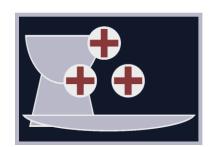
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 2, 2021

11 AM



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE BRONX, NEW YORK

WELCOME TO TRINITY!

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

WELCOME TO TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are the "FAMILY OF FAITH" here in the Castle Hill section of the Bronx, New York. "Trinity exists to receive and share God's gifts."

IS TODAY YOUR FIRST TIME? Welcome once more! Thank you for being with us today. If you are interested in learning more about Trinity, joining our parish or speaking more about things going on in your life, please connect with Pastor Gonzalez. You can reach him at pastor@trinitylutheranbronx.org. We hope that this is not your last time with us & we that you'll continue to share in our joy as a Family of Faith!

THE ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE is printed in this booklet (which is also called the "bulletin."). LARGE PRINT EDITIONS of this are available at the entrance in the narthex (the back of the church). RESTROOMS are located in the side hallway of the sanctuary (the area of the church where we worship), which can be accessed through the side door, near the front of the church. A CHANGING TABLE is available in the women's restroom, along with a handicap-accessible stall.

A FEW REMINDERS FOR WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

As you arrive:

- All attending in-person worship must clean your hands when entering.
 MASKS ARE REQUIRED & must be worn covering your nose and mouth. If
 you do not have a mask, we will have extras available. Hand sanitizer will
 also be available.
- If you have already visited with family and feel comfortable sitting with extended family, this is fine. We simply ask that groups maintain 8ft. of physical distance from one another.

During Worship

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

~ All attending in-person worship will be able to share the peace in a usual fashion with their "family group." To maintain physical distance, we are encouraged to share the peace making the sign of peace () with other Family of Faith members.

HOLY EUCHARIST:

- ~ During the distribution of the Sacrament, Pastor & those assisting with communion will sanitize their hands before distribution.
- ~ After the Order of the Eucharist, Pastor will intinct ("dip") the bread/Body into the wine/Blood, then place the host onto the hands of the person receiving the Body & Blood of Jesus.

After Worship:

- At the end of worship, there will be a time for anyone who desires to leave immediately following worship to exit first after announcements. Following this time, those who are comfortable gathering are welcome to do so.

In the Name of Jesus

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Please **REMAIN STANDING DURING THE EASTER SEASON** as we seek God's forgiveness, <u>quietly reflecting</u> upon those sins of which we are aware and those sins which we committed, yet cannot recall.)

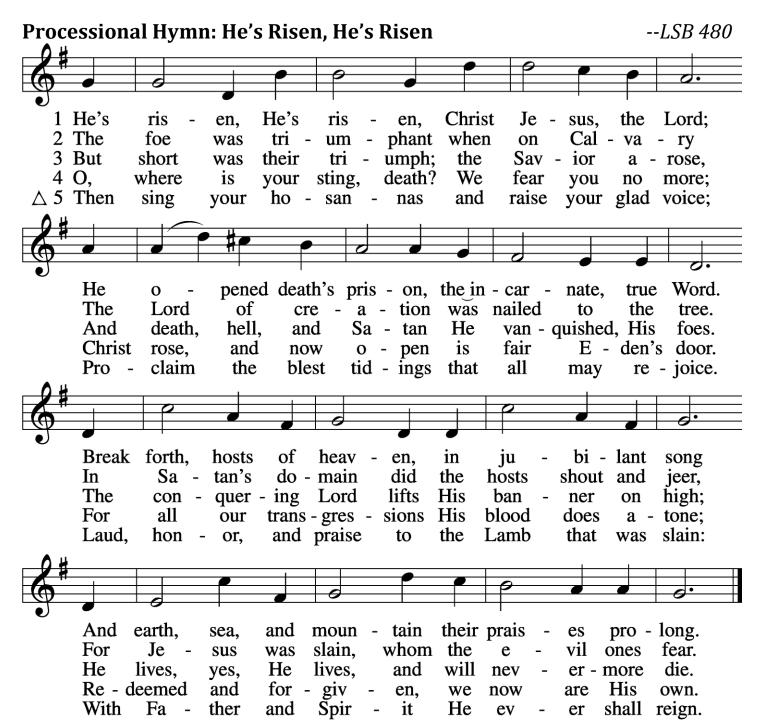
P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Please stand and face the processional cross and follow it to the chancel.)



