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PRELUDE

Sonata in A Minor

Francesco Gasparini (1661-1727)

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen**

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.

Most merciful God,
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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

ENTRANCE HYMN

Let Justice Flow like Streams

ELW 717



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



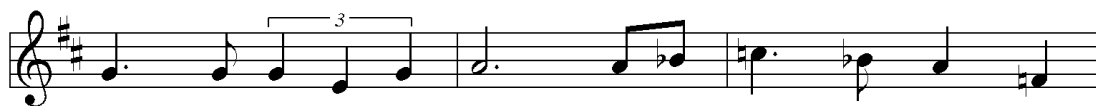
glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

continued

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

II you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

Amy Hall

A reading from Micah.

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart,**

³there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

⁴**In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

⁵He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

⁶**He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

⁷Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

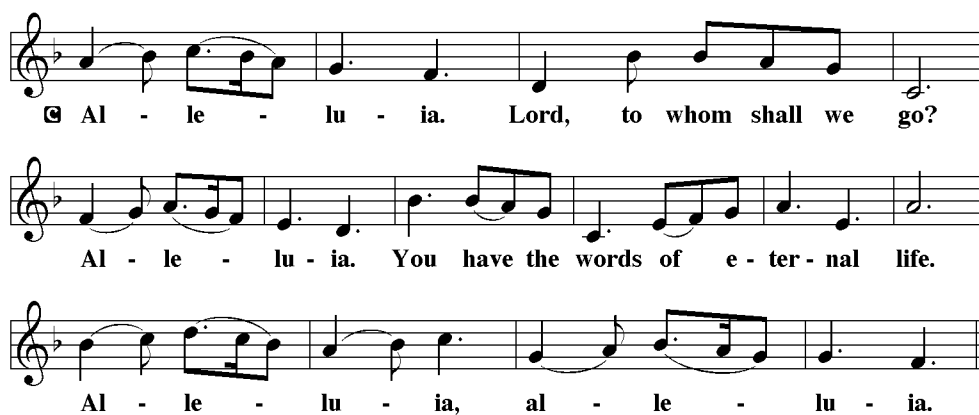
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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

SERMON

The Reverend Terry Hannon

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beauty for Brokenness

1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for de - spair:
2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
3 Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
4 Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
5 Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame,
Lord, in the suf - fer - ing this is our prayer.
work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills;
cit - ies for sanc - tu - a - ry, free - doms to share;
plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture, our dreams.
un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain;
Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace;
land for the dis - pos - sessed, rights for the weak,
peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green,
Lord, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed;
un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,
sun - rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease.
voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his cross for the pain.
make us con - tent with the things that we need.
seek your sal - va - tion, and bring you their praise.
Refrain
God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com - pas - sion, we
pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need especially for Pauline, Shirley, Charlotte, Louise, Nikki, Phyllis, Alice, Barbara, Jeff and others we name now (*worshippers may add names silently or aloud*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Other prayers may be offered now.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

Holy Manna arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Trinity Chimes

Offering is an act of worship that shows our gratitude to God for all that we are and have in our lives. The offering today will provide support for the ministries of Trinity both locally and in the world around us. You may provide your offering in person or send it by mail. We thank you for sharing not only your monetary gifts but also your gifts of time and talent to further our mission to share Jesus' love in worship, fellowship, hospitality, and community, doing God's work with our hands.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

