

Ascension of Our Lord

May 17, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Holy Communion

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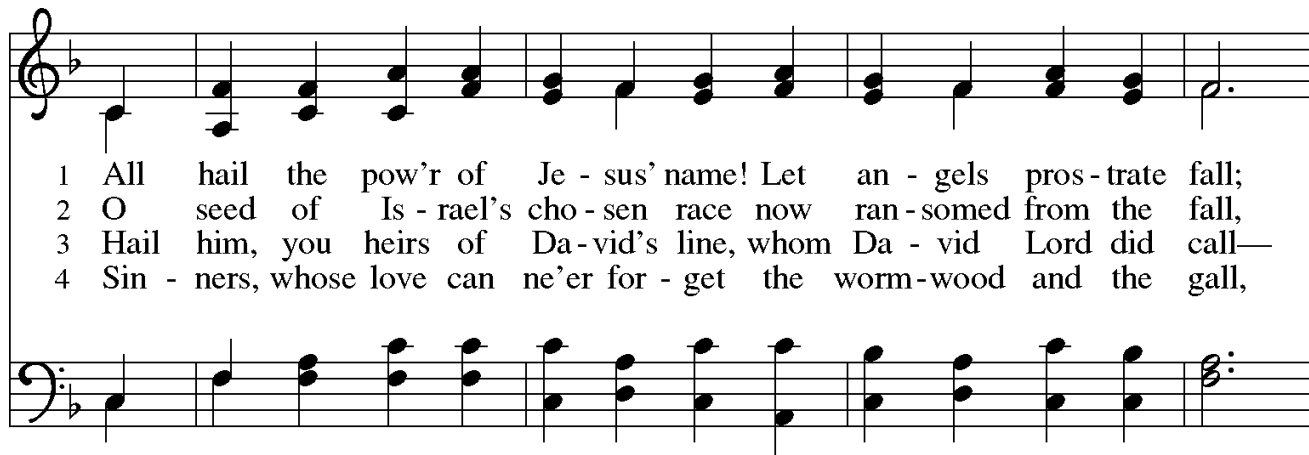
Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Nancy Dale
Greeters:	Doug & Mim Miller
Usher:	Bruce Wagler
Altar:	Pat Schmetzer
Musician:	Jamie Courtney
Technology:	Krista Straus
Fellowship:	Dave Mello

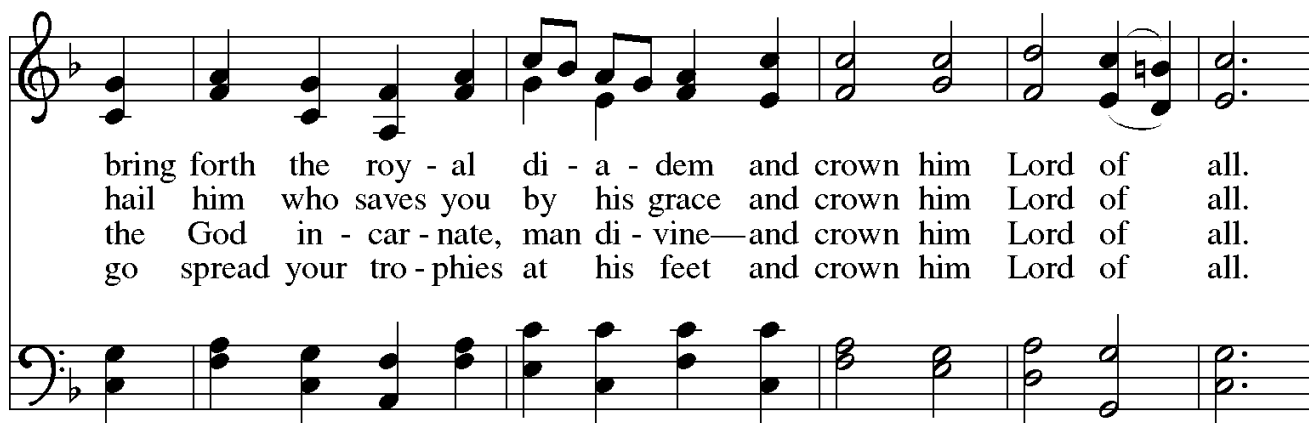
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Gathering Song