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Liturgy of the Holy Word

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

P: Lord, have mercy. Together:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In peace, we pray to the Lord, together:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For peace from above and for our salvation, we pray to the Lord, together:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the world, the faith of God's church, and for our unity, we pray to the Lord, together:

C: Lord, have mercy.

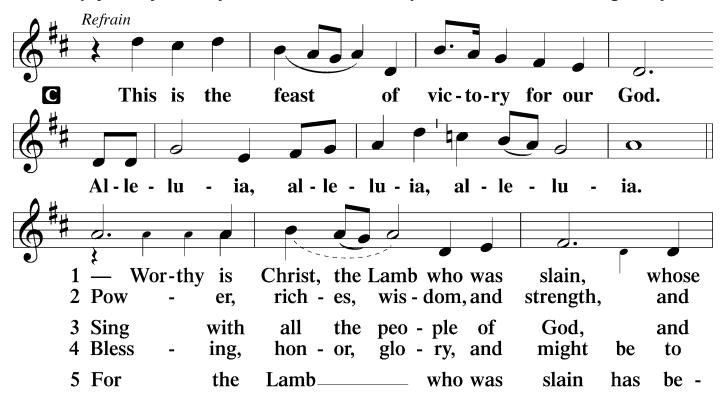
P: For our holy house of God and for all who offer their worship and praise, we pray to the Lord, together:

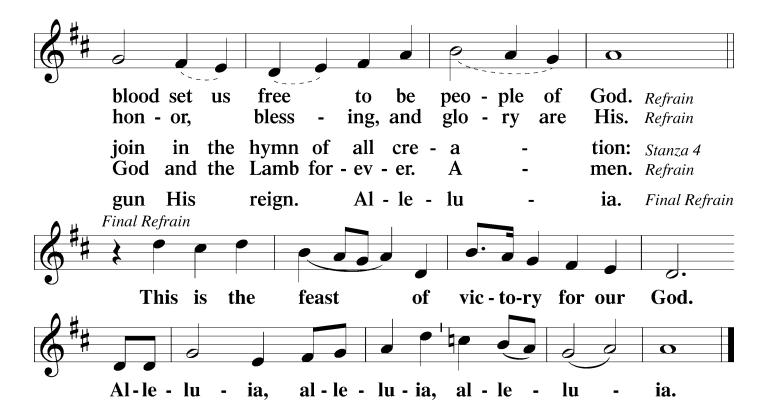
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help and save, Lord, comfort, defend as we lift our voices and sing, "A – men," together:

C: A - men.

Gloria (Hymn of Praise): **This Is The Feast** (Divine Service – Setting One)





P: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

(Remain **STANDING** for prayer during the season of Easter.)

A: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to

the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22:25-31



For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his | face from him,* but has heard, when he | cried to him.

From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;* my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!* May your hearts live for- | ever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,* and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.

For kingship belongs | to the LORD,* and he rules over the | nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;* before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

Posterity shall | serve him;* it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;

Glory be to the Father and | to the № Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,*is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle (Letter) Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

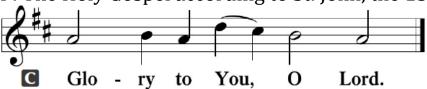
Verse (Please stand and follow the holy cross.)

P: Allelu - Allelu - Allelu - Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)

P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8 (Please stand.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.



