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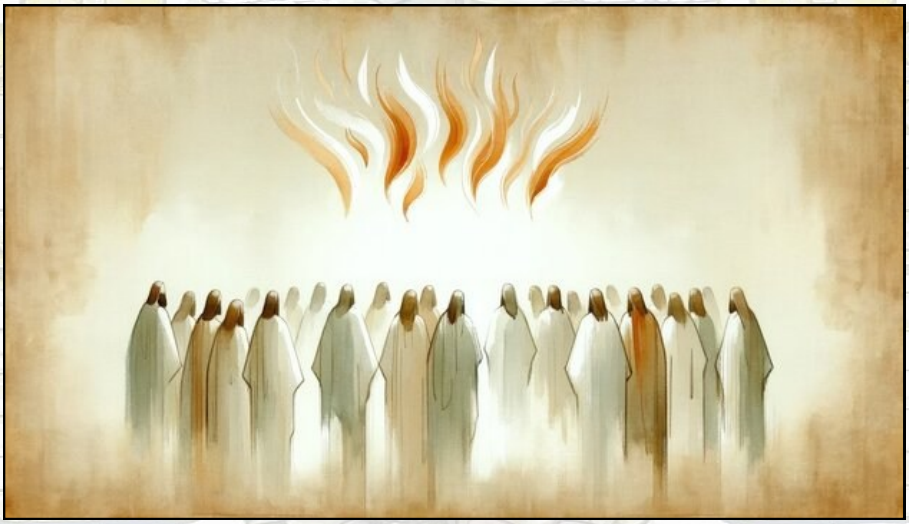
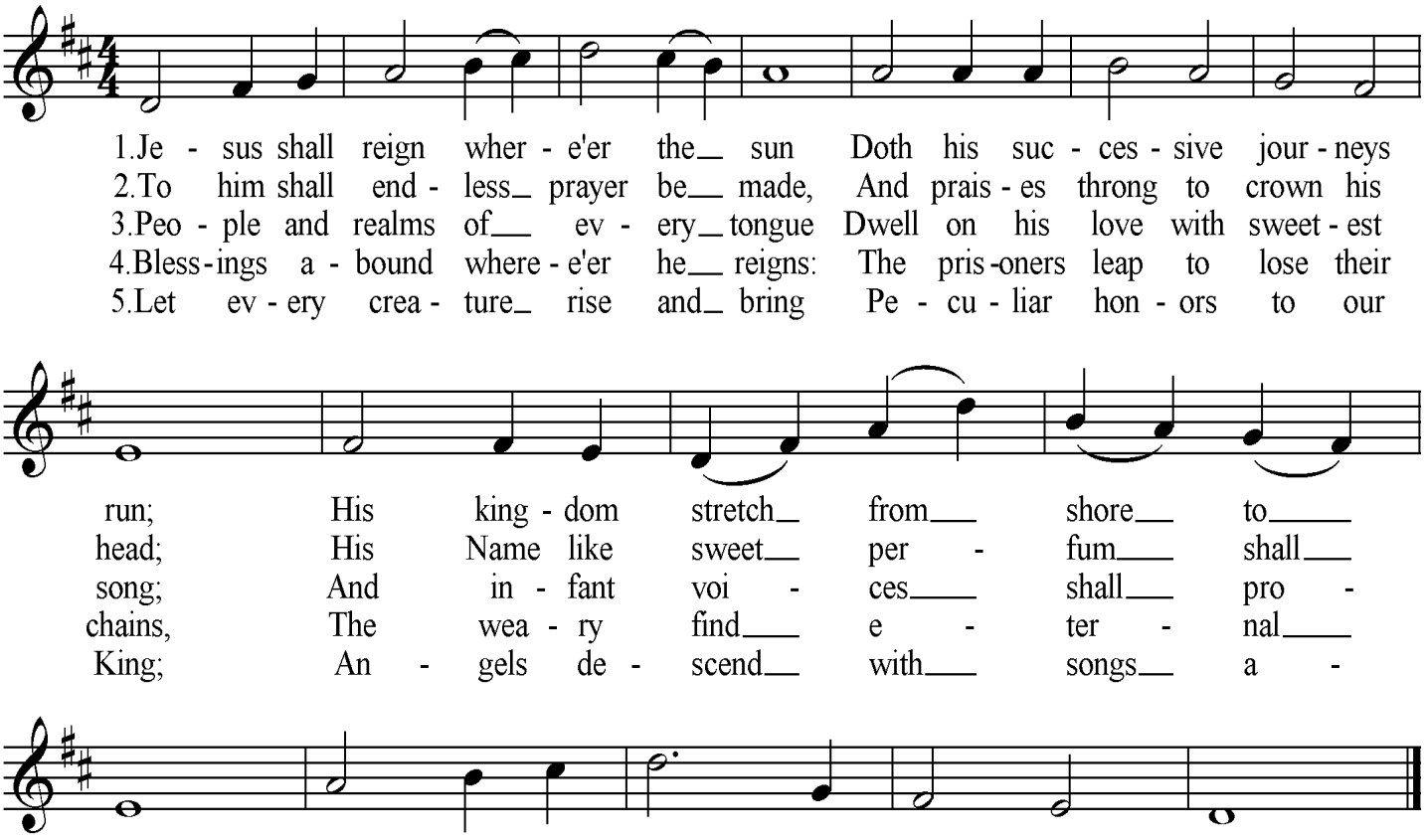
Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
October 18, 2026