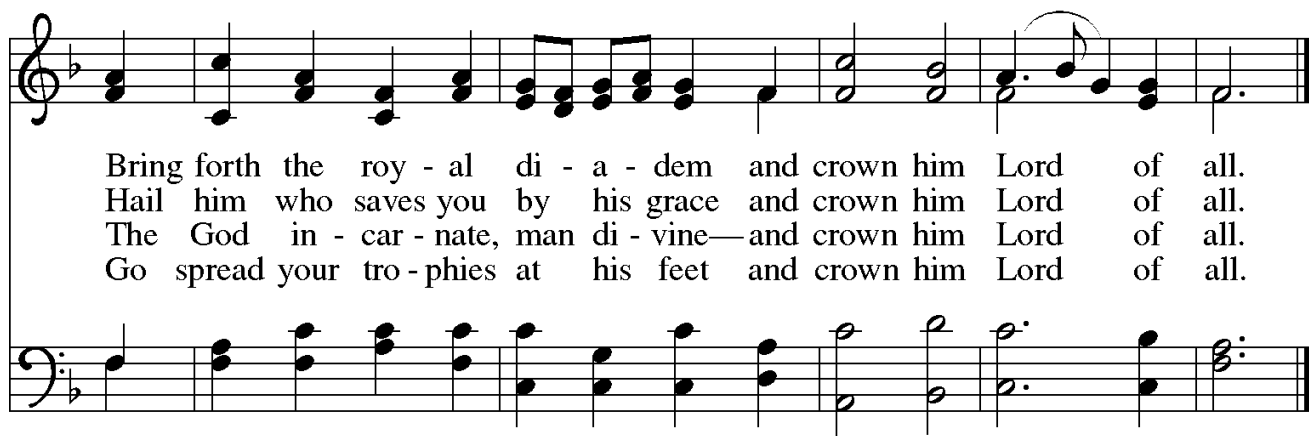
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

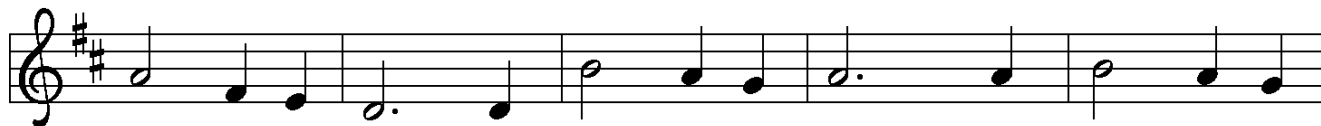
6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

continued...



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion

that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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



1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, your Son Jesus ascended to fill all time and space and is present with all people. By your Holy Spirit, lead your church and its leaders in faith, hope, and love, and in sharing the presence of Christ.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Majestic God, your Son Jesus entrusts his ministry to his followers to care for all you have created. Instill in us a commitment to sustainable ecological practices.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus sits at your right hand and rules the cosmos. Inspire national and local politicians to lead with equity and fairness, and raise up advocates and activists for those seeking justice. Cultivate peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Holy Land, the Congo, Sudan, Myanmar, Cameroon, Thailand, Iran, and the United States.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, your Son Jesus carries with him the scars of suffering as our wounded healer. Guide with your wisdom the work of surgeons, pharmacists, midwives, and all medical specialists. Bring your healing touch to all who are sick especially Dorothea, Myles, Stan, Mary, Lyle, Nan, Lois, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Caring God, your Son Jesus reveals the depths of your love and gathers all people to himself. Accompany us in our work and play to make your presence known in all that we do.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, by his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus destroyed death forever. With thanksgiving we remember those who rest from the labors, assured of your promise of everlasting life.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

