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PRELUDE

Pastorella

J.S. Bach (1685-1760)

GATHERING SONG vs. 1, 4 *For All the Faithful Women*



1 For all the faith-ful wom-en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:
2 O God, for saints and ser-vants, those named and those un-known,
Last All praise to God the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv-en; to all, their stor-y told.
in whom through all the a-ges your light of glo-ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir-it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.
we of-fer glad thanks-giv-ing and fer-vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be-fore us, with saints who wit-ness still,



To you their lives bore wit-ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith-ful in your ser-vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al-le-lu-ias and strive to do your will.

Hannah

4 To Hannah, praying childless
before the throne of grace,
you gave a son and called him
to serve before your face.
Grant us her perseverance;
Lord, teach us how to pray
and trust in your deliv'rance
when darkness hides our way.

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Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune
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GREETING

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

KYRIE



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Lord, have mer-cy.



Chris-te e-lei-son. Christ, have mer-cy.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Lord, have mer-cy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God who answers prayer, we are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19,20;2:1-10

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A reading from 1 Samuel.

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a Nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

¹Hannah prayed and said,
"My heart exults in the LORD;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,

because I rejoice in my victory."

²"There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God."

³Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed."

⁴The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength."

⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn."

⁶The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts."

⁸He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world."

⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail."

¹⁰The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor JMe Lowden

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

Creating One, provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Suffering One, bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness especially Adrian, Meghan, Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Yvonne, Ruby and others we name before you now, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all whose work provides healing and protection for others, for those who work in the medical and mental health professions, chaplains, first responders, fire and rescue, law enforcement, and those who serve in the armed forces. Guide and protect them, and give them wisdom, strength, and resilience. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the people of this congregation with enduring relationships with one another, those who gather here in-person, all who are with us through digital means, and also those who are not able to gather either way. Remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Other petitions may be added here.

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **Amen.**

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

God Who Made the Earth and Heaven

Trinity Chimes

Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG v. 1,3,4

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
3 Rise, re - mem - ber our well the fu - ture
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;

from this meal of love and grace;
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
God - has called us to re - ceive;
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;

may we through such love en - vi - sion
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion

whose we are, and whose, our praise.
to re - lease and to con - sole.
Spir - it - ed then let us live.
from this day and un - to death.

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

God, the won - der of our days.
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
Spir - it, it, grace by whom we live.
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Flourish

Alan Bullard (b.1947)

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TRENDING @ TRINITY

Everyone is encouraged to enjoy coffee and refreshment in the parish hall after worship. Today, there will be a display on the different ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) missions that Trinity is supporting with monies from a fund designated for missional giving. Any church, family or individual may donate to these missions any time by going to the ELCA website (elca.org) or contacting the church office.

The Digital Ministry team will meet tomorrow evening at 7:00. Please let pastor JMe know if you are unable to present.

Next Sunday Trinity welcomes to the pulpit, Pastor John Wertz, assistant to Virginia Synod Bishop Bob Humphrey. Pastor Wertz is the Synod Director of Evangelical Worship and provides support and resourcing for the congregations and leaders of the Virginia Synod in the areas of stewardship, congregational vitality and mission strategy. He will speak on the Synod's Renew 145 program. Renew 145 is an intentional effort to strengthen congregational vitality by helping individuals and congregations:

- Grow deeper in relationship with God,
- Grow deeper in relationship with one another, and
- Grow deeper in relationship with their community.

Trinity is looking to develop a Renew 145 team. A Renew 145 Team is made up of the pastor and 3 to 6 stakeholders in the congregation who are passionate about God's ministry in your congregation and open to experimenting to discover what God is calling your congregation to do and be next. If you would like to know more or are interested in being a part of the team, please contact the church office or speak to any member of council.

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At the December annual congregation meeting (December 12) you will be electing 3 new members to your congregation council. Nominations are now being accepted to fill the vacancies. Council meets once a month at 7PM on the first Tuesday. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry at Trinity, please speak to Darla Wolf, Jerry Rogers or Mike Pyne, Pastor JMe, or call or email the church office.

Friends of Trinity: If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity, there will be an informational brunch on Saturday, November 6. Then new members will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, November 7. If you would like to participate, please email the church office so we can put you on the mailing list to receive more information.

Acts Bible Study will be at 2PM today.

A word of thanks from Louise Poffenberger to those who came to her home on God's Work Our Hands Sunday and washed her windows and brought her food.

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM Meeting ID: 893 0840 5981 Passcode: 321080

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