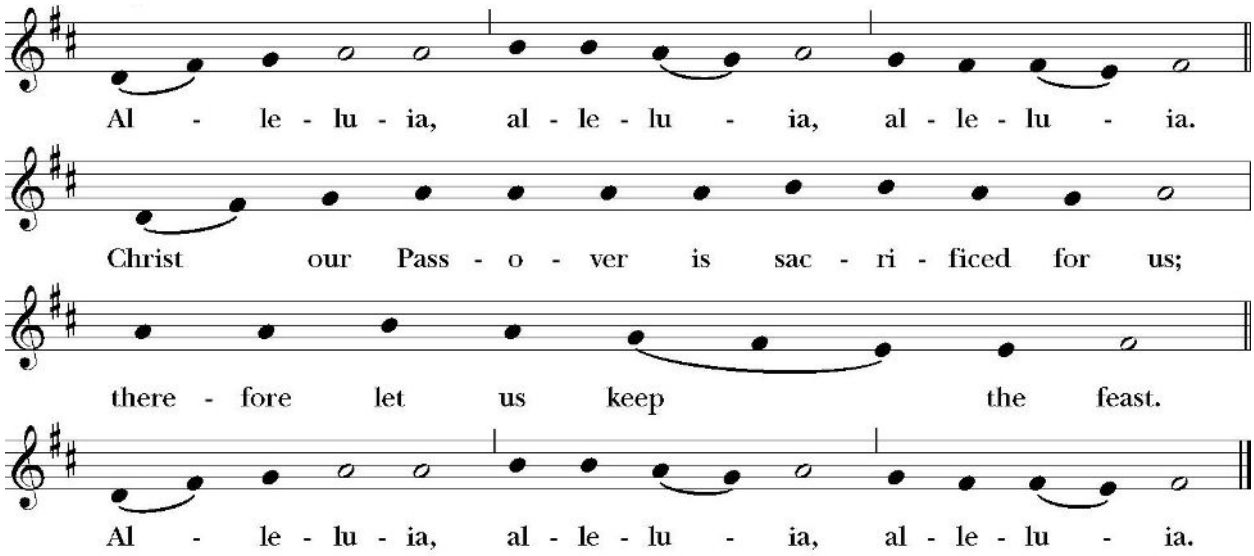
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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.

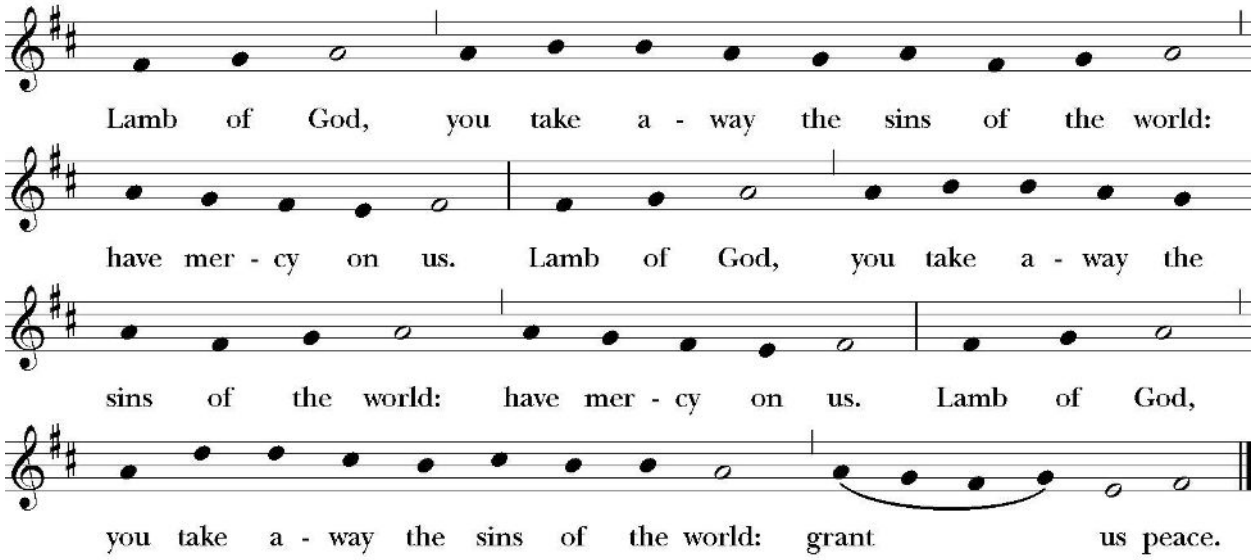
FRACTION ANTHEM S154 David Hurd (b. 1950)