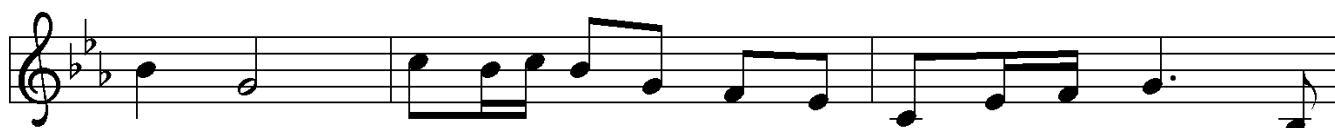
Amen.

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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

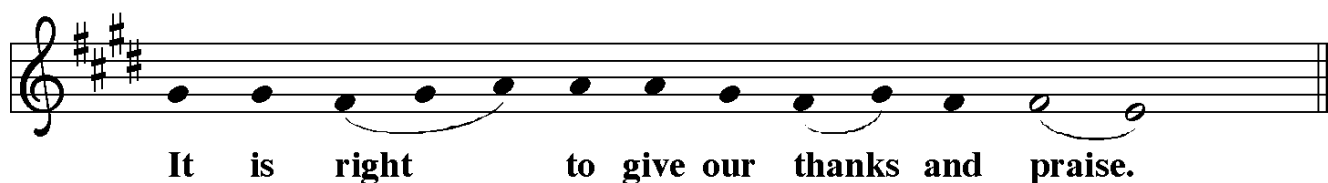
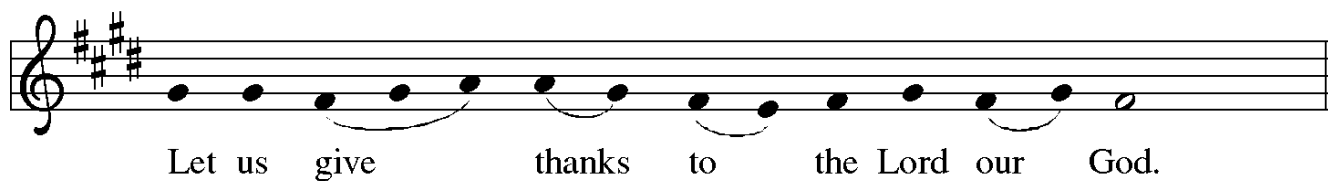
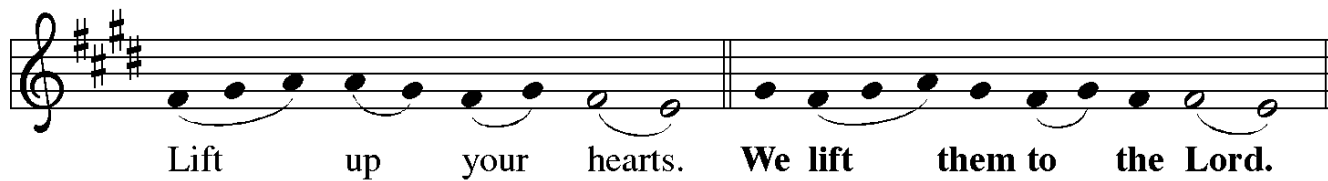
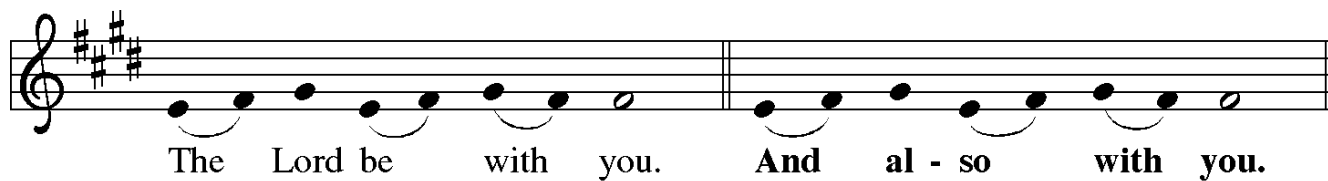


