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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / PLENTY GOOD ROOM 3

Holy Eucharist

November 8, 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

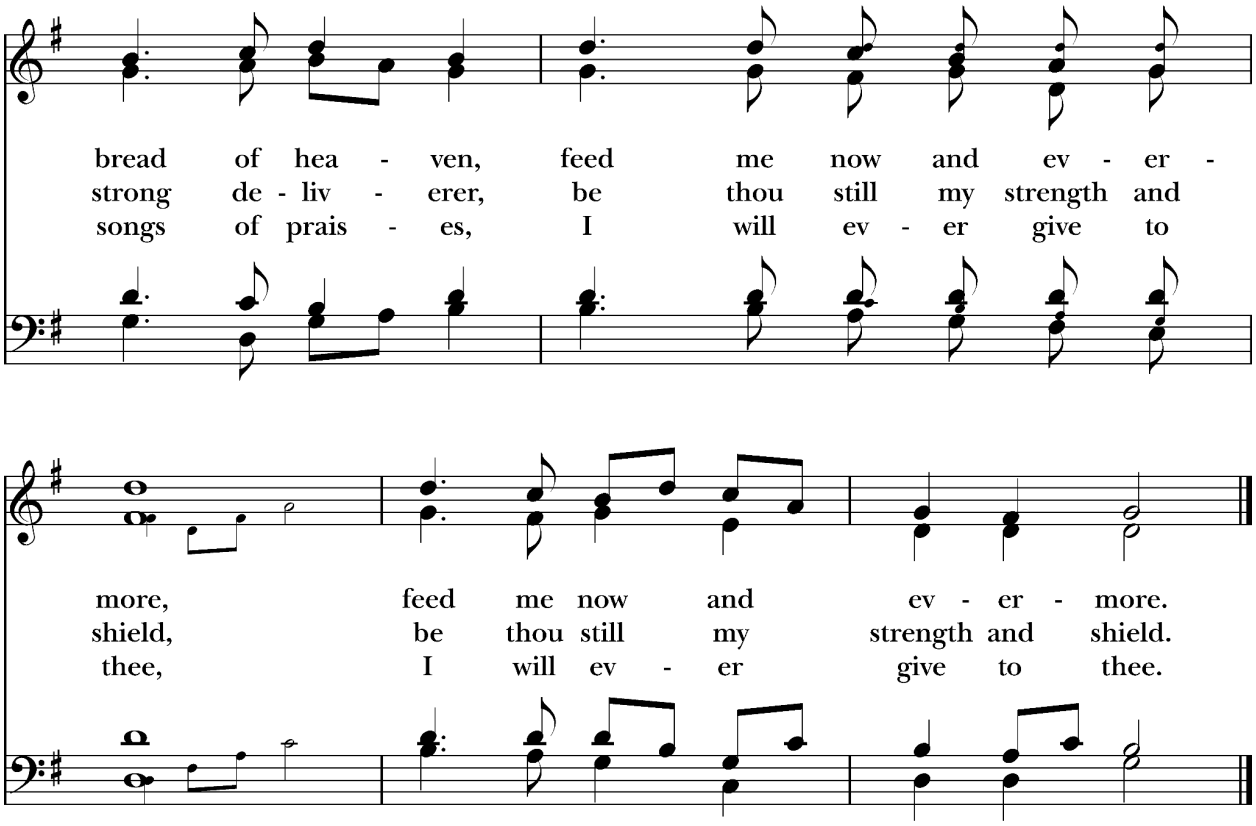
PRELUDE *(10:30)*

WELCOME

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN *(10:30)* Guide me, O thou great Jehovah Cwm Rhondda





Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

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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