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION *BCP*, PAGE 364

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

AGNUS DEI S161 David Hurd (b. 1950)



INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive communion from a priest in front of the altar. All are welcome to come and participate in Holy Communion. If for any reason you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms across your chest for a blessing.

Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing in the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips, or you may "intinct" by dipping the wafer into the chalice. If you prefer, you may also receive the bread only: After consuming the wafer, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine.

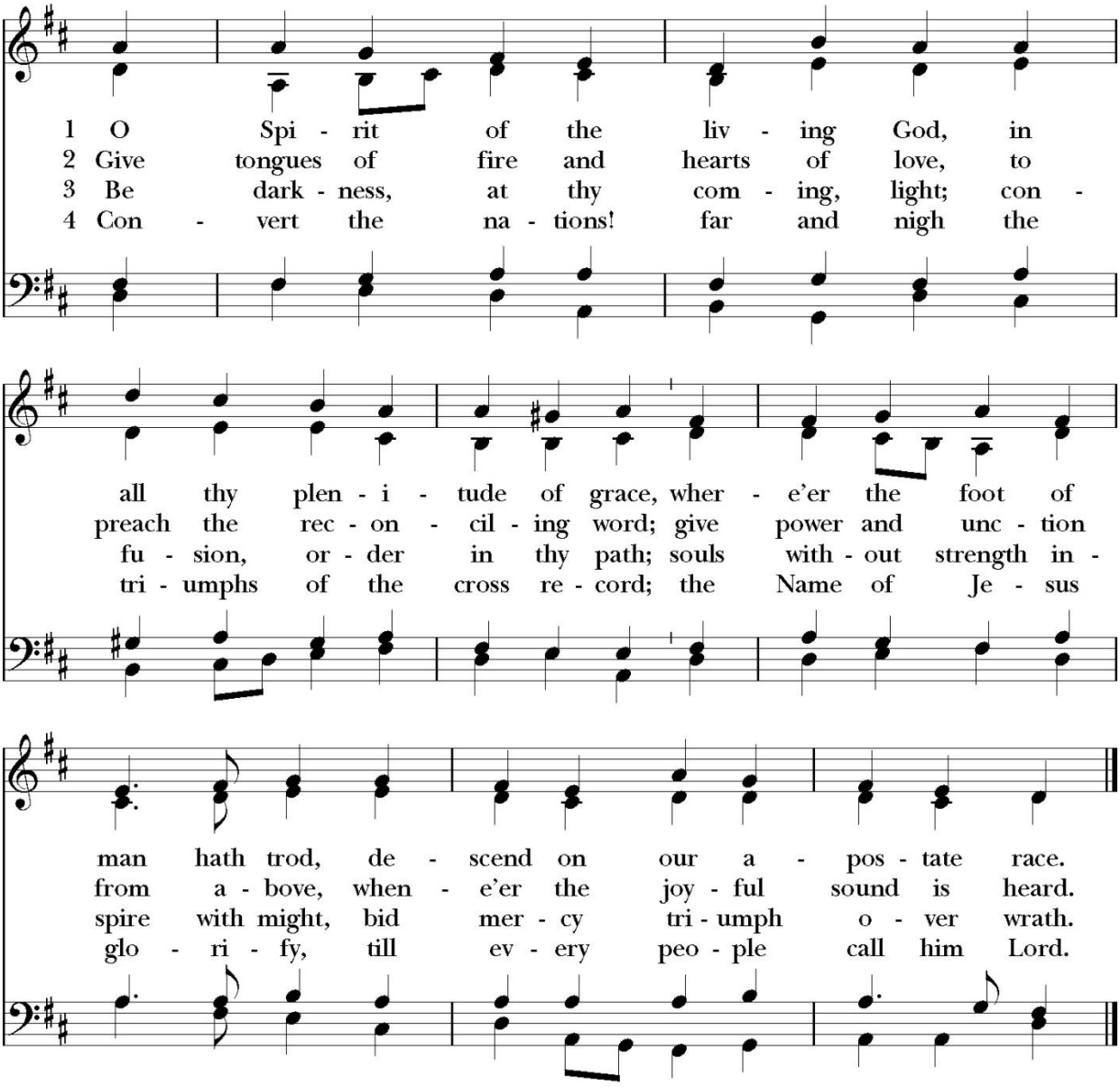
We offer a gluten-free bread option for those with dietary restrictions who wish to receive communion. To receive a gluten free wafer, please clasp your hands with palms facing each other when the priest administering the bread approaches you.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion is prayed by those at home unable to partake of communion in person