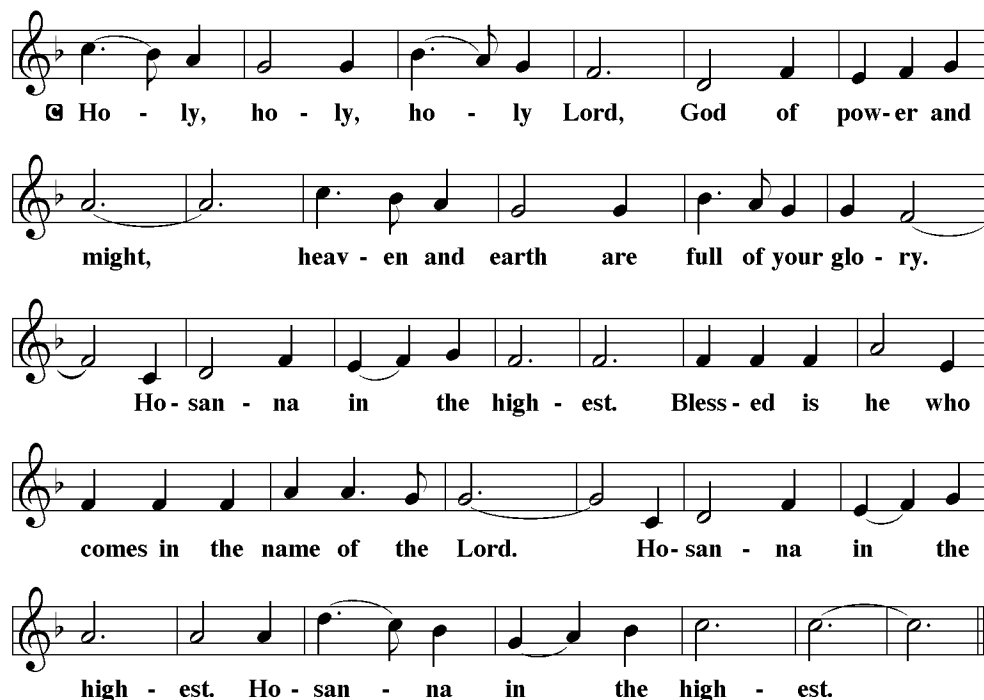
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
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.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know

the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

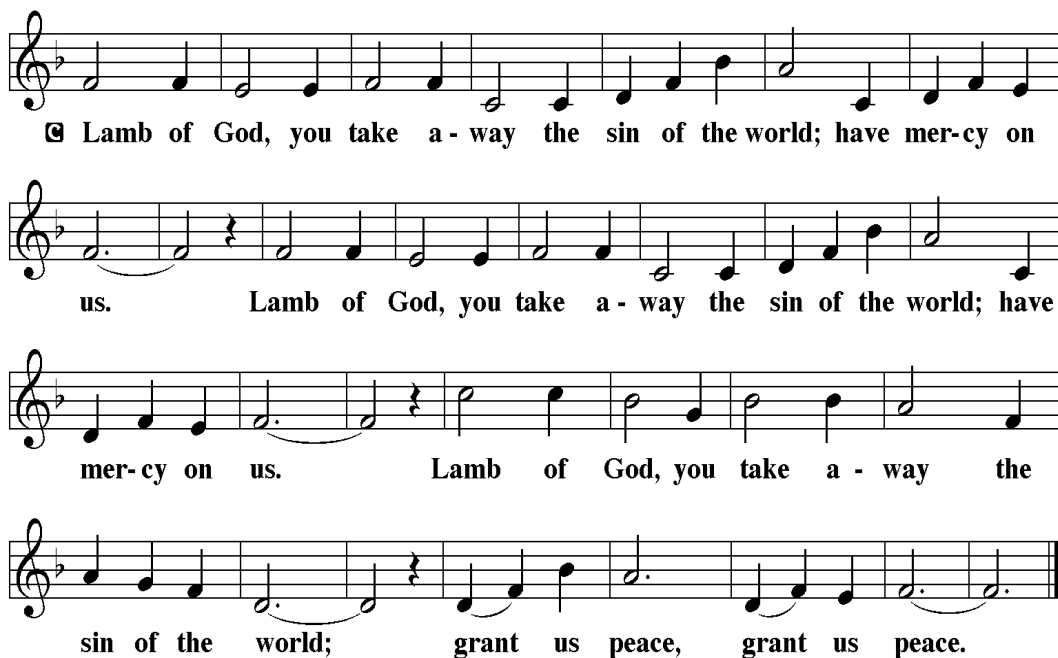
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

Those communing from home, have your package ready to open, but do not consume the elements until the pastor acknowledges those at home and says: "Take and eat. The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you." Then you may partake.

COMMUNION HYMN



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSE JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

By Your Hand You Feed Your People



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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 Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

