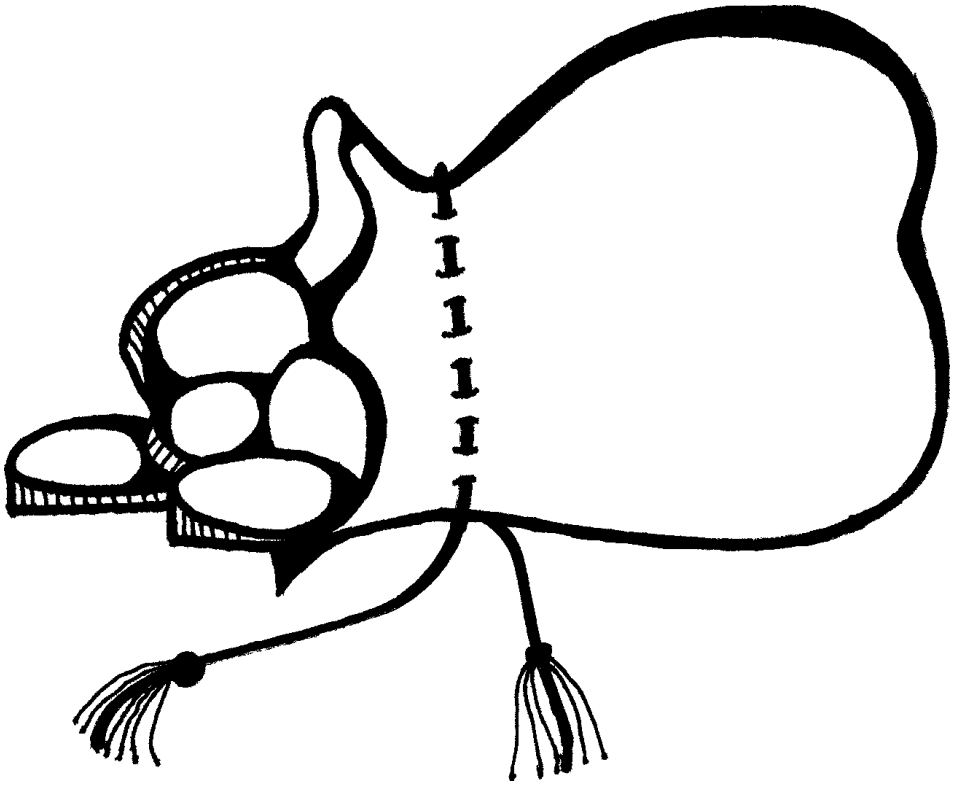
25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 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

Gathering

Prelude	THE ASH GROVE – *Jason W. Krug*
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Invitation	*All are invited. All are welcome.*
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Sending

Blessing	
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Dismissal	*Go in peace. Encourage one another.*
	Thanks be to God.
Postlude	Festive Air – *Sandra Eithun*

Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Dr. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Lynn Perrin
Greeter:	Millie Buehlow
Usher:	Dave Mello
Altar:	Pat Schmetzer
Musicians:	Jamie Courtney, Handbell Ensemble
Technology:	Lisa Hagen
Fellowship:	Dave Mello

We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.


1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer
in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.
We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.
we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalmody

Psalm 90:1-8,12

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not
need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know very well
that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When they say,
"There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them,
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
[4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the day; we
are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night,
and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day,
let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet
the hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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Gospel Acclamation



The cantor sings the proper verse. The alleluias are repeated.