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN 531 *O Spirit of the living God* Melcombe



The Celebrant distributes a communion kit saying,

Celebrant On behalf of God and Trinity Parish, we send forth these holy gifts so that Stuart, and all those who will be visited, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP*, PAGE 355

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 371 *Thou, whose almighty word* Moscow

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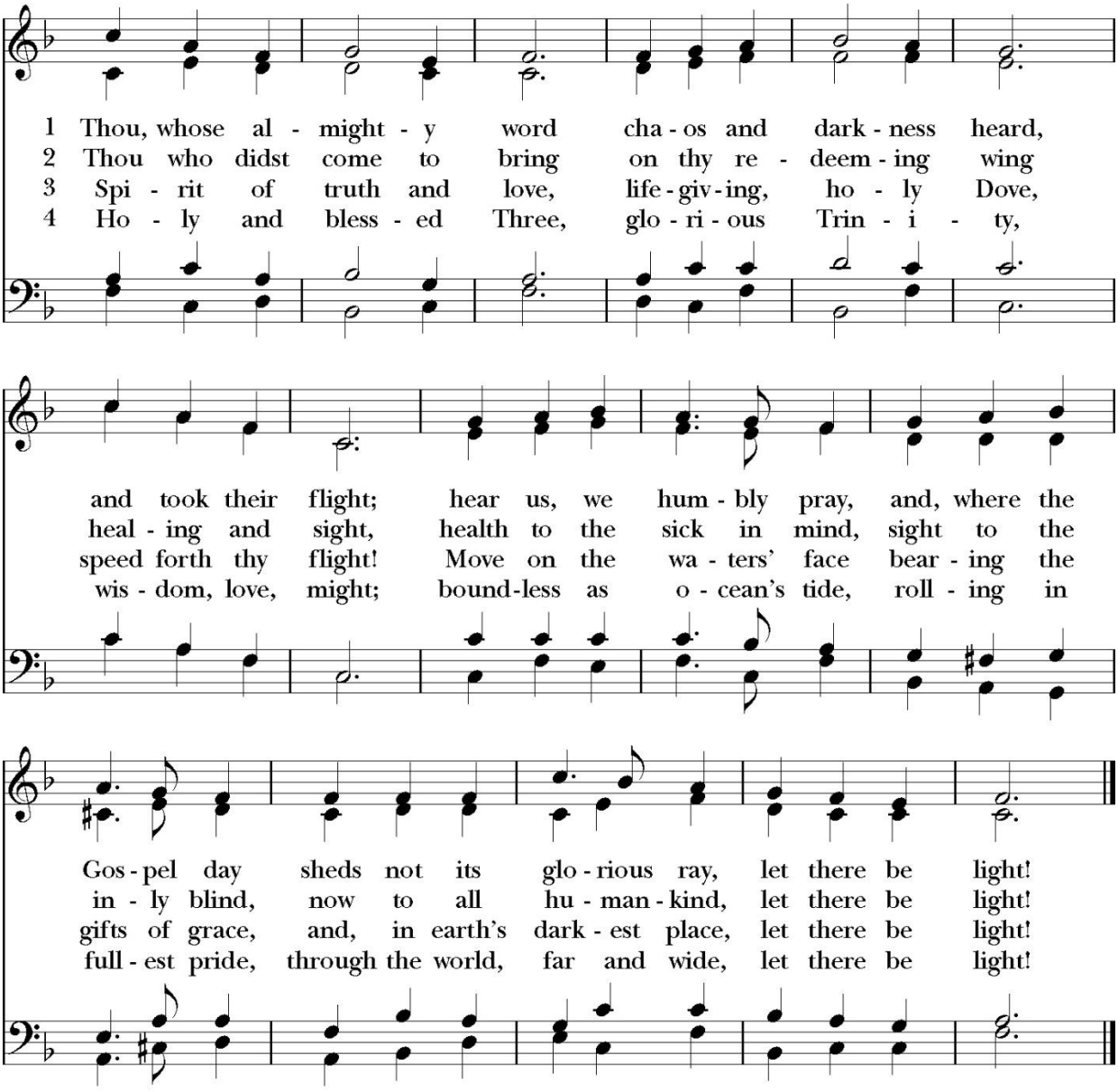
Please stand as able

