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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / PLENTY GOOD ROOM 4

Holy Eucharist

November 15, 2026, at 8:00am and 10:30am

Welcome to Trinity!
Trinity is an open and affirming congregation, where we believe every person is created in God's image and all creation is sacred. Our deep values are **Diversity** and **Inclusion**, **Community**, **Engaging our Neighbors**, and **Sacred Place, Holy Space**.

The 10:30am service is being broadcast and recorded. By attending, you consent to your likeness and voice being broadcast, recorded, and published on the Internet.

Whether you are joining us in person or livestream, we are so glad you are here to worship with us on this holy day.

We acknowledge that we worship on the unceded ancestral land of the Duwamish People past and present, the first people of Seattle, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe, to whom we pay Real Rent.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE *(10:30)*

WELCOME

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN *(10:30)* Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve Siroë



Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751). Music: *Siroë*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. *Melodia Sacra*, 1815.

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Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Gloria in excelsis

(8:00)

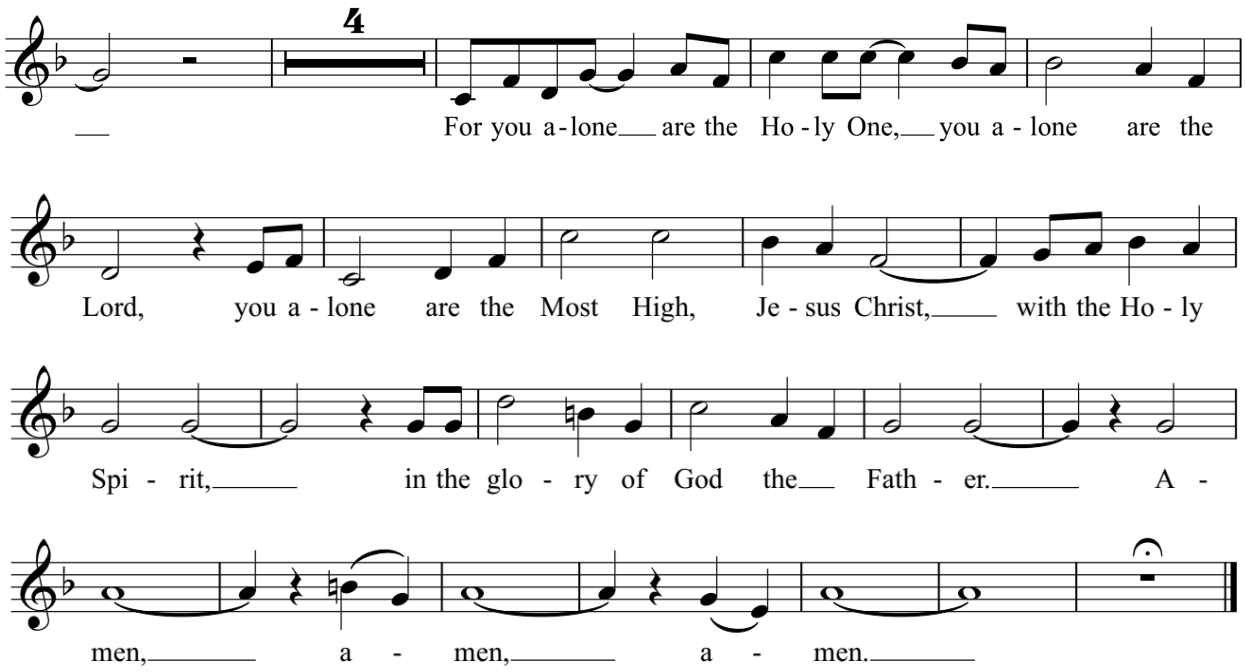
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

(10:30) Fullington





COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and

summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE READING

Psalm 123

ANTIPHON



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1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy. *Antiphon*
4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud. *Antiphon*

LIVING EPISTLE

Markdavin Obenza

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN *(10:30)* Christ, whose glory fills the skies Ratisbon



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made

five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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.' 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.' 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.' 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 seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. 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, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(10:30)* Rev'd Sabeth Fitzgibbons

SERMON Rev'd Sabeth Fitzgibbons

A brief period of silence follows the Sermon.