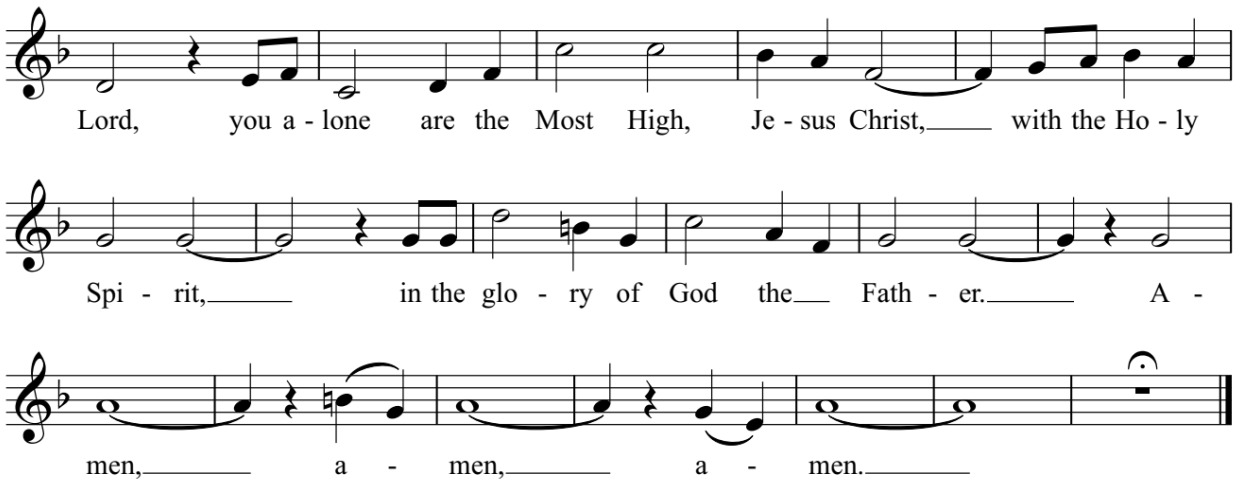
Gloria in excelsis

(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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the

River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

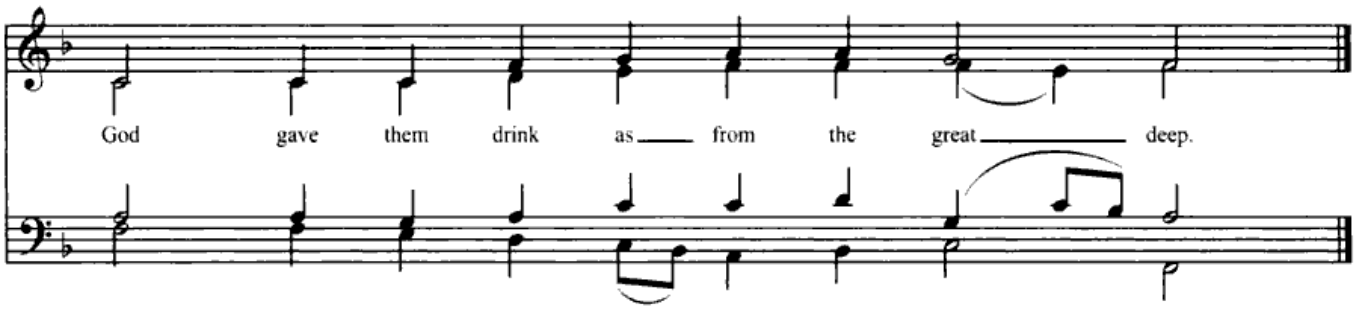
Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE READING Psalm 78:1-7

ANTIPHON



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1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. *Antiphon*
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done. *Antiphon*
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments. *Antiphon*

LIVING EPISTLE Carl McNabb

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN *(10:30)* Come and seek the ways of Wisdom Julion





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GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(10:30)* Rev'd Alison Leary

SERMON Rev'd Alison Leary

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 on pages 20-21)*

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 Selig sind die Toten Heinrich Schütz

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors, for their works follow after them.