(after the reading)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



P: Allelu – Allelu – Allelu – Alleluia! C: Praise We The LORD! (2X)
P: Praise We The LORD! C: Alleluia! (4X)

Sermon (Followed by **Silence** for prayer & meditation)



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Nicene Creed

(In celebration of the holy incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bow while confessing the words, "For us and for our salvation....and was made man." In thanksgiving for our baptism, we may cross ourselves at the words "life of the world to come.")

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.

Who 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.

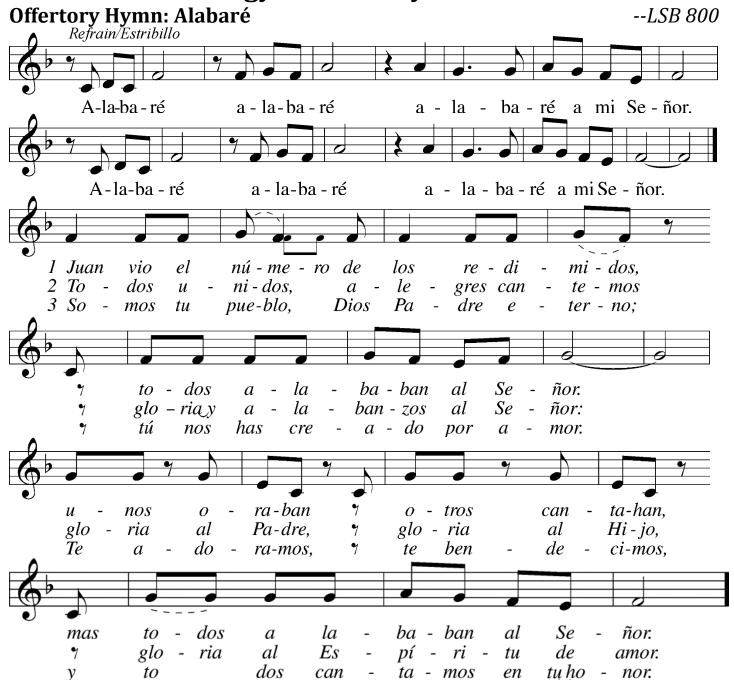
We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life ¥ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Greetings & Welcome

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist



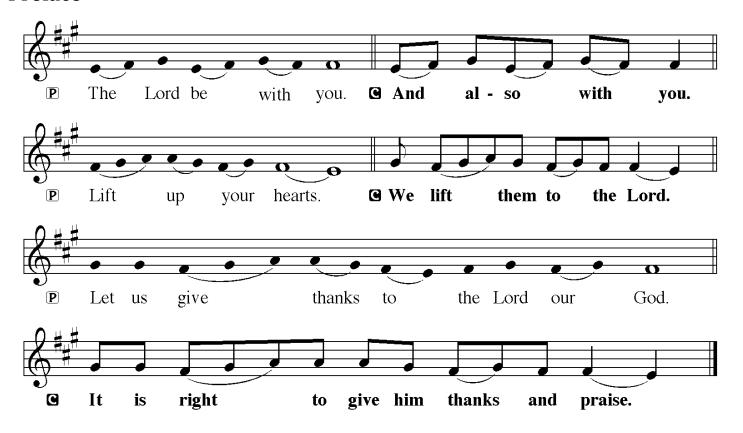
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Offertory Prayer

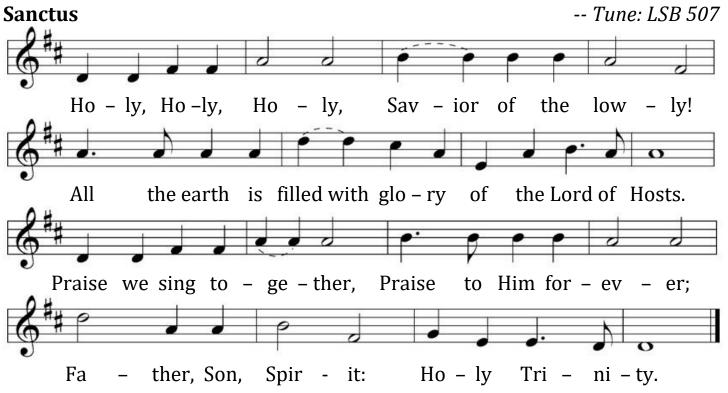
A: Let us pray... Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface



P: It is indeed right and salutary...