all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

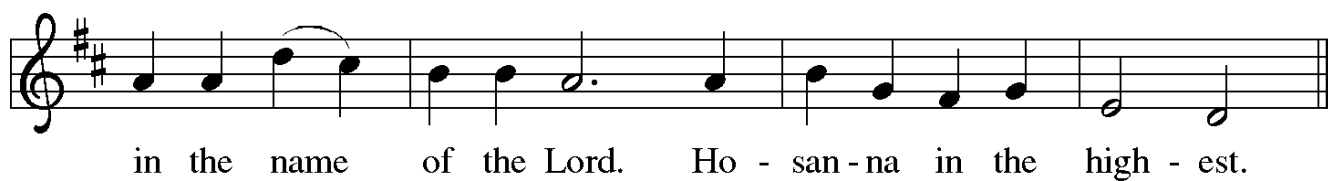
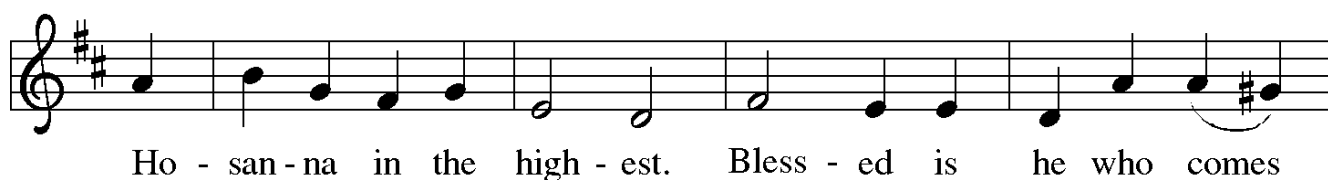
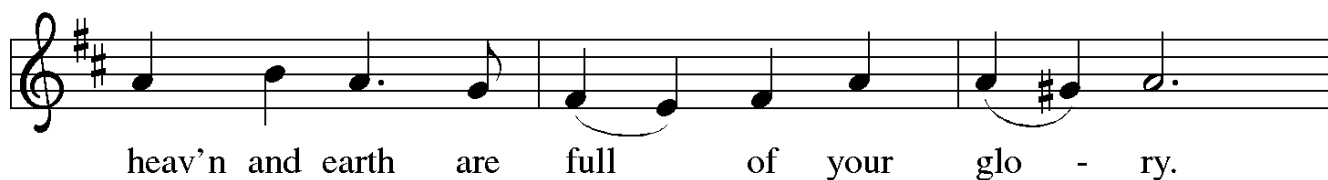
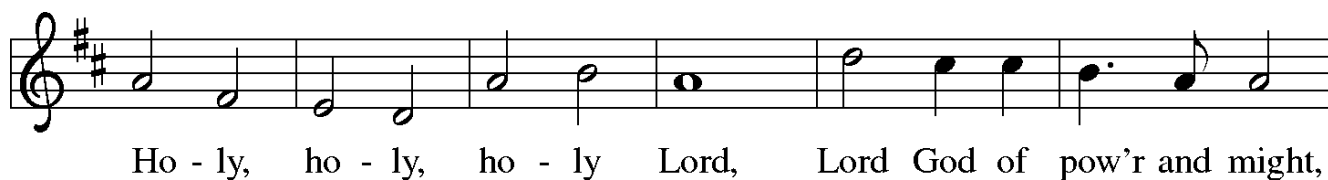