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

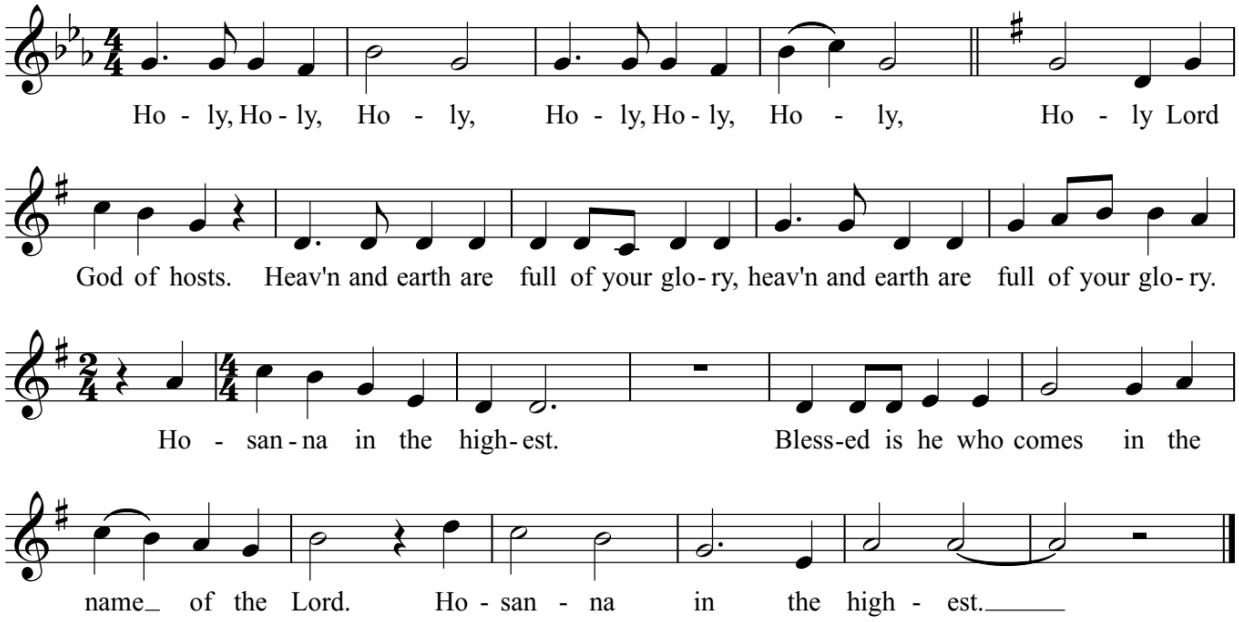
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, Holy 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.

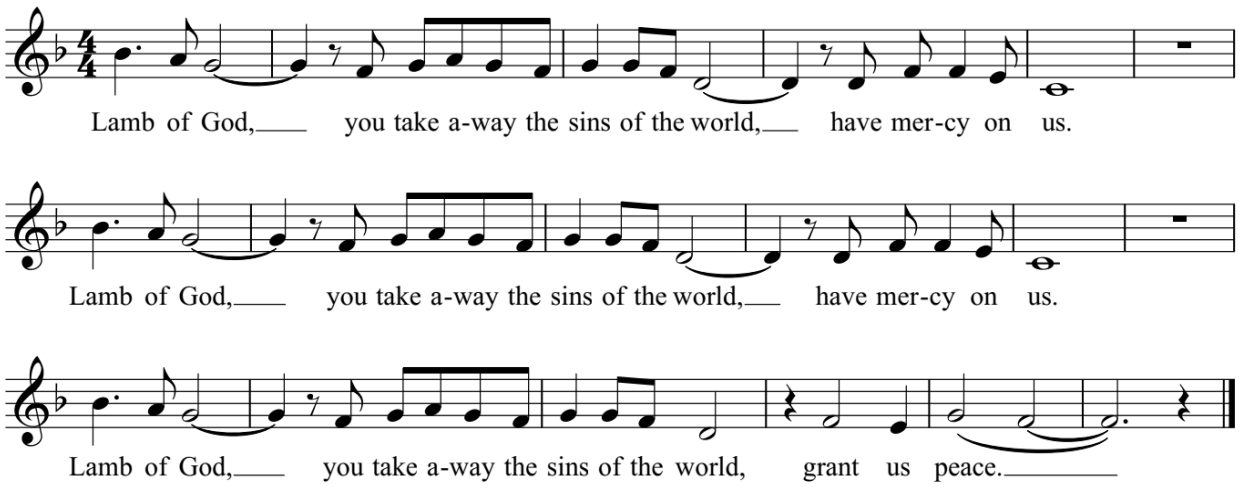
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 Vigilate William Byrd