8:00 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE **Prelude On A Theme Of Gustav Holst "Thaxed"** C. Callahan

OPENING HYMN **Jesus Shall Reign Where-e'er The Sun** Hymnal 1982 #544



✠THE WORD OF GOD✠

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Let us pray.
People: **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. Amen.**

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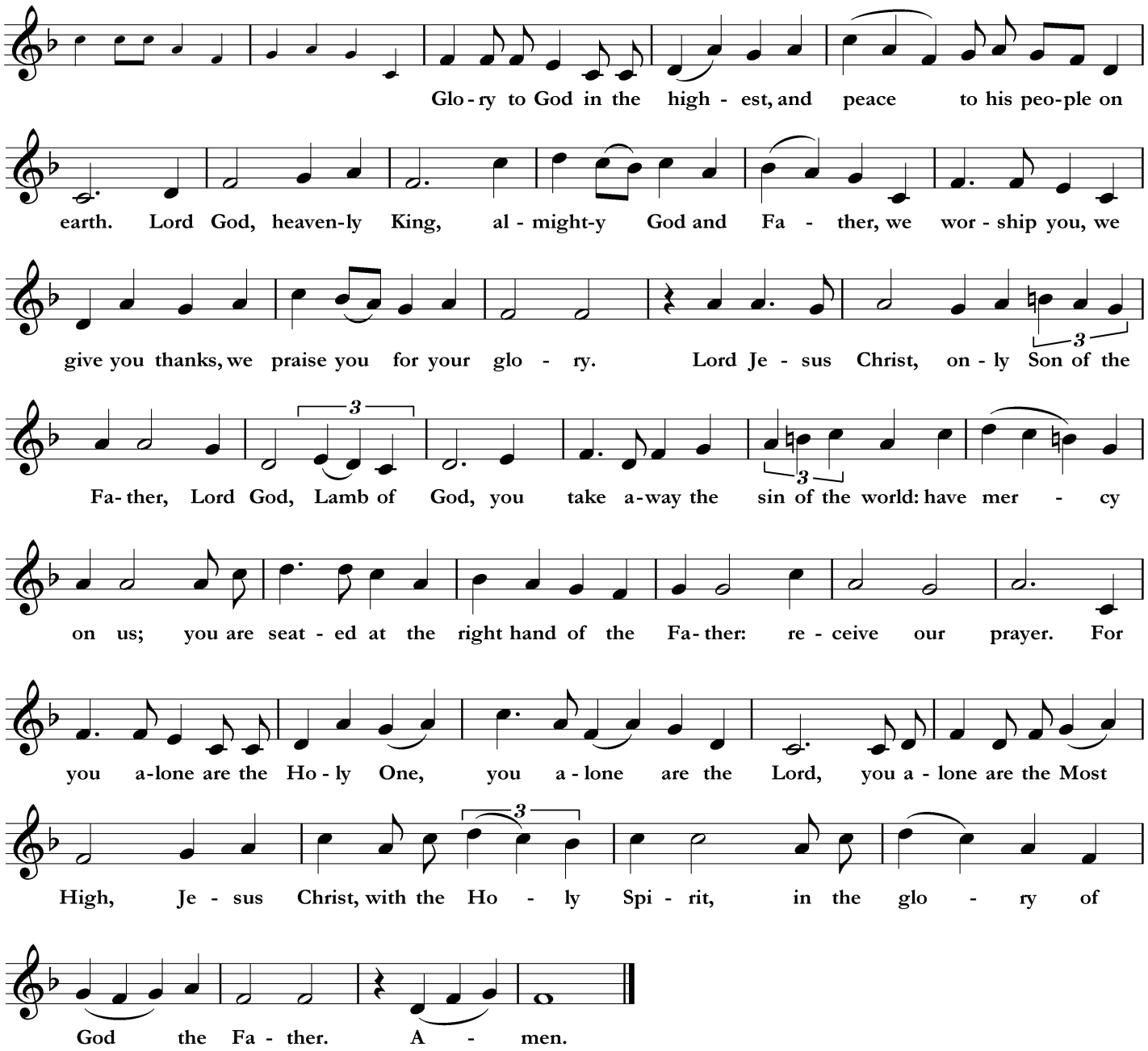