Please rise as you are able.

NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider

Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

Leader

Gracious God, you have made plenty good room for us in your household. Inspire your church to be a place of welcome, generosity, and love. We pray for *diocesan prayer list*, Phil our bishop, and all who serve God in the church. We thank you for

the resources you have entrusted to us, and we pray for wisdom to use them in service of your mission.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, you bind us together in relationships of care and compassion. Strengthen the bonds within this congregation, and guide our hospitality to our neighbors near and far.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, you invite us to respond with gratitude for all your gifts. Bless this season of generosity and stewardship, that our pledges of time, talent, and treasure may be faithful signs of our trust in you.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you have made a world with plenty good room for all living things. Teach us to care for the earth and to share its resources with justice and joy.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, your dwelling place has room for all who suffer. Be present with those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or in any kind of need, remembering *prayer list*, and those we name now, silently or aloud. Surround them with your healing and your peace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, you prepare a place for us in your eternal home. We remember before you those who have died, remembering *prayer list* and those we name now silently or aloud. Welcome them into your loving embrace.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider
Loving God, you call us into your abundant life and promise that there is plenty good room for all your children. Hear our prayers and accept the offerings of our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence*

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.

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

BLESSINGS & CELEBRATIONS *(prayers begin on page 17)*

PEACE

We are the Body of Christ, baptized into one body and blessed by the one Spirit.
Let us pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Please greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS Vestry Person of the Week

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Please be seated while the table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

You may make an offering at any time, before, during or after the conclusion of the service using our "Virtual offering Plate" (https://onrealm.org/TrinitySeattle/give/now).

To contribute via text:Text MYTPC $25 (or any amount) to the phone number 73256. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel. Privacy Policy: https://legal.acst.com/privacy-policy Terms of Service: https://legal.acst.com/terms-service-use

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Hear the voice and prayer Thomas Tallis

O Lord, my God, hear Thou the prayer Thy servant prayeth; have Thou respect unto his prayer. Hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, Lord, forgive.

Please rise as you are able as the offerings of our lives are presented to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

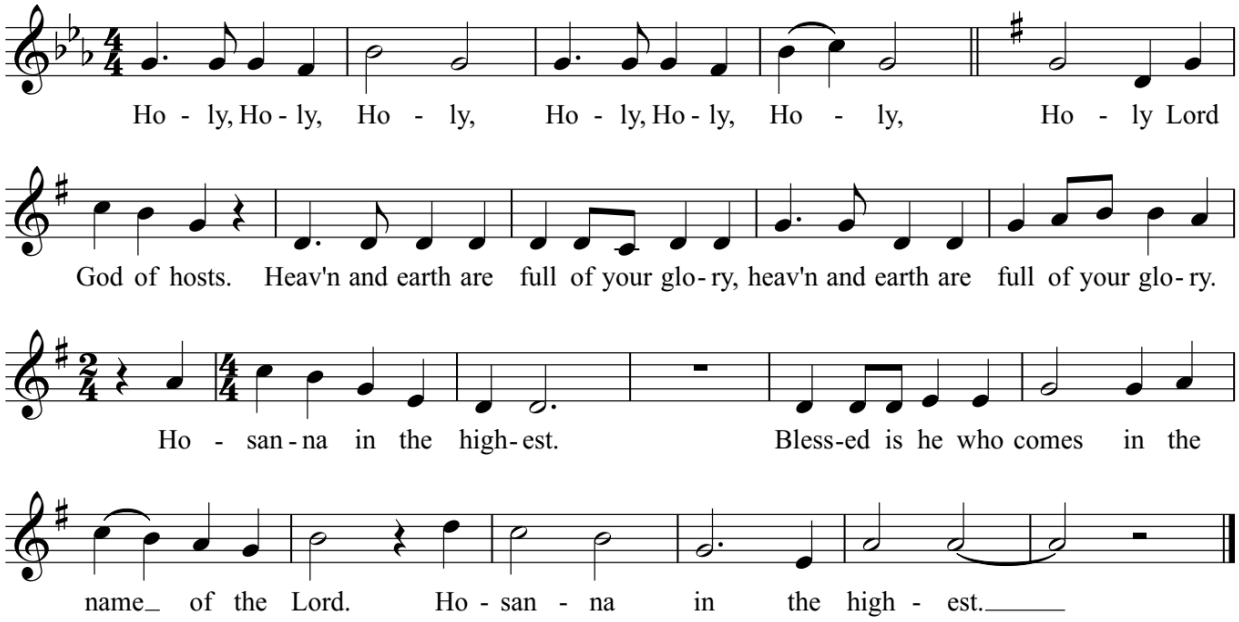
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(8:00) **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(10:30)