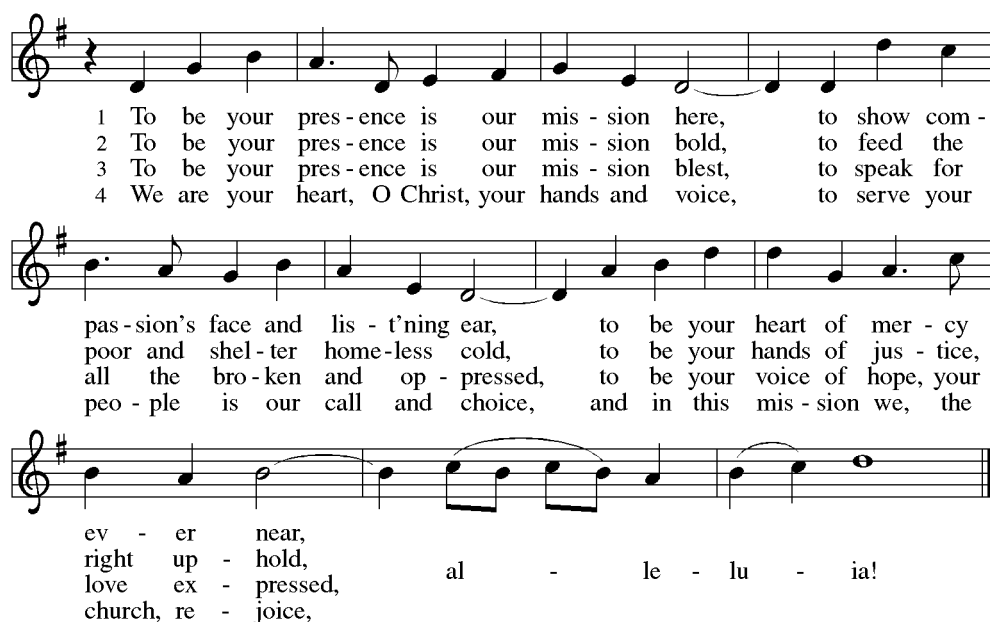
Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN *To Be Your Presence* (ELW 546)



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your
pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,
all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the
ev-er near,
right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!
love ex-pressed,
church, re-joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Verse

Spanish, 17th century

TRENDING @ TRINITY

Warmest thanks this morning to Pastor Terry Hannon for leading worship this morning while Pastor JMe is on the Virginia Synod's senior high retreat with youth from the area. Pastor Hannon is retired and lives at The Village at Orchard Ridge, where she is a neighbor to Trinity's Nancy Huffman. Rostered in the Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod of the ELCA, she has served congregations in Reston and Alexandria and as interim Lutheran campus minister at George Mason University in Fairfax. She spent 20½ years in the U.S. Air Force before attending and graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 2001.

Everyone is invited to the parish hall following worship this morning for refreshments and a special presentation on Lutheran Refugee and Immigration. This is your opportunity to learn what your church is doing to help in the wider world.

On February 11 Trinity will hold a community wide breakfast which will be a free will donation fund raiser for the current building fund effort. If you are interested in donating items to the meal, or volunteering to help on the day of the meal, there are sign up lists in the parish hall. Monetary donations toward the meal items are also greatly appreciated. This morning following worship there will be final meeting for the planning group.

The next community meal is Wednesday, January 25. Menu: soup, grilled cheese and dessert. To volunteer, please see the sign-up list posted in the parish hall or speak to Vickie Hollis.



Time to stock up. Sunday, February 12 is Souper Bowl Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned soup to worship that morning to donate to the food pantry. You are also invited to bring hot soup for the fellowship time following worship that morning. Wearing your favorite (football) team's jersey is also welcome.

The Lutheran Church Women (LCW) invite all women, especially new and prospective church members, to join them for lunch here at Trinity on Tuesday, February 14 at 11:30. This is a good opportunity to learn about the group and meet some of the women of Trinity.

Thank you. The Noisy Offering collected on Sunday, January 15 totaled \$86.10 which will be sent to the Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter. The February recipient is the Evans Home for Children.

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Looking ahead at February

Choir rehearsals Thursdays at 5:45 PM

4- 9AM-2PM, Council retreat

11-7AM-10AM, Community Breakfast fund raiser

12-Souper Bowl Sunday, bring canned soup for food pantry, hot soup for fellowship after worship

Sunday school

14-9:30AM Sewing for the Savior

11:30AM, LCW, all women invited to lunch

19-Noisy Offering Sunday, proceeds to Evans Home for Children

21-5:30PM Shrove Tuesday pancake supper

22-**Ash Wednesday**

noon Worship

5:30PM Community Meal (menu:breaded fish, mac & Cheese, broccoli, dessert)

7:00PM worship

25-Newtown History Center lecture in parish hall



2- RaeAnn Patterson

4-Henry Silsbee

9-Tammy Craun

19-Pat Godding

24-Vickie Hollis

25-Jared Rogers

27-Deb Wickboldt