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Mission of the Church of the Holy Trinity is to be a visible and vibrant body of Christ open and welcoming to all. We are committed by our faith in God to nurture

each other on our lifelong journey of discernment, and to be dedicated to healing, witness and service so that all may discover a deeper relationship with God through Christ Jesus. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES — Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

FROM THE PSALTER — Psalm 99

Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.

1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

**4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

**6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

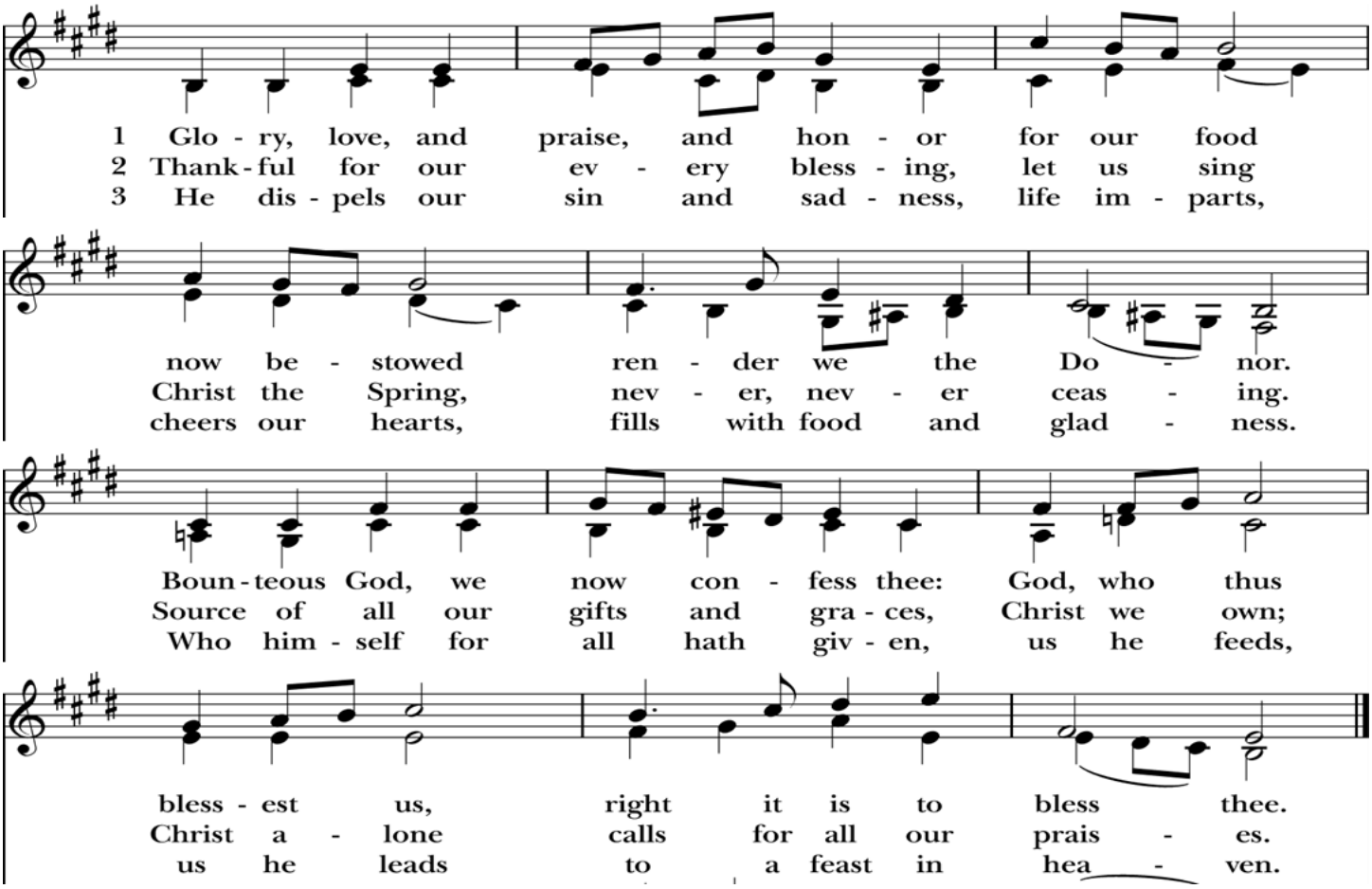
**8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