Watch ye therefore, for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all: Watch.

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 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates Truro



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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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

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

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

8:00AM
Vestry Person of the Week: Beverly Cravens

10:30AM
Livestream: Kyle McCaffery
Cantor: Markdavin Obenza
Organist: James Middaugh
Director of Music: Markdavin Obenza
Vestry Person of the Week: TBD

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.

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Facebook / Instagram*: @seattletrinity* ***YouTube****: @trinityparishseattle*

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: GENEROSITY

Generosity is our grateful response to God's gifts. This week, we reflect on our commitments of time, talent, and treasure — offerings that sustain the life of this parish. *If you have any questions, or would like to contribute a written reflection on 'Plenty Good Room,' faith, and our life at Trinity, please contact a Stewardship Committee Member (Ashley Mitchell-Malveaux, Beverly Cravens, Caleb Triche, Cynthia Johnson-Garnett).*

Adult Formation: Trinity, First Hill & Our Mission
TODAY, at 9:15am in the Trinity Library
Today we take a look at Trinity's history of serving First Hill and how those experiences inform our congregation's current and future ministry.

Bookmarks! *(2nd Sundays)*
TODAY, at 12:15PM in the Trinity Library
Today we are discussing *Good Nature: Why Seeing, Smelling, Hearing, and Touching Plants is Good for Our Health,* by Kathy Willis. All are welcome to join the conversation, whether or not you have read the book. Looking ahead:

- **December 13**: *The View from the Center of the Universe: Discovering Our Extraordinary Place in the Cosmos,* by Joel Primack & Nancy Ellen Abrams.

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.

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.

Help Shape Adult Formation at Trinity by Answering a Two Question Survey
We'd love to hear from you! As we plan opportunities for adult learning and spiritual growth at Trinity, we want to know what interests you. *Would you like to participate in adult formation classes or discussions on Sunday mornings? What topics would you like to explore?* **Please complete a short survey:** https://qrkc.link/go/XPE1ZA2IPGPB. Whether you're eager to participate or unsure if adult formation is for you, your feedback will help us plan classes that nurture Christian faith and strengthen our life together.

The Eucharistic Life: Learning and Serving
Sunday, November 15: Adult Formation at 9:15AM; EM/EV Training at 12:15PM

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 for **two opportunities** on **November 15** to explore how the Eucharist shapes our lives (**9:15AM**) and how we can share its gifts with others (**12:15PM**).

- **Adult Formation: The Eucharistic Life**
  Sunday, November 15, 9:15-10:15AM
  The Eucharist is at the heart of our worship, but its meaning extends far beyond Sunday morning. We'll explore how gathering at Christ's table shapes the way we live, our relationships with one another, and our service in the world. All are welcome!
- **Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor Training** *(lunch provided)*
  Sunday, November 15, 12:15-2:15PM
  Would you like to help serve Holy Communion during worship or bring Communion to those unable to attend church? This two-hour training will explore the responsibilities of these ministries and provide hands-on practice. The training will qualify participants to apply for licensing in both roles through the Diocese of Olympia.