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 for ever. Amen.

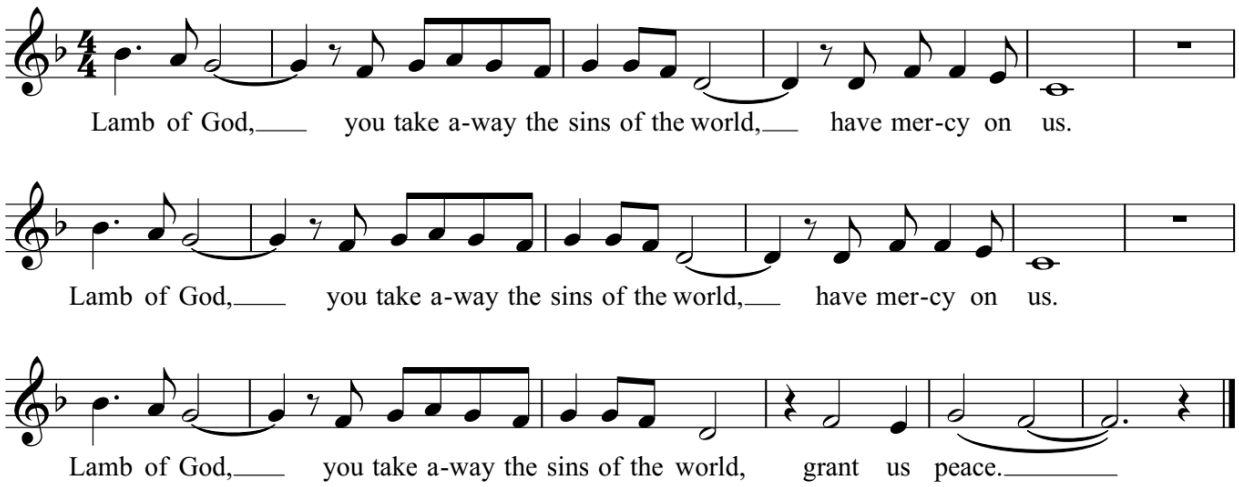
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Agnus Dei

(8:00)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

(10:30)



We invite those participating remotely at 10:30am to join us in spiritual communion by praying from wherever you are:

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

INVITATION AND COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

All who seek God are welcome at Christ's Table.

- *Gluten-free wafers are available by request.*
- *Hold out your hand to receive the bread and then eat.*
- *Guide the chalice of wine to your mouth and then drink.*
- *Intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is not available at this time.*
- *To receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest.*
- *If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please notify an usher.*

COMMUNION ANTHEM O Lord, my God Wesley

Hear the voice and prayer of thy servants, that they make before thee this day. That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, ever toward this place, of which thou hast said, 'My Name shall be there.' And when thou hearest, have mercy on them.

Please rise as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Entrust your life to the Lord of the open spaces and the time of adventure; to the life that pulses through rain drenched streets and mountain heights; to the love that sustains us through feast and famine. Let God's hope be a clearing sky before you, a compass in your heart guiding you to where you belong; and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you today and always. **Amen.**

HYMN Christ is the world's true Light St. Joan



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DISMISSAL

Friends, life is short. We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel this way with us. So, be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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*Please stay and enjoy **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall across the Courtyard.*

CITATIONS & PERMISSIONS

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Thank you to those who make a worship offering at 8:00AM and 10:30AM as Ushers, Acolytes, Readers, Prayer Leaders, and Eucharistic Ministers this morning. Find out more and sign up at the Welcome table.