with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Dialogue



Holy, Holy, Holy



Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

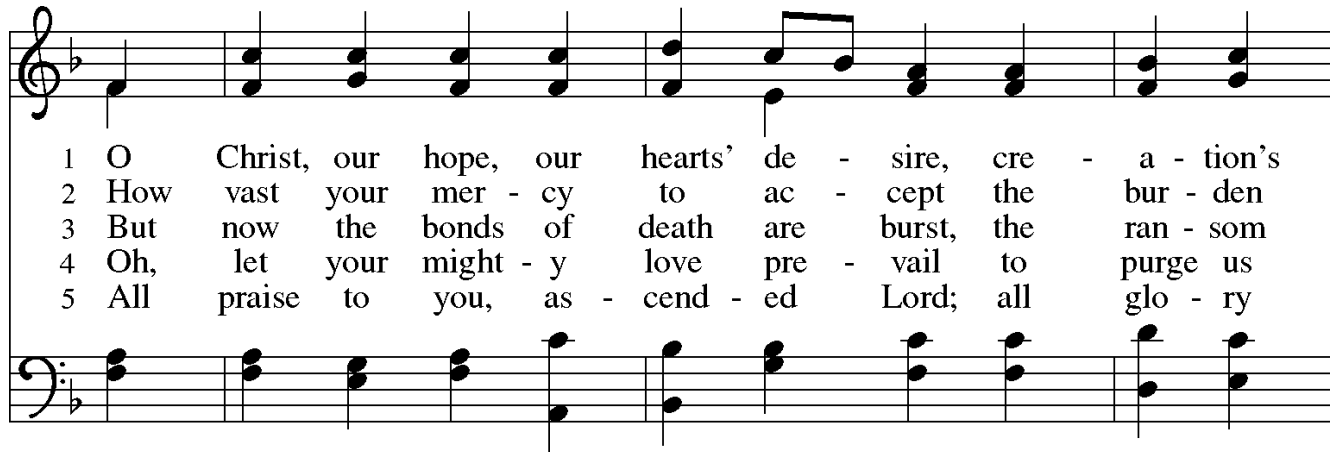
Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,


light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Communion Song

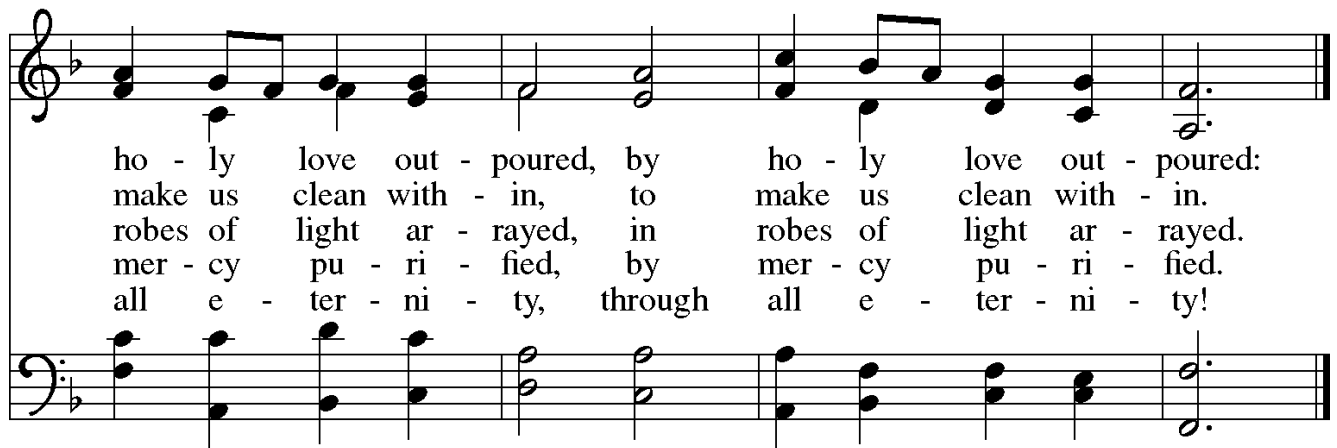
O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