HYMN IN PROCESSION 371 *Thou, whose almighty word* MOSCOW



DISMISSAL *BCP*, PAGE 366

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

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Paul Mortilla

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall
immediately following this service.

We want to thank everyone who assisted with coffee hour
this morning.

Please note that August 30, September 20, and 27
are open to host (part/all) coffee hour.
To sign up, please scan the QR code or contact Jamie Chambers:
jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com or call/text at 832-370-7155
if you need assistance.
Thank you

Flower dedications are available on
August 23, 30, and September 20
Make your Flower Dedications Online at trinitymidtown.org
or scan this QR code

A Prayer for Migrant Ministries

Gracious God, we give you thanks and all the glory for abiding with us and blessing our ministries. You walk us along paths of purpose; You open portals of new opportunities before us;

Encourage our hearts, to ensure a radiant and safe future for our newest neighbors, who come from afar; Inspire us to create a beloved community with all who cross our paths.

We give thanks for the countless stories of small victories and grand success which are signs of your love and power working through us.

We thank you for the courage of all those who are compelled to migrate, who strive to scale not just the high walls of life but also and especially the higher walls of challenge. Strengthen us to walk together with them.

Be our continuing vision, O God, Give us the hope of the immigrant, the resolve of the wanderer, and soften our hearts to their cries for justice.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our welcomer, our greeter, our host, AMEN+

THE WEEKLY WINDOW
OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MIDTOWN
August 16, 2026, 12th Sunday After Pentecost (Proper 15, Year A)
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Sundays:
Holy Eucharist
8 am (Contemplative)
10:30 am (Tradtional)
12:30 pm (Jazz/Gospel)
Weekdays: Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

Blessing of the Backpacks – Today

August brings the start of the new school year. Today we will bless the backpacks for all students, teachers, school administrators, and staff at all services. Let's get the year off to a great start!

Children's Chapel

Sunday school will not meet over the summer. We will have Children's Chapel for children under the third grade. Children will begin the service with their adults. The teachers will pick them up before the Gospel reading. They will return for the blessing of children after the Peace. The nursery is still open throughout the service for very young children. Sunday school for all ages resumes on Aloha Sunday, September 13th.

Episcopal Way – August 29th

If you are an adult who wishes to be confirmed or received when the Bishop visits in September, please attend the class on August 29th at 9:30 am. You will learn about the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition and how the process of becoming a member of Trinity works. Please RSVP here:

Latin American Signature Music Mass – September 6th

Our next Signature Mass will celebrate folk, classical, and contemporary sacred music from throughout Latin America and the diaspora, with old favorites and newly commissioned works, under the direction of Ernesto Vega, Sandra Montes, and Paul Mortilla. We will have one service that day, Sunday, September 6th, at 11 am. The Right Reverend Hector Monterroso, Bishop Assistant of Texas, will be preacher and celebrant at this bilingual liturgy and will confirm and receive new members. That day also happens to be the 30th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our Rector, the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero.