BOTH SERVICES:

Presider: the Rev. Alison Leary

Preacher & Children's Message: the Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons

8:00AM

Vestry Person of the Week: Beverly Cravens

10:30AM

Livestream: Kyle McCaffery

Cantor: Margaret Obenza

Organist: James Middaugh

Director of Music: Markdavin Obenza

Vestry Person of the Week: Caleb Triche

BLESSING PRAYERS

For Birthdays

Watch over your child(ren) ____, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Anniversaries

O God, faithful and true, whose steadfast love endures for ever: we give you thanks for sustaining _____ and _____ in the life they share and for bringing them to this day. Nurture them and fill them with joy in their life together, continuing the good work you have begun in them; and grant us, with them, a dwelling place eternal in the heavens where all your people will share the joy of perfect love, and where you, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular _____]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STAY CONNECTED!

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Trinity WhatsApp Community *(group chat): https://tinyurl.com/TPCWhatsApp*

Nursery Care for Infants through Kindergarten

Nursery care is available each Sunday from **9:15AM to Noon**, while parents or guardians attend church services/events. The Nursery is located downstairs, below the church. Nursery workers are background-checked and Safe Church trained. *For questions, contact the Rev. Alison Leary* alison@trinityseattle.org.

Thank You for Wearing a Nametag

God calls you by name and we would like to do so also! We encourage everyone to wear a nametag at worship and coffee hour, whether you're a longtime member or here for the first time. You'll find supplies on the Welcome Table near the usher(s).

Trinity Chimes: News & Announcements
Happening This Week

Plenty Good Room: BELOVED COMMUNITY
Our parish is a place of *belonging* — a community where each person matters, and each gift is needed. Together we are the Body of Christ. Plan to join in our **Plenty Good Room ingathering celebration next Sunday, November 22** (more details begin on page 20). *If you have any questions, please contact a Stewardship Committee Member (Ashley Mitchell-Malveaux, Beverly Cravens, Caleb Triche, Cynthia Johnson-Garnett).*

The Eucharistic Life: Learning and Serving
*TODAY: **Two Related Opportunities** – **come to either or to both**!*
*Adult Formation: The Eucharistic Life at **9:15AM** in the Library;*
*Eucharistic Minister/Eucharistic Visitor Training at **12:15PM** in the Library*
Every Sunday, we gather at Christ's table to receive the gifts of bread and wine, to be nourished by God's grace, and to be reminded that we belong to one another. But the Eucharist doesn't end when we leave the church! We are fed so that we can go out into the world to love and serve. Join us in exploring how the Eucharist shapes our lives and how we can share its gifts with others. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both sessions.

- **Adult Formation: The Eucharistic Life,** ***TODAY at 9:15-10:15AM in the Library***
  The Eucharist is at the heart of our worship, but its meaning extends far beyond Sunday morning. Gathering at Christ's table shapes the way we live, our relationships with one another, and our service in the world.
- **Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor Training** *(lunch provided)* ***TODAY at 12:15-2:15PM in the Library***
  Would you like to help serve Holy Communion during worship or bring Communion to those unable to attend church? Today's training explores the responsibilities of these ministries and provides hands-on practice; it also qualifies participants to apply for licensing in the Diocese of Olympia.

Community Lunch (3rd Sundays) - ***All hungry humans are invited to eat!***
TODAY, at 11:45AM in the Parish Hall
Everyone is welcome to enjoy lunch, after the 10:30 service, as we host a FREE hot meal for our community and neighbors.

Caring Community (3rd Sundays)
TODAY, at 12:30PM in the Office Work Room
Everyone is welcome to join the Caring Community, after Community Lunch, for fellowship, a small service project, and the prayers that are on our hearts.

WHEEL/Women in Black Vigil for Homeless Who Have Died in King County
Wednesday, November 18 at Noon to 1:00PM on the steps of City Hall (4th/James)
You are invited to stand silent vigil with WHEEL/Women in Black for eight homeless people who died unsheltered, in public, or by violence in October. While it is the first time in many, many months our vigil will only have to hold up the names of a single-digit number of homeless people who died in a single month, this brings the total of people who died unsheltered, in public, or by violence in King County to 171 for this year, and 271 in 2025. Please join us in calling for shelter for all.