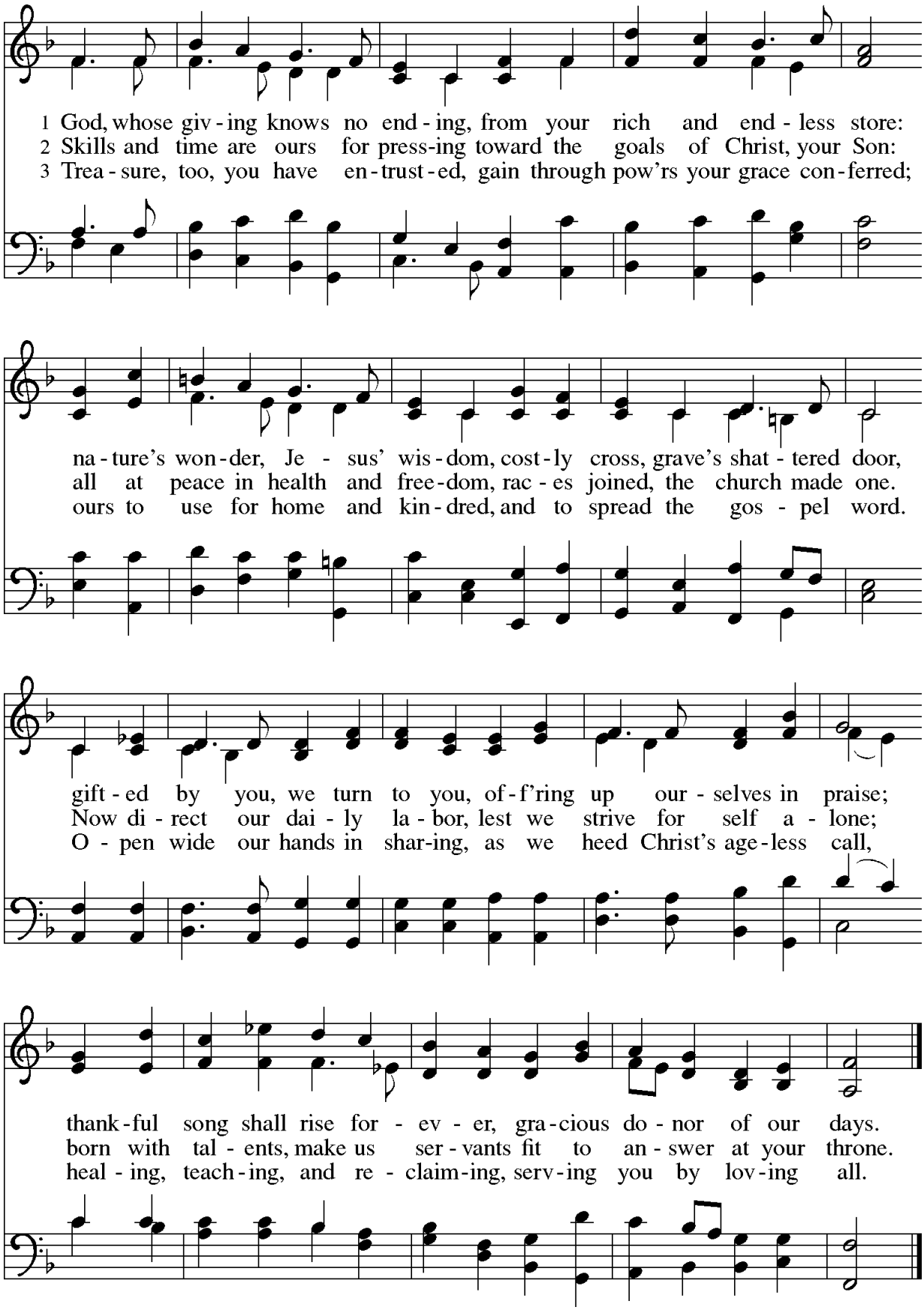
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

Hymn of the Day — God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rescue all nations and peoples from famine, violence, or displacement, especially in the Holy Land, Columbia, Cameroon, Myanmar, Ukraine, Russia, Congo, Sudan, and Chad. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing, especially Lyle, Steve, Dorothea, Christine, Gwen, Stan, Diane, Jacob, Mary, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership in this place, especially Church Council members, finance committee members, and our property team. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, our Lord.
Amen.


1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.

