

*What has  
come into being  
in him  
was life*

JOHN 1:3-4

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The Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Day

December 25, 2025

# Welcome to Worship

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The *worship bulletin* is intended to help guide us through our worship. Sections in **bold** print are for congregation response. *Large print copies* of our worship service and *wireless sound enhancers* are available. Throughout the bulletin you will note two symbols that denote when the congregation is invited to stand (▲) or be seated (▼) as your body allows.

We believe our risen Lord Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of *Holy Communion* and we extend our Lord's invitation to all who are baptized to share in this. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please contact an usher if you need *communion in the pew*.



The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day

December 25, 2025

10:00am

Livestream @ [www.trinitylatrobe.com](http://www.trinitylatrobe.com)

## Service of Holy Communion

(ELW Setting 3)

As on the first day of creation, on this Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. Today we celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Christ's birth, along with the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and all witnesses to the light of Christ, we declare to the world that we have indeed seen and been transformed by the arrival of "the salvation of our God." O come, let us adore!

## Prelude and Silent Prayer

## Welcome and Announcements

**GATHERING**  
**The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.**

**▲ Confession and Forgiveness**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Savior,  
Prince of Peace.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Reconciling God, we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace. We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news. Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.  
✙ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.  
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!  
**Amen.**

**▲ Gathering Hymn**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

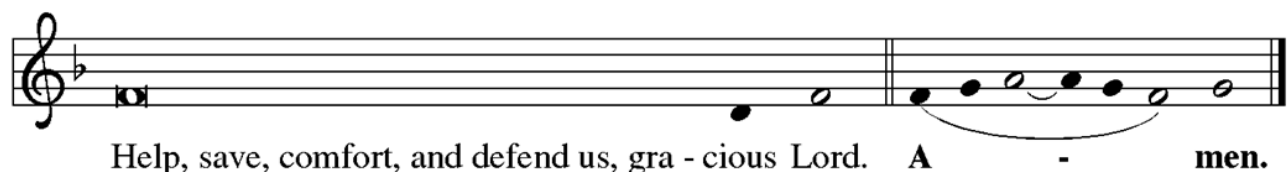
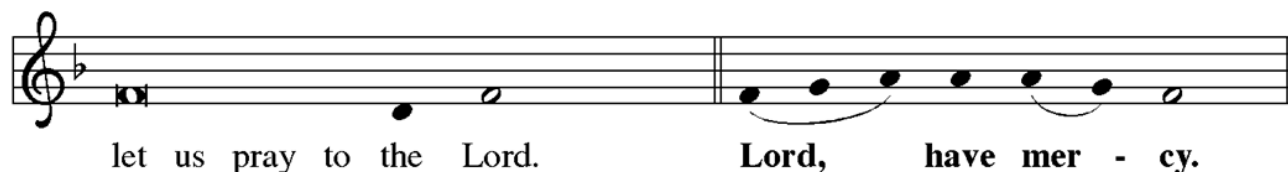
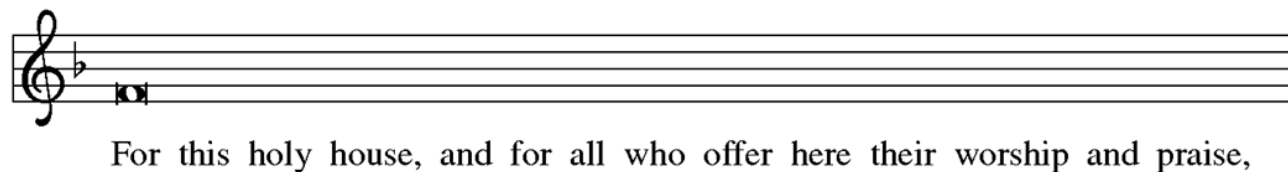
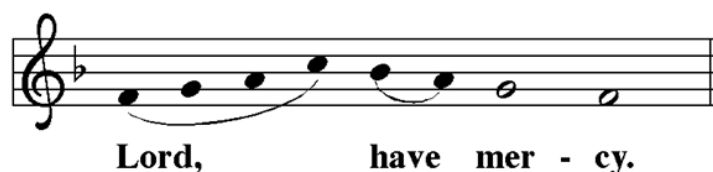
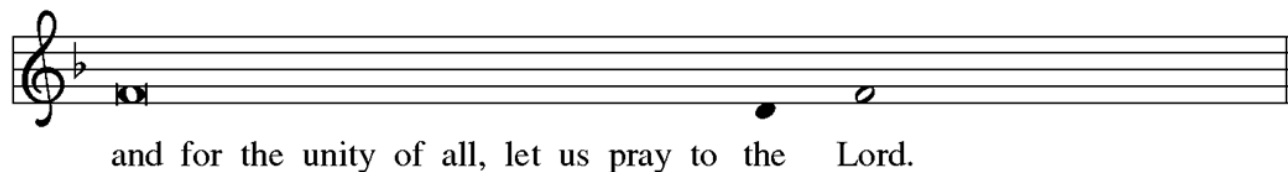
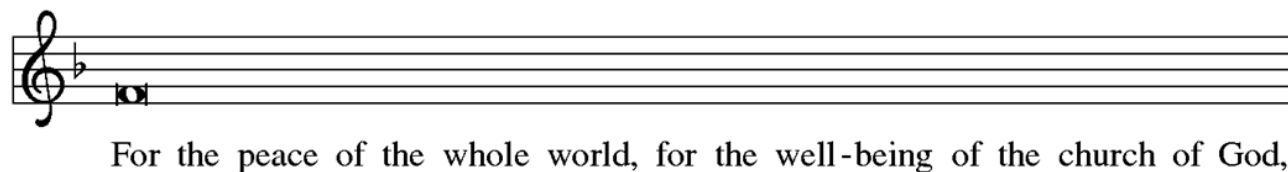
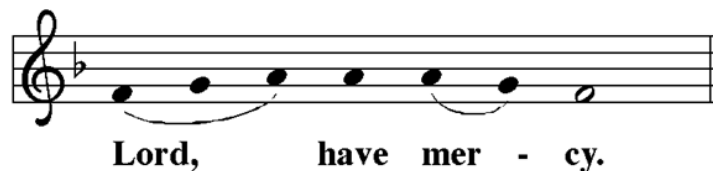
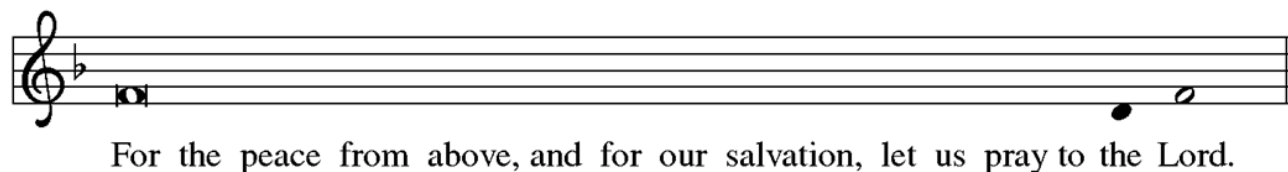
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*(please turn and follow the cross in procession)*