FROM THE EPISTLES **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN **Glory, Love, And Praise** Hymnal 1982 #300
Verses 1 and 2 before the Gospel, Verse 3 after the Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 22: 15-22**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY The Rev. Jill McNish, PhD

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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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

LITANY FOR OUR RECTOR SEARCH

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: We lift in prayer all those engaged in the important decisions that lie ahead as we travel this sacred path together; saying: "Lord, hear our prayer"**.**

We pray for the Vestry . . . Grant them wisdom as they oversee the process of searching for and giving final affirmation to our next rector, as well as guiding the ongoing business of the parish. We pray for Joe, our Sr. Warden; Joe, our Accounting Warden; and Adam, Jane, Jay, Mark, Greg, Karen, Chris.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the Search Committee . . . Grant them the gift of discernment in analyzing, sorting, interviewing and choosing our next rector. We pray for Abby, Jane, Sarah, Chris, Andrew, Cathy, Chris, Rosemary, James.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give thanks for the Profile Committee . . . We thank them for describing the core values, strengths and challenges of this parish, making the profile an accurate description of Holy Trinity. We pray for Amy, Adam, Penny, Jim, Nancy, Heather, Stephanie, Hope.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the Prayer Team . . . Grant them perseverance and dedication in offering the joys and difficulties of this search process to Our Lord in prayer, thanksgiving and supplication. We pray for Sara, Joe, Lisa, Bill, Judy, Pat, Jennifer, Karen.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our Search Consultant . . . Grant her insight and knowledge in guiding the search process, encouraging the positive and correcting where needed. We pray for Barbara.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our Interim Rector . . . Grant him the gift of leadership, that this not be just a time of maintenance, but a time of growth and progress. We pray for Keith.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the Holy Trinity community . . . Grant them patience, trust, and a sense of calm as the process moves forward and evolves. We pray for all the members of this parish.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: And finally, we pray for our next rector and her or his family ... Grant them the gift to discern the call of the Holy Spirit to join us here in this sacred place. We pray for the rector God has already chosen to lead us through the next phase of our parish life.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray together for Church of the Holy Trinity in this important moment of our parish life.

All: **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: We give you thanks, O Lord, for your presence in this your Church. Bless its members here in this congregation, and all Christians throughout the world. Guide us in carrying out the mission you have entrusted to us.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our diocesan bishop; for our parish clergy; for all bishops, clergy, and deacons; and for all the baptized who minister in your Name. For all your holy people.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We bless your name, O Lord, for the freedoms which we enjoy in this, our nation. Make us worthy and appreciative of the abundance you have so generously granted us. Help us to remember the lessons you taught in sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves. Let us remember our duty to help bring your kingdom into this world.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We thank you, O Lord, for our friends and family around the world. Help us to learn to love all our neighbors. Shield your people from persecution and oppression.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We bless you, O Lord, for this small piece of your Creation, this community of West Chester. Make us willing to live peacefully and cooperatively with all those who are part of this city. Let us walk together in your name.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We ask your healing and comfort, O Lord, for all your beloved children who suffer in any way. Bring your healing power upon them and make them whole. Strengthen their trust in your love for all whom you have created.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We remember, O Lord, with thanksgiving all those who have died, in the company of all the saints who have gone before. We ask you to comfort those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Help us to wait patiently for a joyful reunion with those we love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Abide with us, O Lord. We need your loving presence. Abide with us and give us a lasting sense of peace.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant*:* Let us confess our sins to God.

A period of silence is observed.

People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The congregation greets one another with a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠THE HOLY COMMUNION✠