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(Please **<u>REMAIN STANDING</u>** for the Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Jesus during the season of Easter.)

Eucharistic Prayer

P: You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.

We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.

We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all. We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises. (*)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD JESUS (Las Palabras De Nuestro Señor Jesús)

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night in which He was betrayed took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take and eat. This is my Body given for you. This do in remembrance of me. (***)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper and when He had given thanks He gave it for all to drink saying: Drink of it, all of you. This is the new covenant in my Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. (***)

La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo:

Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes.

Hagan esto en memoria mía. (***)

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo:

Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía. (***)

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

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: His human birth and the covenant He made with us. We remember the sacrifice of His life: His eating with outcasts and sinners, and His acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember His rising from the tomb, His ascension to the seat of power, and His sending of the holy and lifegiving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the Church say, "Amen!"

C: Amen!

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and wine, this body and blood, may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. Come, Spirit of Freedom! And let the Church say, "Amen!"

C: Amen!

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all:

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

(The congregation stands and holds hands.)

Pater Noster (Our Father)

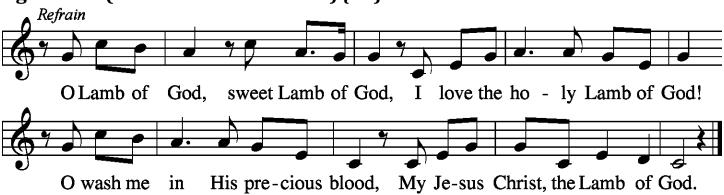
P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.





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P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to come to His Supper.

C: O Lord, we are not worthy to receive You, but only say the word and we shall be healed.

Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ

(PLEASE meditate in SILENCE during this time, both before and after receiving the Holy Eucharist. Use this time <u>for prayer and thanksgiving</u>. After all have received, we stand together as we lift our voices in song.)

--Vertical Church Band

Meditation Hymn: The Lamb Of God

You came from heaven's throne, Aquainted with our sorrow. To trade the debt we owed, Your suffering for our freedom.

The Lamb of God, in my place! Your blood poured out, my sin erased! It was my death you died, I am raised to life, Hallelujah, the Lamb of God!

My name upon your heart. My shame upon your shoulders. The power of sin undone, The cross for my salvation!

The Lamb of God, in my place! Your blood poured out, my sin erased! It was my death you died, I am raised to life, Hallelujah, the Lamb of God!

(2X):

There is no greater love! There is no greater love! The savior lifted up! There is no greater love!

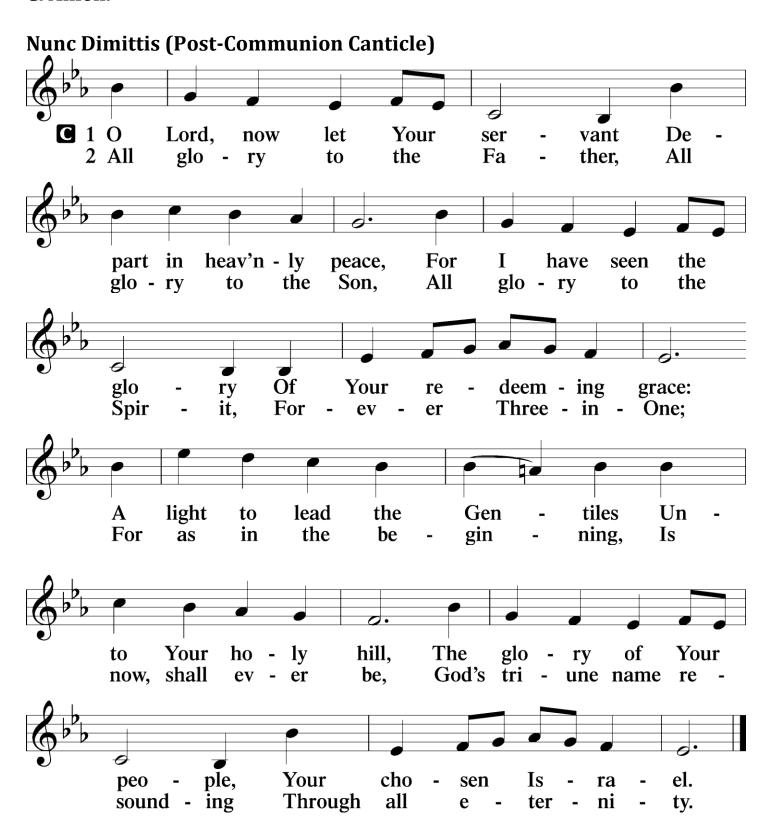
(2X):