Trinity Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00-9:00PM in the Vestry Room and on Zoom
Regular Vestry (leadership council) meetings are open to all members of the congregation. *Zoom Link:* https://qrkc.link/go/7GYFJTDWDJBZ.

Weekly AA Meetings at Trinity
- ***Sober in Cal AA - Tuesdays at 8:00PM***
- ***TANBIR - Thursdays at 8:00PM***
  The Trans And Non-Binary In Recovery AA group is an open meeting.
- ***Live and Let Live - Fridays at 8:00PM***
  An open AA meeting that welcomes LGBTQ+ participants.

Gratitude Sunday – November 22

This year's stewardship theme, Plenty Good Room, reminds us that stewardship is not only about financial and in-kind gifts. It is also about relationships – the ways we are connected to God, to one another, and to our neighbors. Together, let us rejoice that there is always plenty good room in God's house, and plenty good work for us to do.

ONE SERVICE & Plenty Good Room Ingathering
Sunday, November 22 at 10:30AM
On November 22 we will gather together as one community for worship at

10:30AM as we celebrate with gratitude God's abundance and offer our promises to cultivate Plenty Good Room in 2027.

Thanksgiving Dessert Potluck Coffee Hour
There's plenty good room at the table! Join us Sunday, November 22, following our single worship service for a special Thanksgiving dessert-themed Coffee Hour celebrating our *Plenty Good Room* stewardship campaign. As we give thanks for the many gifts that sustain our Trinity community, **we invite everyone to bring a favorite sweet dish to share**. All are welcome!

Plenty Good Room Food Drive for Northwest Harvest
As part of our commitment to share God's abundant love with everyone, Trinity is hosting a food drive for community members through Northwest Harvest. **Please bring your items to Sunday services through November 22** (Our Gratitude Sunday Ingathering Celebration) and leave them in the container near the usher's table.

Things to consider when deciding what to donate:

- Give with respect. Please only donate unopened items in their original packaging. Do not donate expired, damaged, or partially used products.
- Consider the nutrient density of what you are donating. Opt for canned goods packed in water or items that are low sodium or low sugar.
- When available, pop-top cans and other easy-open containers help make food more accessible.
- Buy donations for your food drive at locally owned and independent grocery stores to support your community!
- Avoid glass containers that may break in transit.

Make Your Own Advent Wreath – For All Ages!
Sunday, November 22, at Noon in the Parish Hall
Mark the beginning of Advent by making a wreath to use at home throughout the season. The Advent wreath is a longstanding Christian tradition that helps us observe the weeks leading up to Christmas through candle lighting, prayer, and reflection. All supplies will be provided, including a brass wreath base, Advent candles, fresh greenery, and decorations, along with an Advent devotional guide with prayers and reflections to use as you light the candles each week. (You are

also welcome to bring a wreath from home to decorate.) All ages are welcome to participate in this hands-on opportunity to prepare for the Advent season.

Adult Education and Formation

Come join our conversations exploring our faith and life together at Trinity.
For more information, please contact Rev. Alison: alison@trinityseattle.org.

November 22 - *No Adult Formation class*

Light of the World: An Advent Study with Amy-Jill Levine
Sundays, November 29–December 20, at 9:15–10:15AM in the Trinity Library
This Advent, join us in exploring the stories surrounding Jesus' birth through *Light of the World*, a video series featuring Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish scholar of the New Testament, widely known for helping Christians understand Jesus and the early Christian movement in their Jewish context. Levine brings historical insight, humor, and fresh perspectives to familiar biblical stories, and invites us to consider what they mean for our faith today. Each Sunday will feature a short video followed by group discussion. Come for one session or all four!