OFFERTORY ANTHEM **God Be In My Head** John Rutter

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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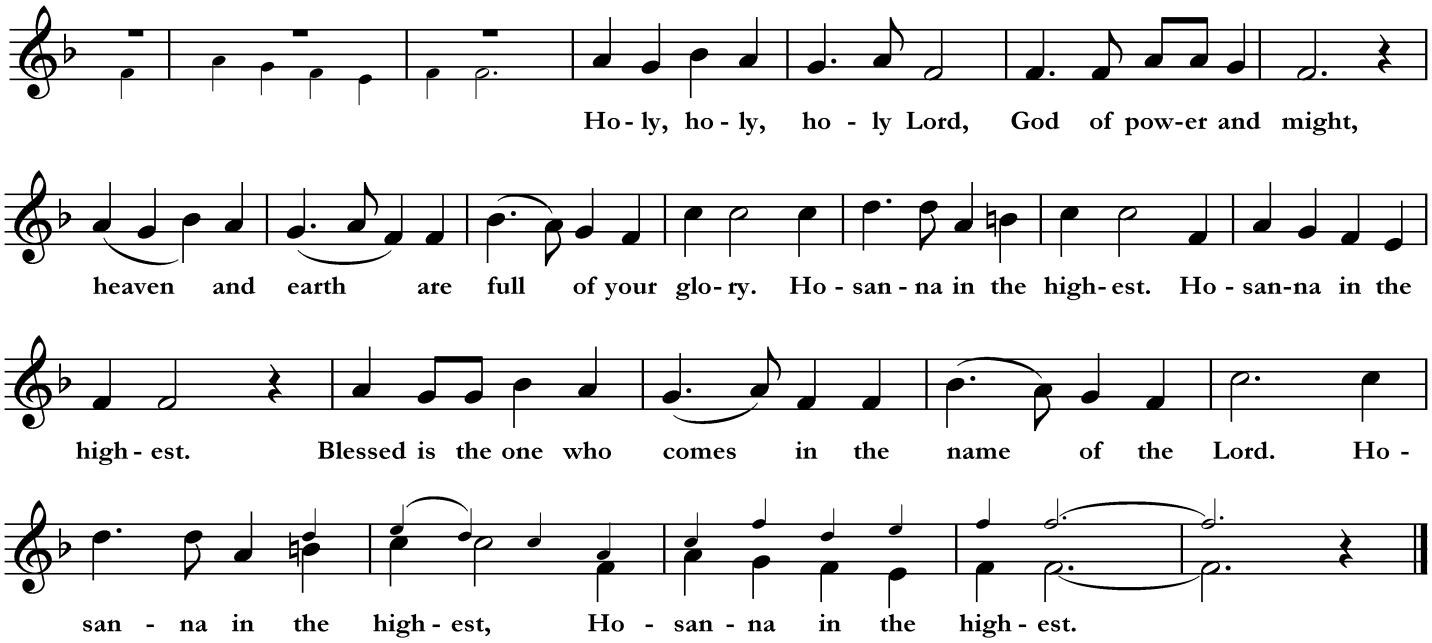


Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our

Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

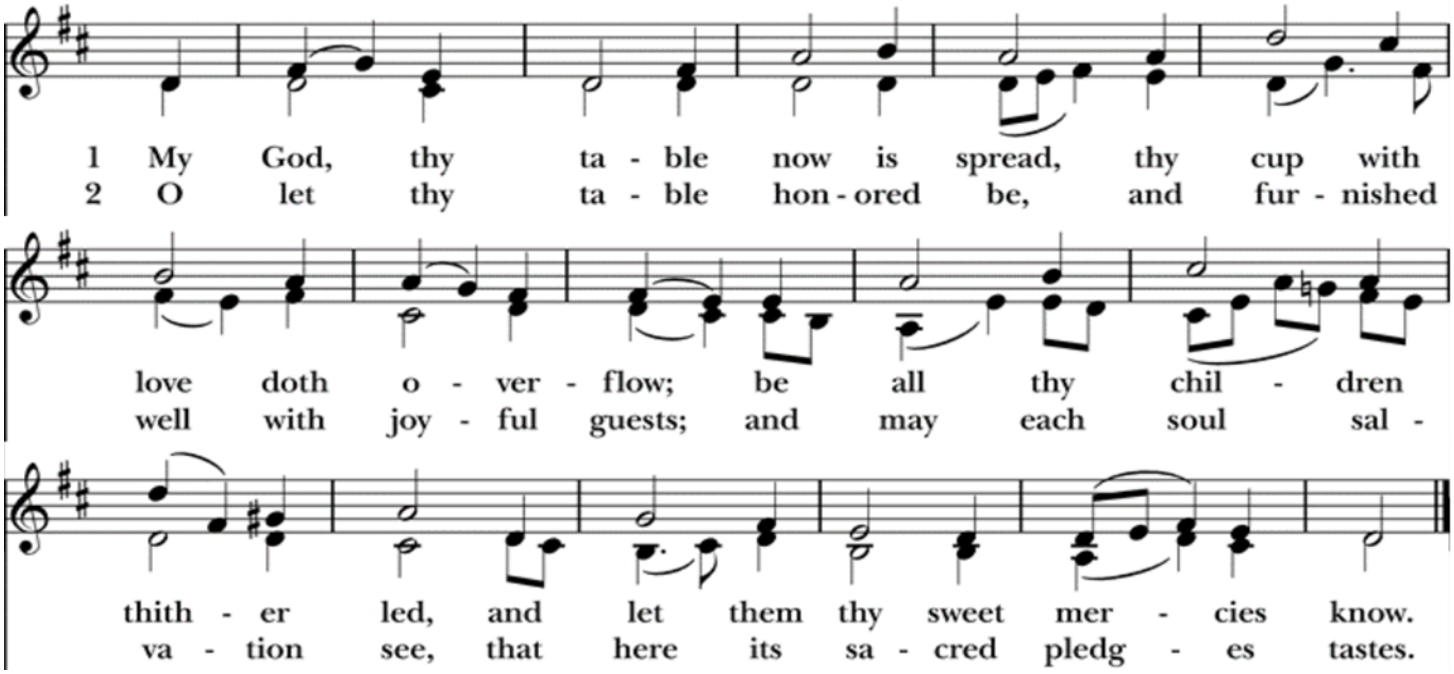
People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People: **Happy are we who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

