

Trinity Church

Staten Island



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity Lutheran Church is a diverse Christian community committed to sharing and teaching the Word of God. We welcome all people and serve to provide Christian education, witness and outreach. In response to God's grace, we are called to support and advocate for our dynamic community, care for others, worship God, develop leaders in our faith, and steward the gifts we have been given by God.

Our Values:

Love + Community + Inclusion + Service + Creativity + Faithfulness + Learning

INFORMATION FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING

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THEMES OF THIS SUNDAY

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Please silence your cell phone before worship begins.

GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'O fillii et filiae'

T. Frederick H. Candlyn
(1892-1964)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

All That Hath Life and Breath

Rene Clausen
(b. 1953)

*All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord!
Shout to the Lord, hallelujah!
Sing praise, give thanks, hallelujah!*

Please stand for the

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father,
C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
P In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.
C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
C **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

C Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

C We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.



The assembly is sprinkled with water as we sing our gathering hymn in remembrance of the gift of Baptism.

GATHERING HYMN, ELW 387



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 When Mar - y's heart was filled with gloom
4 "Why do you weep?" his ques - tion came.
5 No long - er weep - ing, an - guish - bent,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
a faith - ful wom - an went her way
and she stood weep - ing near the tomb,
"Whose is the bod - y you would claim?"
but with re - joic - ing Mar - y went,



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
a strang - er spoke, she knew not whom. Al - le - lu - ia!
And then, at last, he spoke her name. Al - le - lu - ia!
by Christ as first a - pos - tle sent. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, st. 1; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.;
Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939, sts. 2–5
Music: French tune, 15th cent.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, READING, PREACHING AND SONG

FIRST READING, ACTS 5:27-32

L A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

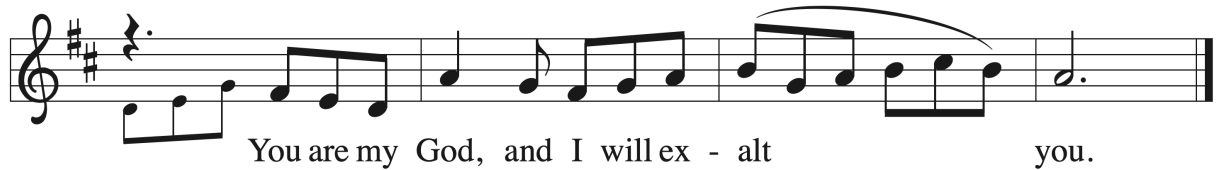
L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

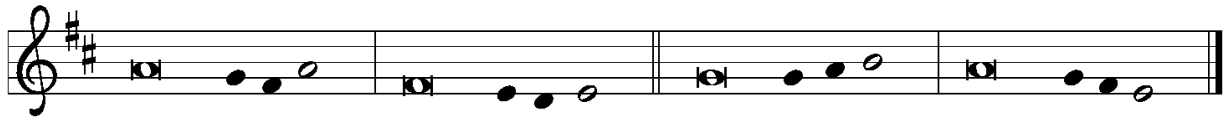
PSALM 118:14-29

The choir will sing the refrain and then sing it a second time with the congregation.

Refrain



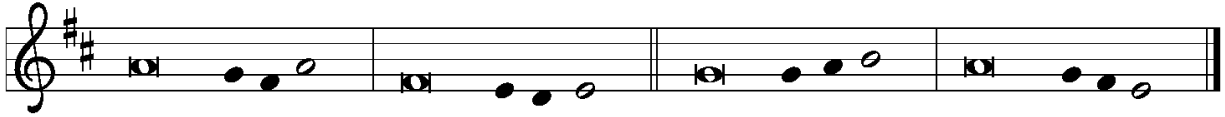
Tone



The choir sings the non-bold verses; the congregation joins on the bold verses.

- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.
- ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!
- ¹⁶ **The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!**
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷ **I shall not | die, but live,**
and declare the works | of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹ Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.
- ²⁰ **“This is the gate | of the LORD;**
here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**
and you have become | my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³ By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.
- ²⁴ **This is the day that the | LORD has made;**
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- ²⁵ **Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**
We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD;
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Tone



²⁷ The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.
²⁸ **You are my God, and | I will thank you;**
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.
²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;**
God's mercy en- | dures forever. Refrain

SECOND READING, REVELATION 1:4-8

L A reading from Revelation.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L Word of God, word of life

C **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Please stand for the

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL, JOHN 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated for the