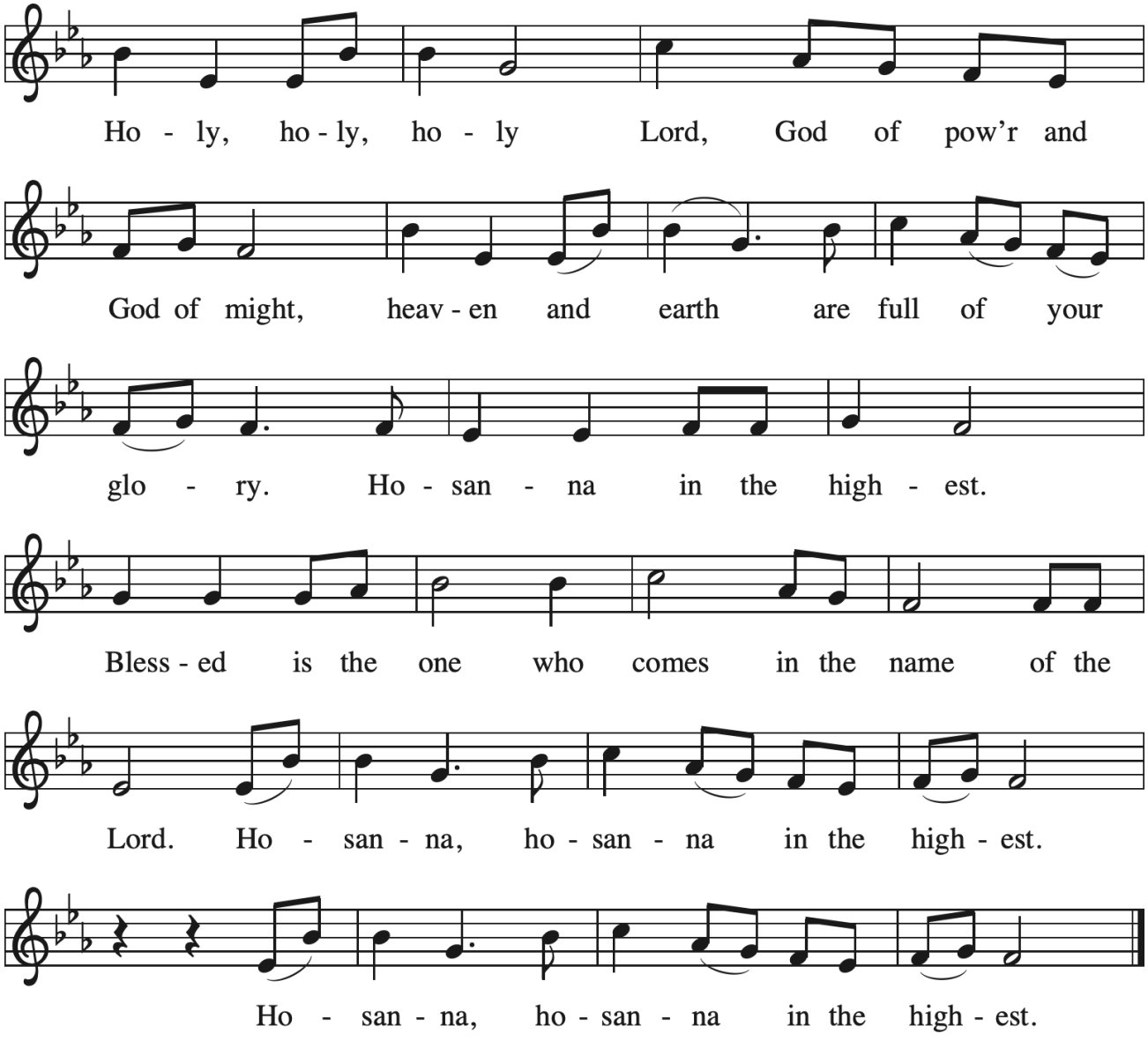
Dialogue

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.