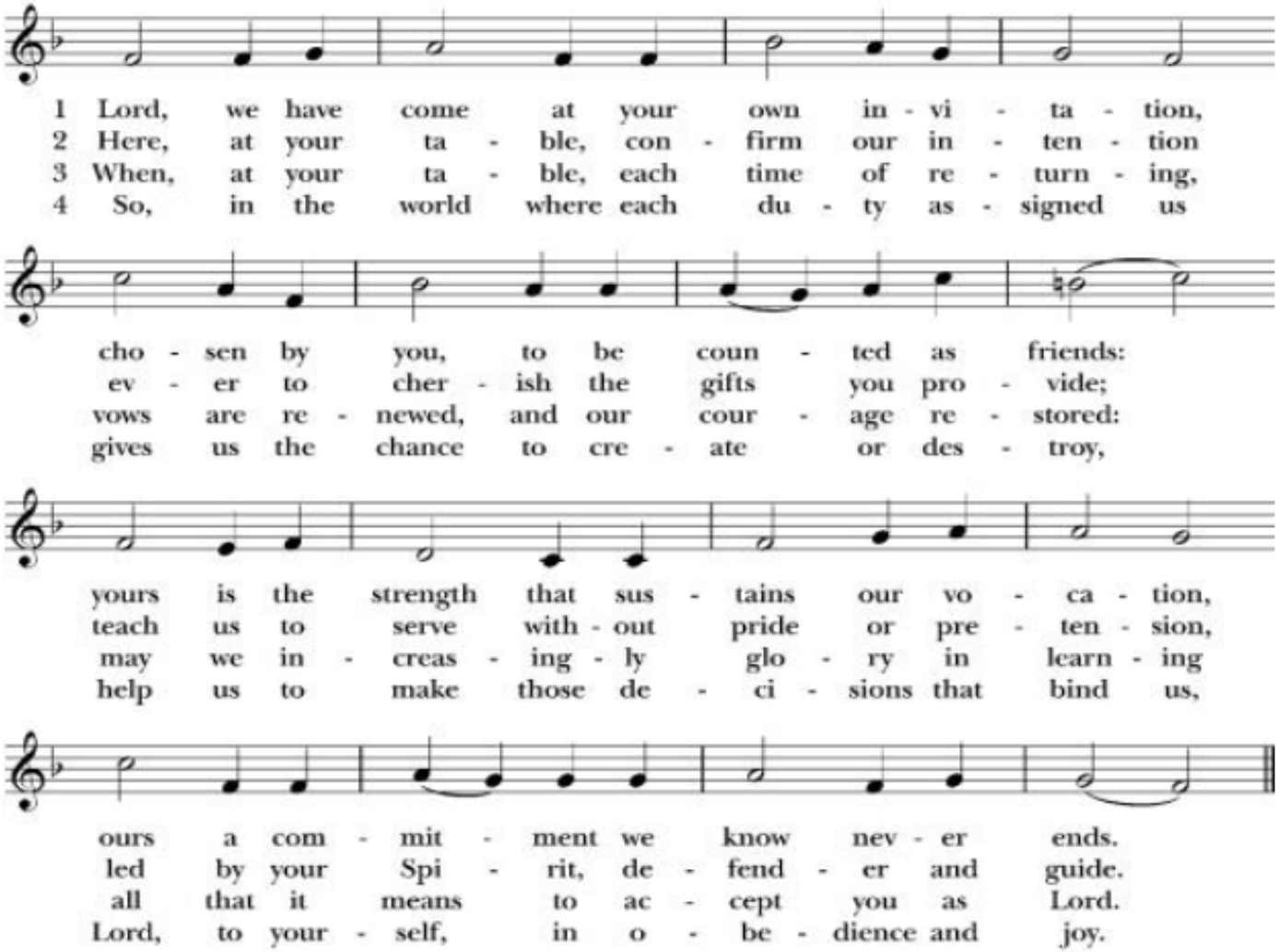
FRACTION ANTHEM **My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread** Hymnal 1982 #321



THE INVITATION

Celebrant: Behold holy food and holy drink! 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.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. (*Non-gluten wafers can be requested at Altar Rail.)*

COMMUNION HYMN **Lord, We Have Come** **Hymnal 1982 #348**

Eucharist Visitors, if any, are sent forth.