+ Sunday to Sunday

17 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Ascension of Our Lord
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	2:00 pm	Nithview Worship
18 – Monday		Victoria Day (church office closed)
19 – Tuesday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Karate
	7:00 pm	Trinity Book Club
20 – Wednesday	9:30 am	NVMA Rostered Leaders at St. James, New Dundee
	5:15 pm	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Church Council
21 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
23 – Saturday	7:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	AA
24 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Day of Pentecost + Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	2:00 pm	Nithview Worship

+ Vacation Bible School

Creation Care Quest Vacation Bible School is coming to Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg this summer from **Monday, August 17th to Friday, August 21st**. This will be a full-day program from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with lunch and snacks included. Kids ages 5 to 11 years old as of December 31st, 2026, are invited to attend. The price is \$50 per child, which includes lunch, snacks, and a t-shirt! **Online registration is now open at telc.ca!**

Volunteers are required for leaders, snack and lunch preparation, music, and set up. Youth and teen volunteers are welcome – volunteer hours can be earned. Please speak with Pastor Tanya, Jo-Anne Schwass or Katharine Borch if you are interested in helping with this event.

This VBS is made possible by proceeds from the Trinity Endowment Fund.

+ Spring Work Day

Trinity hosts our annual Spring Work Day on Friday, June 5th starting at 9:00 am. Might you lend a hand? We have a variety of tasks at all skill levels to keep our properties in spiffy shape for another season. Let us know if you might help by using the sign-up sheet at in the narthex. Lunch provided.

+ Visioning Task Team Update + Lunch

On Sunday, June 14th, Trinity's Visioning Task Team will be providing an update with proposals for a possible building project, followed by a catered lunch. This is an information meeting, and not an official congregational meeting where any voting would take place.

Please RSVP by Sunday, June 7th so we know how many folks to expect for lunch. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, or use the digital sign-up sheet linked in Friday's emailer.

+ ELCIC Day of Action

On May 31st, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada invites congregations to take part in a **Day of Action** to serve our neighbours. Trinity will undertake a project to support oneROOF, the vital local organization that provides support, resources, and community for youth experiencing, and at risk of, homelessness.

Trinity aims to check an item off the oneROOF wish list: the purchase of **six Chromebook laptops**, at a total cost of approximately **\$3,100**. These laptops will be used by youth in the oneROOF program to support learning, build computer skills, and provide access to job applications and other essential resources. In a world where so much of daily life depends on digital access, this is a meaningful and practical way to support independence, opportunity, and dignity. To help us meet this goal, please **mark an offering envelope or etransfer as "laptops"**. Any additional funds raised beyond our \$3100 goal will go to oneROOF to be used where needed most.

+ Soup Supper & Evening Worship

On Thursday, May 28th we meet for a simple soup supper at 5:30 pm in Trinity Hall, followed by a short 6:30 pm worship service. All are welcome. If you care to contribute soup or bread, please use the signup sheet in the narthex.

+ Mondays & Tuesdays

Our final Tuesday Bible Study before a seasonal break will be Tuesday, May 19th. Thank you to all who have been coming to share and engage with scripture.

Our summertime Monday Morning Meetup returns on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 am. Come for a cup of coffee and a social visit in the Katie Luther Room at Trinity. All are welcome.

+ Conversations Across the Church

Join ELCIC Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for the next Conversations Across the Church online gathering on Sunday, May 24th. This time together will include a brief time of worship, grounding us in prayer and community as we listen, learn and reflect together.

We'll be joined by voices from our Global Mission partners: Bishop Imad Haddad from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), Pastor Mariela Pereyra, President of Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Unida (IELU), and Pastor Ofelia Davila, President of Iglesia Luterana del Perú (IL-P). Together, we will reflect on a shared question: Where do you see life in your church?

Join us for this meaningful time of connection and reflection. Come ready to listen, be inspired, and consider where you see signs of life in your own context. Zoom registration is required. Link available at elcic.ca

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