- **November 29 – The Meaning of Memory:** Explore the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth and discover how their experiences echo those of earlier biblical figures. We'll talk about memory, faith, and how God's promises prepare the way for the birth of Jesus.
- **December 6 – The Promise of Potential:** Explore Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel through the lens of Hebrew Scripture, considering how Mary's story connects with the experiences of women who came before her.
- **December 13 – The Journey to Joy:** Consider the events surrounding Jesus' birth and how the biblical stories invite us to discover joy even during times of uncertainty.
- **December 20 – The Gifts of the Gentiles:** Explore Matthew's account of the star, the wise men, and their gifts, considering what this story reveals about the significance of Jesus' birth.

All are welcome! A limited number of *Light of the World* companion study books will be available (e-book also available) for those interested in going deeper.

Bookmarks! *(2nd Sundays)*
Sunday, December 13, at 12:15PM in the Trinity Library

In December Bookmarks! will be discussing *The View from the Center of the Universe: Discovering Our Extraordinary Place in the Cosmos,* by Joel Primack & Nancy Ellen Abrams. All are welcome, whether or not you have read the book.

Other Events and Announcements

Seattle Bach Choir Concert: Actus Tragicus: Bach & Others
Sunday, November 22 at 3:00-4:00PM in the Sanctuary; $25 suggested donation
One of J. S. Bach's most important works, Cantata 106 "Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit," forms the centerpiece of this concert. With texts that come from both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, as well as several hymns, this funeral cantata is filled with hope. These texts inspire the Renaissance and contemporary selections that comprise the remainder of the program, including a setting by Caspar Othmayr of the last words of Martin Luther.

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 26 at 10:00AM
Before all the festivities begin, come join us for a service of gratitude and joy.

WHEEL/Women in Black Annual Solstice Vigil
Monday, December 21: reading of names at 4:20pm at Victor Steinbrueck Park, and silent, candlelight vigil at 5:00pm-6:00pm at Westlake Park (4th/Pine)
Please join WHEEL/Women in Black at our Annual Solstice Vigil held on **National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day**, when we remember ALL people for whom we stood vigil this year. Our tradition is to start with a **reading of names at sunset** (4:20pm) at the Tree of Life (Victor Steinbrueck Park, north of Pike Place Market), **stand a silent, candlelight vigil** at Westlake Park from 5:00-6:00pm, and then gather for **food & fellowship** nearby in partnership with Health Care for the Homeless.

In Memoriam: Joanne Hoover Volberding (1934-2026)
We recently learned that Joanne Volberding passed away on September 18. There are currently no plans for a service. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Making Your Worship Ministry Offerings - Today or a Future Sunday

Thank you to Mary M, Carl, Betsy, Ron, Marshall, Beverly, Eugene, Margaret, Austin, Lauren, and Leslie who made worship offerings on Sunday 11/8.

Everything we do is an offering to God. You are invited to make an offering of your gifts during Sunday worship as a **Reader**, **Prayer Leader**, **Usher,** ***Acolyte,** or ***Eucharistic Minister** (chalice bearer)**.** *(Roles with an * require a training session. See the announcement above for the **Eucharistic Minister Training on 11/15.** If you are interested in training or a refresher on any of the other roles, please contact the Rev. Alison Leary at alison@trinityseattle.org.)*

- **HOW to make your offering:** There is a Worship Offering binder located on the table at the back of the church:
  - **You may sign up in advance - or as you enter the church for worship.**
- **INSTRUCTIONS for each role** are provided on **Ministry Offering Cards**.

Around the Neighborhood

Neighborhood Changes: Skybridge Project at Skyline and Garage Update

During construction of the skybridge, 8th Ave will be closed between Columbia & Cherry; the **parking garage will remain OPEN**, as will the **pedestrian exit at 8th & Cherry**. Please stay safe by using designated walkways around the construction site.

Around the Diocese & Wider Church

2nd Annual Community Sing-Along Messiah

Friday, November 20, 7:00-8:15PM, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 3050 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA, 98116

Join your voices and raise your instruments with singers and instrumentalists from around Seattle. Written by George Frideric Handel in 1741, Messiah is one of the most widely performed and recognized pieces of Western music. This sing-along will include choruses, solos, and instrumental music from Part I: The Birth of Jesus (about 1 hour)— and yes, the "Hallelujah Chorus," too! All are welcome to join the chorus or orchestra. Details https://sjbwestseattle.org/pages/sing-along-messiah.