THE SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation here gathered I send you forth bearing these holy gifts; That those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body as we all share in the one bread and one cup.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

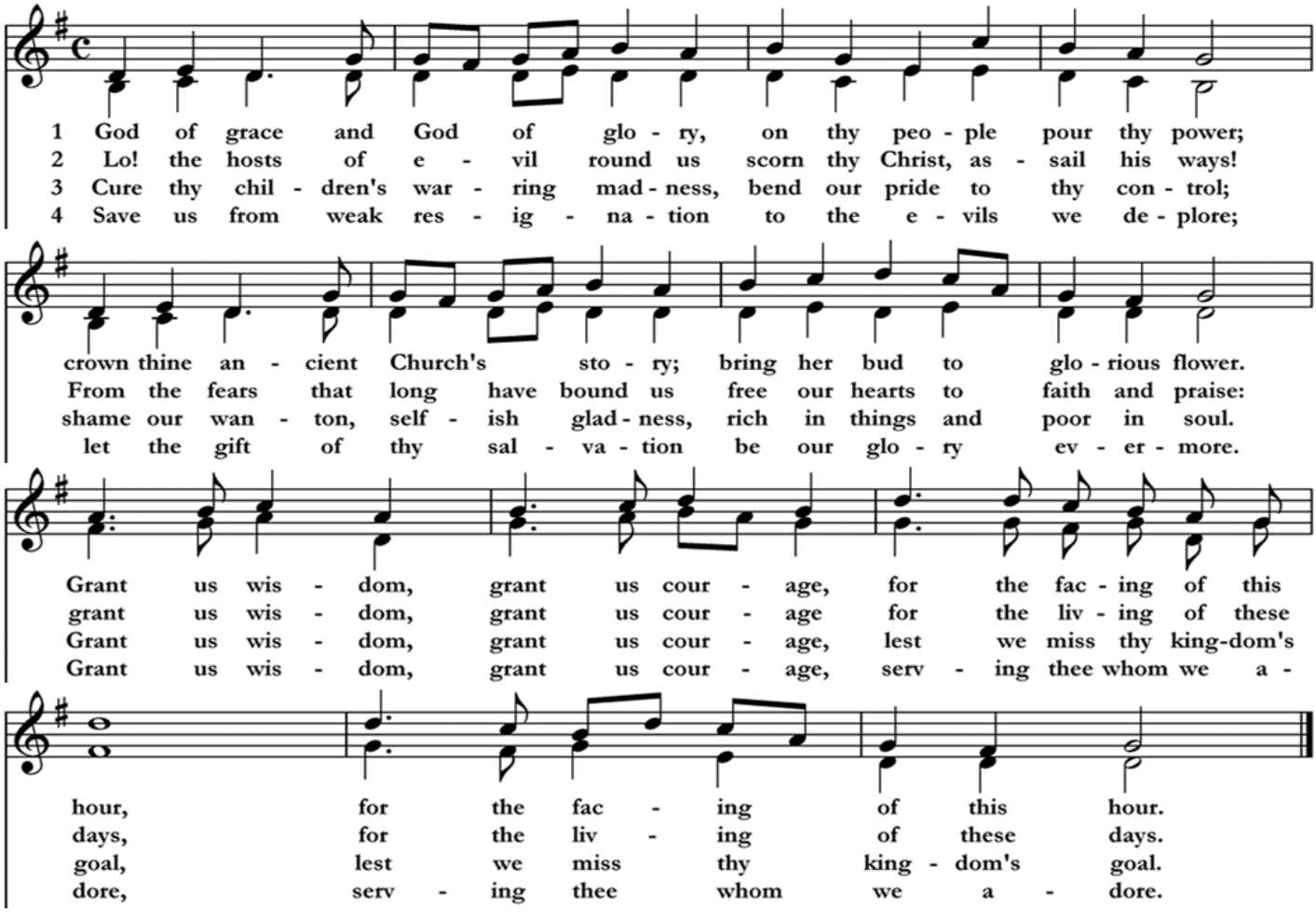
Celebrant: For all we have received from God's hand, let us pray:

People: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

People: **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN **God Of Grace And God Of Glory** Hymnal 1982 #594

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go into the world, spreading the peace and love, the mercy and grace of God and Christ Jesus to all who you meet. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE **Little Prelude in C** J. S. Bach

WE GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Today's service may be viewed online at this link:
https://control.resi.io/webplayer/video.html?id=d3757aa0-a10f-400e-b412-9a73ce5baaac

Or by going to www.holytrinitywc.org

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Altar Guild	Jen Patterson, Elizabeth Voorhees, Rita McGuane, Jane Brigman	
Eucharistic Ministers	**8:00 am**	Jim Wood
	10:30 am	Meg Johnson
Readers / Prayers	**8:00 am**	Jane Brigman
	10:30 am	Amy Baird
Counters	**10:30 am**	Chris Thompson, Amy Baird
Ushers & Greeters	**10:30 am**	Bill and Ginny Zahn

In Need of Our Prayers: The people of Afghanistan, Iran, Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine and Minneapolis
Continuing Need for Prayers: Dennis, LJ, Godbout family, Charles, Steven, Clifford, Sue, Ann, Sarah Lee, Dottie, Linda, Tina, Louise, June, Sisan, Lee, Reggie, Ed, Gene, Laura

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR . .

My name is Richard Cross. I have been a member of the Holy Trinity Chancel Choir since 2018, serving as the bass section leader. I graduated from West Chester University in 2021 with my Bachelor's of Music in Music Education and Vocal Performance. For the last five years, I have taught elementary general music and chorus in the West Chester Area School District. In WCASD, I also direct the musicals at Peirce Middle School and co-direct the 5th grade Honors Chorus. Outside of teaching, I also perform with the Brandywine Singers. I am excited to be taking on this new role here at Holy Trinity!

This morning we welcome Reverend Jill McNish, PhD who will be filling in for Father Keith this Sunday.

We also welcome Gail Craven who will be playing the organ this Sunday and next Sunday.

NEED BAGS

Trinity Treasures needs any type of paper bags, for example, from GIANT, home delivery, Bath & Body Works, Hallmark, etc..

Visitors are invited to sign the guest book located on the table in the Narthex.
The Password for our Open Network is: holytrinity

Parish News

Holy Trinity Calendar

SUNDAY 10/18
8:00am Holy Eucharist
8:45am CAFÉ
10:30am Holy Eucharist

MONDAY 10/19
10:00am Act Now, Community Cupboard
10:00am Sarah's Circle
10:00am Trinity Stitchers

TUESDAY 10/20
10:00am Act Now, Community Cupboard
10:00am Centering Prayer

WEDNESDAY 10/21
9:00am - 3:00pm Office Open
10:00am Healing Service
1:00pm Act Now, Community Cupboard

THURSDAY 10/22
9:00am - 3:00pm Office Open
10:00am Act Now, Community Cupboard
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY 10/23
9:00am - 3:00pm Office Open
3:00pm - 5:00 pm Friday Night Supper

SATURDAY 10/24

SUNDAY 10/25
8:00am Holy Eucharist
8:45am CAFÉ
10:30am Holy Eucharist

Prayer Support

A small group of your fellow parishioners want to pray for you or a loved one! This dedicated group of "prayers" would very much like to offer daily prayers on your behalf. All you have to do is make a request.

This has been an active Holy Trinity Ministry for almost 28 years! When you make a request to this group, **all information remains confidential and unpublished.** Any and all requests from the church community are welcome. Requests may include prayers for you or your loved ones, including close friends. To make a request, please call, text or email Cathy Stout at 610-506-4579 (leave voicemail please!) cathy.stout@verizon.net.

Midweek Healing Services

Each Wednesday, we will gather in the Ascension Chapel at 10:00am. Anointing and laying on of hands will be offered for those who wish, and the service will conclude with Holy Eucharist. These services are open to all. You are invited to come, seeking personal healing, or bring your intentions for others, our community, or the world.

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and was founded in 1835.
Visitors wishing to become a part of our common life are encouraged to speak to the clergy or phone the parish office.

Parish Office Hours are Wednesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Church Office: 610-696-4640 Pastoral Care: 610-696-4641 Email: office@holytrinitywc.org Web: holytrinitywc.org

Prayer For Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

See our website or contact the church office, for ministry descriptions and contact information.

Vestry Members

Joe McAllister .....Senior Warden
Joe Karas .....Accounting Warden
Karen Shampanore ..... Clerk
Chris Thompson
Mark Lauritsen
Jay Davidson
Adam Bozarth
Greg Robino
Jane Brigman

Parish Hall Kitchen Board

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Vince Paul ..... Treasurer
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