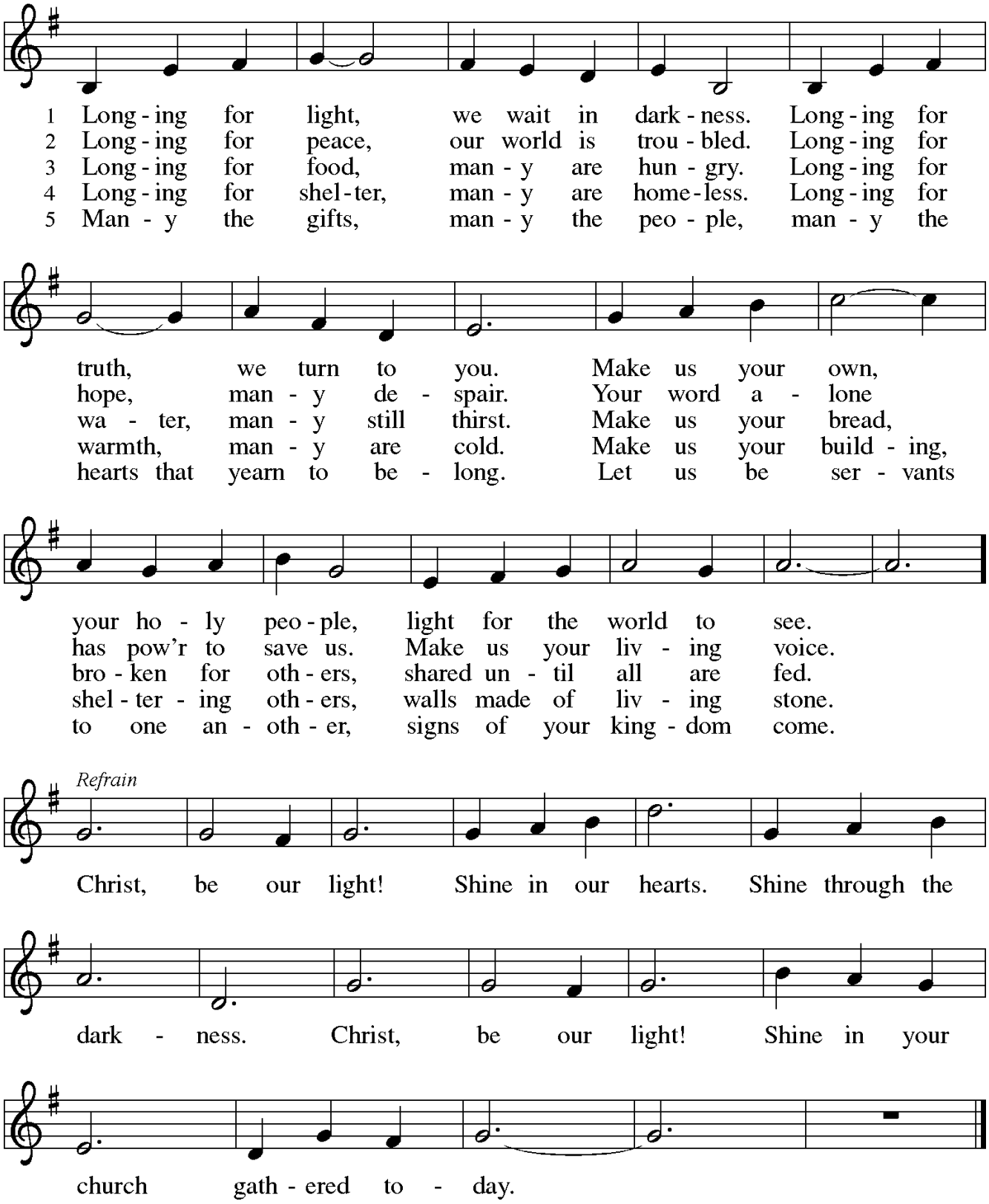
Holy, Holy, Holy



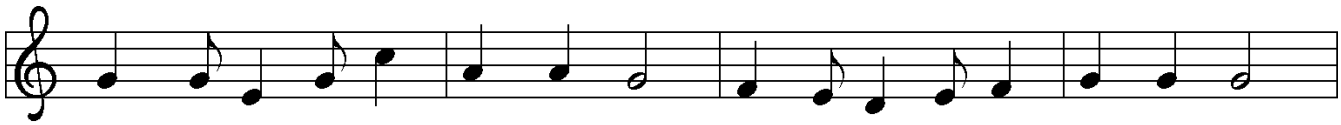
Lord's Prayer

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 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day
to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.
so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,
of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.


1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.
Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

Sending Song Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

+ Sunday to Sunday

15 – Sunday	9:30 am	**Hybrid Worship + Pentecost 25**
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning: *Justice and Letter Writing* with Peggy Nichols
16 – Monday	5:00 pm	Karate
	6:30 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
17 – Tuesday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Trinity Book Club
18 – Wednesday	5:15 pm	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Church Council
19 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
	5:30 pm	Simple Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
	7:00 pm	Trinity Choir Rehearsal
21 – Saturday	7:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	AA
22 – Sunday	9:30 am	**Hybrid Worship + Reign of Christ**
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning: *Refugee Resettlement* with Jennifer Ardon

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+ Trinity's Annual Season of Giving

Each November and December we participate in several community projects at Trinity. This year we will continue the tradition of generosity in our community. Here are the projects for this year. All items can be left in the bins in the stairwell at the main entrance starting today.

Gifts for Holiday Hampers
in support of Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre; due December 6th
Help us prepare gifts for families in need. All items need to be brand new and unwrapped. Here are a few ideas for all ages…books, craft kits, kid or adult colouring books, small toys, stuffed animals, bubble bath, puzzles, candy, board games card games, bath or lotion gift sets, card games.

Warm Woollies
in support of Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre; due December 6th
Keep folks warm in our community. We're accepting new or homemade hats, mitts, and scarves. Children, youth, and adult sizes welcomed.

Men's Socks
in support of House of Friendship; due December 13th
Keep feet dry and warm this winter! We're accepting new men's socks… consider purchasing bulk packages for maximum impact.

Kitch Radke, president ▪ **Tanya Varner**, pastor
Jamie Courtney, parish administrator & minister of music
Brian Racho, sexton ▪ **Gywin Murray**, emerita director of music