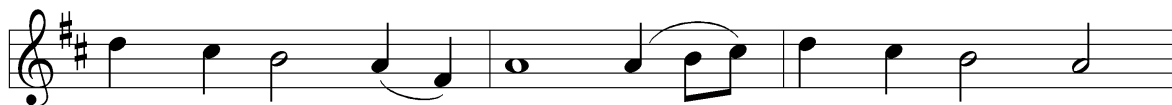
SERMON

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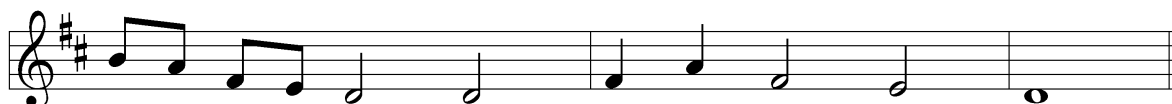
HYMN OF THE DAY, WOV 675



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816; arr. *With One Voice*, 1995

PRAYERS

The assisting minister leads our prayers. You are invited to respond to each petition as follows:

AMerciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

We greet one another with the peace and love of Jesus Christ.

P Alleluia. Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia.**

P The peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

You are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace and love with one another, and then be seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see this week's "Trinity Times" for announcements.

OFFERING

The offering collected this Sunday supports the ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church. Our inclusive congregation has special commitments to the arts, addressing hunger and poverty in our community, and Christian education. Help us bring the healing love of God into the world by donating generously. To give online, scan the QR code.



CHORAL ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!
Singing evermore on high; Hark, the angels shout for joy, Alleluia!
He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal lamb today! We too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!
He who bore all pain and loss, comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia!
Now he bids us tell abroad how the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven; how we too may enter heaven. Alleluia!*

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

Please stand for the

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING, ELW 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds,
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

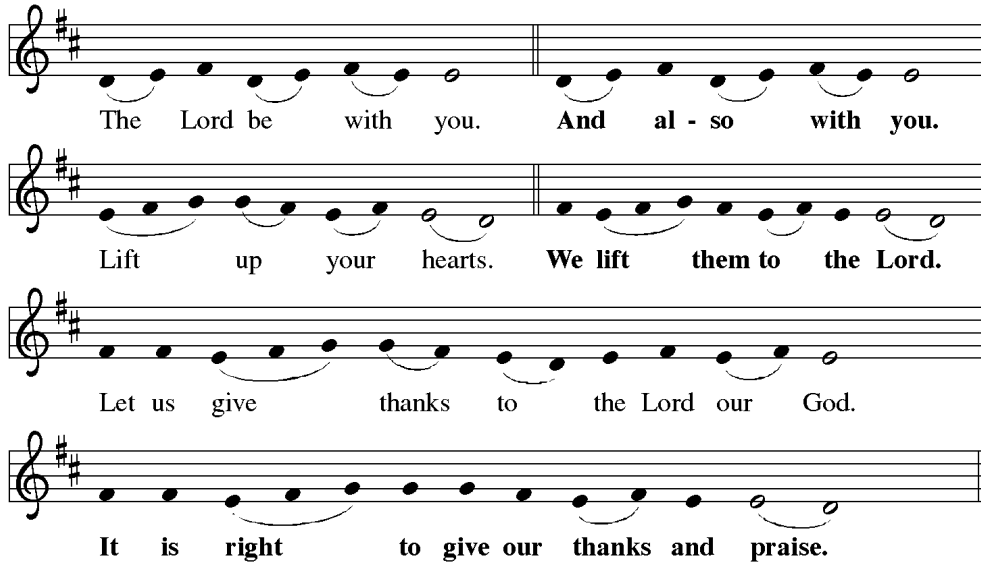
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C **Amen.**

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

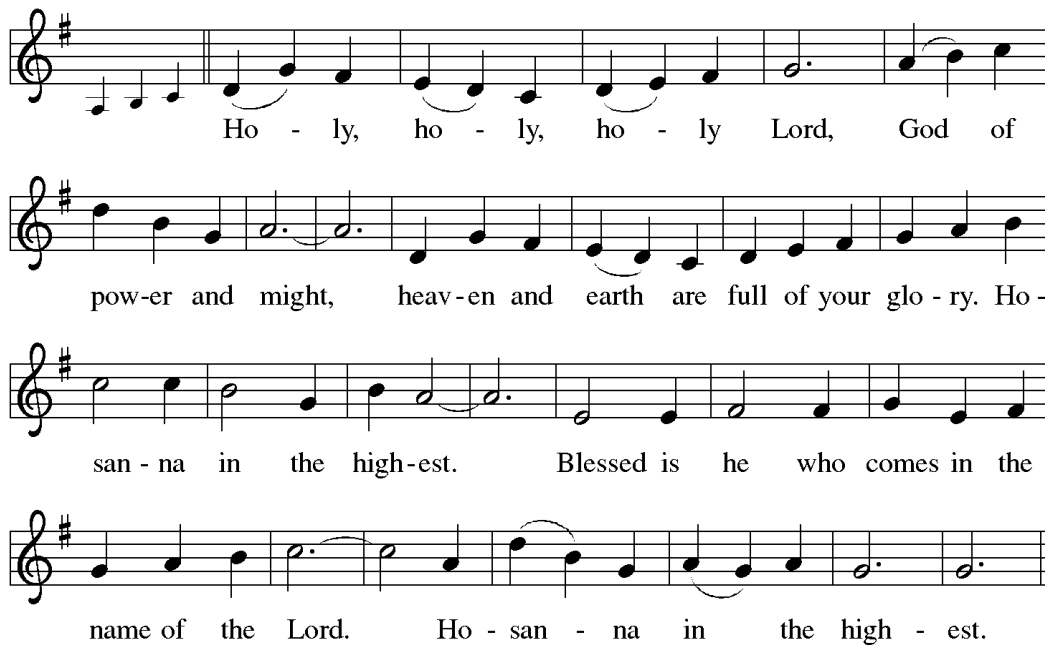
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P (chanting): It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