Holy Grill – September 7th

Join our friends at St. James' Episcopal Church, 3129 Southmore Blvd, on Labor Day, September 7th, for the return of the Holy Grill. Hosted by the Rev. John Dublin Epps Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, it is a major fundraiser for the UBE. Tickets are $20 per person, which includes food, a silent auction, youth and kids activities, and entertainment. For more information, scan this QR Code:

Aloha Sunday – September 13th

Trinity has many connections with Hawai'i, where "Aloha" can be said to mean hello or goodbye.
On Aloha Sunday, September 13th, we say goodbye to summer and hello to the new program year. Adult Forum and Sunday school for kids, tweens, and youth all return that day. We encourage everyone to wear Hawai'ian shirts. There will be a ministry fair at Coffee Hour, where you can learn about new opportunities for service and connection. Mark your calendars for this beloved annual tradition.

Meeting This Week
Sandwich Makers: Today at Coffee Hour and Tuesday at 10 am in Fellowship Hall
Property Committee: Tuesday at 6 pm on Zoom
Finance Committee: Tuesday at 6:30 pm on Zoom
Choir Rehearsal (Return): Wednesday at 7 pm in Room 218

Prayers

Our custom is to read aloud the names of those who request our prayers weekly. We also remember in our Prayer Chain and here those who desire prayers. Please email to keep us informed. For information or comments about names, please contact the Rector. If you would like to participate as a member of the prayer chain, please contact Norma Cooper.

We pray for: Jonathan, Jim, Kathleen, Elizabeth, Anita, Diane, Jimmie, Arthur, Christina, Garrett, Dave, Linda, Alejandra, Joanne, Ron, Kathy, Nia, Gina, Tricia, Hudson, Amy, Vivian, Mary, Erma, Ken Allegra, Gareth, Kazi, Aurora, Tom, Patty, Emily, Dick, Barbara, Carolyn, Sylvia, Joyce, David, Robert, Rick, Susan, Kensington, Christina, Juan, Shirley, Ken, Randy, Bob, Edith, Lilian, Vanessa, Franklin, Neil, Anadeli, Gentry,Benjamin, Libby, Edgar, Dalia, Irene, Stan, Darin, All victims of violence

For the faithful departed: Henry Stoesser, Charmian Pitts Markell, Lavern Aloysius Kremer, the victims of the earthquakes in Venezuela, Japan, and Colombia, the victims of war and famine in Ukraine, Sudan, Lebanon, Iran, and Palestine, victims of violence in U.S. Cities, and all victims of gun violence

For our seminarian: Barrett Hess

For those who are unable to give monetarily, or have given online, we have made reusable wooden coins available so that all might participate in the spiritual practice of giving and contributing in a visibly inclusive way

Trinity Episcopal Church Giving Coin

Thank you for making and wearing a name tag every Sunday.

Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday 9 am – 3 pm
Friday 9 am – 1 pm
If you have building concerns please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

Happy Birthday!

Natalie Wood, Ford Frost, Caydon Heckert, Richard Hutton, Tian Qin, Madeline Blissard, Jhenna Hillier, Will Sager

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 16, 2026
7:30 am Nursery Opens
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)
11:45 am Coffee Hour (FH)
11:45 am Sandwich Makers (FH)
12:30 pm Jazz/Gospel Eucharist (Chapel)

Monday, August 17, 2026
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
10:00 am Sandwich Makers (FH)
1:00 pm Listening Post
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Property Committee (Zoom)
6:30 pm FInance Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 19, 2026
10:30 am Staff Meeting (Smith)
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)
6:00 pm Healing Service (Zoom)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Room 218)

Thursday, August 20, 2026
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

Friday, August 21, 2026
12:15 pm Good Times AA (Youth Room)
5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Church)

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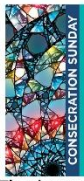

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Thank you to all who have given so generously!
It is never too late.
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