The morning class provides a helpful theological foundation for the afternoon training, but **everyone is welcome to attend either or both sessions**. *Contact Alison if you're interested in the Eucharistic Minister and Eucharistic Visitor training: alison@trinityseattle.org.*

November 22 - *No Adult Formation (Join in All-ages Wreath Making at noon)*

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. Drawing on the rich connections between the Old and New Testaments, Levine brings fresh insights to familiar Christmas stories and invites us to consider what they mean for our faith today. Amy-Jill Levine is a Jewish scholar of the New Testament and she is widely known for helping Christians understand Jesus and the early Christian movement in their Jewish context. She brings historical insight, humor, and fresh

perspectives to familiar biblical stories. 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.

Gratitude Sunday – November 22

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.

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 items that are unopened and 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. We'll provide everything you need, including a brass wreath base, Advent candles, fresh greenery, and decorations. You'll also receive an Advent devotional guide with prayers and reflections to use at home as you light the candles each week. All ages are welcome to participate. Join us for this hands-on opportunity to prepare for the Advent season.

Other Events and Announcements

Community Lunch (3rd Sundays) - ***All hungry humans are invited to eat!***
Sunday, November 15, 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)
Sunday, November 15, 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.

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.

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.

In Memoriam: Joanne Hoover Volberding (1934-2026)
We recently learned that Joanne Volbering 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.*

Vestry (Leadership) Update
The Vestry shares these updates from their October 28 Meeting:

- Sterling Llamas will be heading the **Facilities Move Team** (analyzing space available, identifying ministries needing space, and planning move logistics in preparation for the HVAC project to begin in February). Reach out to him if you'd like to volunteer or have any questions or comments for the move.
- Rev. Alison Leary will be spearheading a refreshed **communications plan** for the parish and has a phased timeline ready. She may be reaching out to you to hear more about your experiences and observations.
- Please see the announcements or your email for a **questionnaire on topics for Adult Formation**. Physical copies are available at the back of the church. (And join us for Adult Formation Sundays at 9:15AM in the Library - bring your coffee and a friend!)

Trinity Vestry meets next on November 18 *(see announcement above)*.

November at a Glance:

- **10/25-11/22** - Plenty Good Room - Season of Generosity & Stewardship; Plenty Good Room Food Drive for Northwest Harvest
- **Sunday 11/15** - Living Epistle: Markdavin Obenza; Adult Formation (9:15AM); Community Lunch (11:45AM); Eucharistic Minister & Eucharistic Visitor Training (12:15PM); Caring Community (1:30PM)
- **Wednesday 11/18** - Vestry Meeting (7:00PM)
- **Sunday 11/22** - Gratitude Sunday: **ONE SERVICE at 10:30AM** with Ingathering of 2027 Promises; All Ages Advent Wreath Making and Advent Resources (12:00PM)
- **Thursday 11/26** - **Thanksgiving Day Service (10:00AM)**
- **Sunday 11/29** - 1st Sunday of Advent; Adult Formation (9:15AM)

Making Your Worship Ministry Offerings - Today or a Future Sunday

Thank you to Cyndi W, Anne, Will, Ron, Melissa, Mary M, Elena, Cami, Caleb, Austin, Cindy J-G, Marilyn S-K, and Carl, who made worship offerings on Sunday 11/1.

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**.

Share Your Photos of Our Life Together

We are always looking for photos of our community life together to share in our communications. If you capture photos today or have recent ones to share, please send them (with brief description of occasion) to connect@trinityseattle.org.

Around the Neighborhood

Neighborhood Changes: Skybridge Project at Skyline and Garage Update
Skyline's skybridge construction requires the closure of 8th Avenue between Columbia and Cherry. During this period of construction, 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

Ditty Bag Day
Saturday, November 14, 10:00AM-12noon, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church (3050 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA, 98116)
During the holiday season, the Seattle Seafarers Center (The Mission to Seafarers) gives away over 1,000 "ditty bag" care packages to merchant seafarers. These small gifts are one way we welcome and care for seafarers during the holiday season, especially while seafarers are far away from their homes and families. Join us to stuff ditty bags, share stories about seafarers ministry, and bless the bags to be given away.

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.