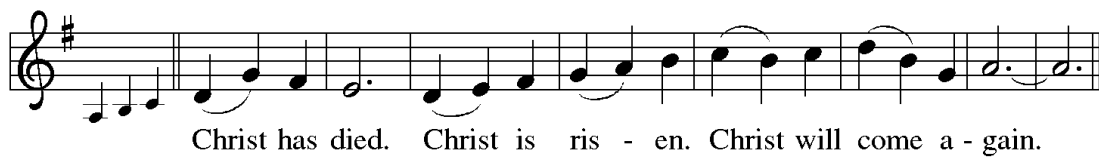
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

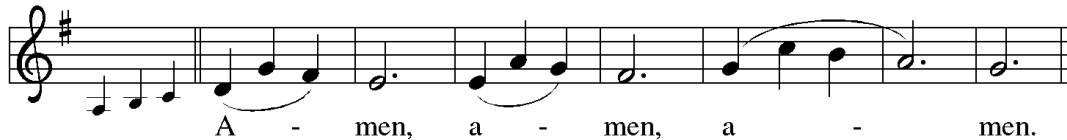
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

All are welcome at Jesus' table of grace! We commune today at the kneelers at the front row of pews. Come forward to the kneeler closest to you via the center aisle as indicated by the usher. You will receive the host from the pastor and wine or grape juice from the assistant. You may leave your used cup in the white bowls at the start of the side aisles as you return to your seats.

RESPONSE



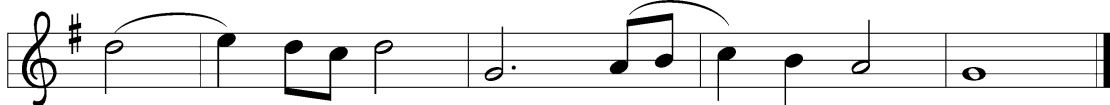
1 God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2 Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain;
3 In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



there - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him. Through
though Ad - am's sin has doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth.
Christ we die to sin and live to God.
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughn Williams

COMMUNION HYMN , ELW 860



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift - ed me,
 Sa - tan had me bound, When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: African American spiritual

COMMUNION HYMN, ACS 948



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
 birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
 friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
 Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
 weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
 are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
 Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
 strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
 birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
 pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1944-1992

Please stand for the singing of the

TABLE BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ ✝ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD.

BLESSING

P The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN, ELW 390



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nigel Weaver, b. 1952
Music: Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share the good news.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Finale in B-Flat

W. Wolstenholme
(1865-1931)

WORSHIP LEADERS THIS SUNDAY

<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Stephanie Jaeger</i>
<i>Assisting Minister & Lector</i>	<i>Regina Pearsall, Assistant & Stephen Jaeger, Lector</i>
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<i>Counters</i>	<i>Luann Martin & Jeannie Brown</i>
<i>Livestream Technician</i>	<i>Peyton Bloom</i>

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR OUR PRAYERS ~ *Please contact us with names to be added or removed.*

Sabina Baker, Mary Bruno, Pennington Family, Carmen Cognetta, Deacon Margaret Ann O'Donnell, Vincent Somma, Migdalia Jimenez, Laura Lupo, Jessica Desens, Edith Piazza, Alice Evensen, Sean C. Sweeney, Janet A. Cleary, George Turner, Christopher Jarrett, Meah Guzman, Carmen Aponte, Phillip Herbst, and James Ciccolella

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR ARMED FORCES

Joshua Lentini, Sgt George E Turner, US Army, Sgt Brendan Jocsak, US Marines

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