The Lamb of God, in my place!
Your blood poured out, my sin erased!
It was my death you died,
I am raised to life,
Hallelujah, the Lamb of God!

Dismissal

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

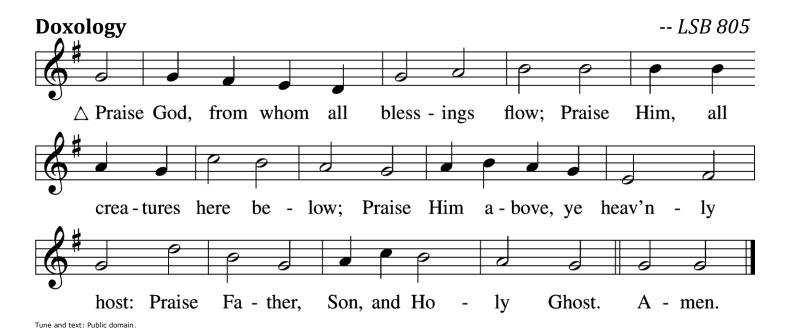


Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray...

We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life and we ask that You would strengthen us through this gift in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Benediction

P: Almighty God – the Father, the Son ♣, and the Holy Spirit – bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

(As the processional cross passes by, turn to follow the cross to the narthex.)

Recessional Hymn: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

--*TFF 25*



Music: Caribbean traditional

- 2- Jesus is risen, hallelujah! Jesus is risen, hallelujah! Jesus is risen, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 3- Jesus is the vine, hallelujah! Jesus is the vine, hallelujah! Jesus is the vine, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

- 4- We are the branches, hallelujah! We are the branches, hallelujah! We are the branches, hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- 5- Life in Him is forever, hallelujah! Life in Him is forever, hallelujah! Life in Him is forever, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

6- Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR UPCOMING DIGITAL EVENTS AND INFORMATION!

"LIFT" (LEARNING IN FAITH @ TRINITY)! Would you like to be baptized, receive Holy Communion, or join our "Family of Faith" here at Trinity? We are excited about sharing our faith with others. Together, we give thanks to God for our opportunities to join Trinity as a member and learn more about the Christian faith. This happens in our LIFT Classes, specifically designed for adults to learn and become members. For more information, please speak with Pastor G.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED!

Here is the schedule for our latest First Communion classes:

- ~ May 8 3PM
- ~ May 15 10:30AM
- ~ May 22 10:30AM
- ~ May 29 10:30AM

Those wishing to receive First Communion on Sunday, May 30 must attend. Our celebration for those receiving First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 30!

FROM PASTOR G.

We will respect, love, and give thanks for all who attend in-person & for all who continue to worship through digital means, no matter their preference. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE OFFENSE at the different ways that people may greet one another in-person. If you are concerned that you might be easily offended, please speak with Pastor so that we may consider whether you are comfortable returning to in-person worship.