**▲ Greeting**

Rejoice! I bring good news for all people.  
**To us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## ▲ Kyrie

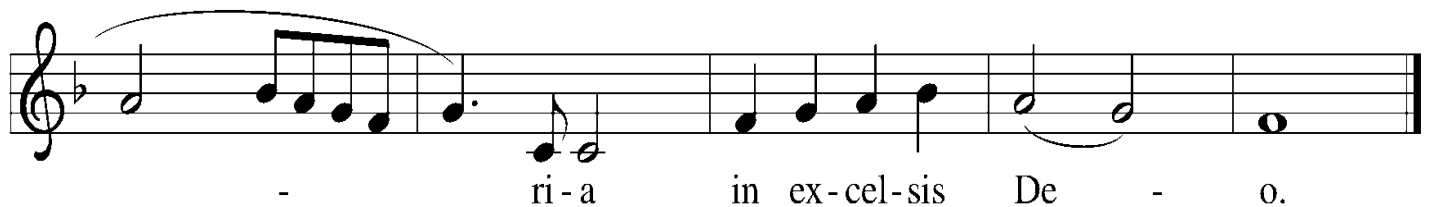
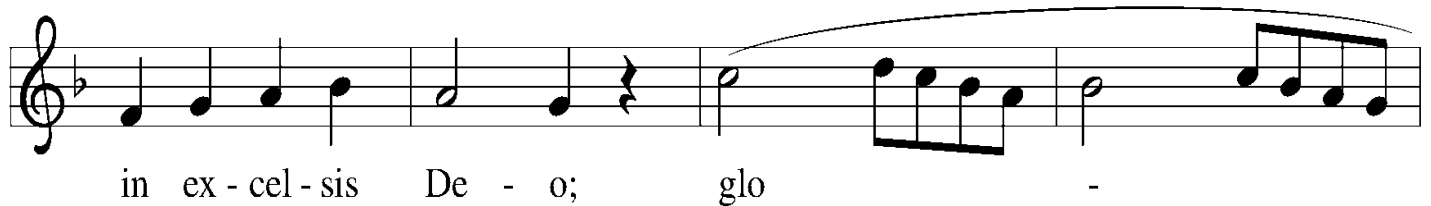
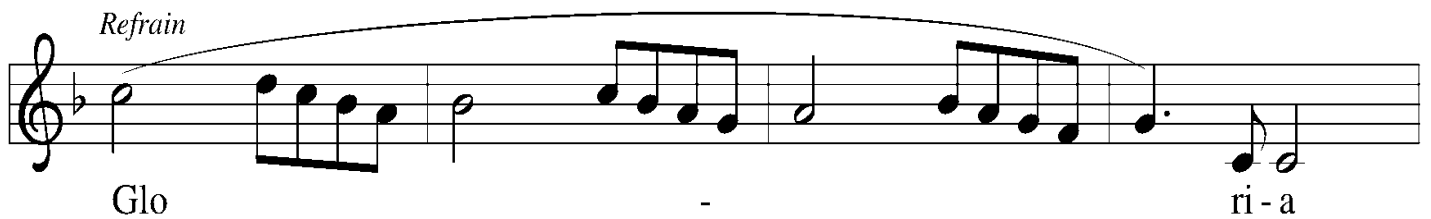




1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



## ▲ Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

**God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.**

## ▼ Children's Message

### ▼ First Reading: Isaiah 62:6-12

*Generations before these verses were written, Jerusalem had been sacked by the Babylonians, the temple of God was destroyed, and much of the population was taken away into exile. Beyond hope, though, God has brought their descendants back home, where they are rebuilding the city and the temple. It is not easy, especially given the enmity of the neighboring nations, but the prophet assures them that God will continue to support them. In doing so, he removes the condemnation placed on the city in Isaiah 6:9-13, replacing its distressing nicknames with ones which indicate God's continuing love and blessing.*

<sup>6</sup> Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest, <sup>7</sup> and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

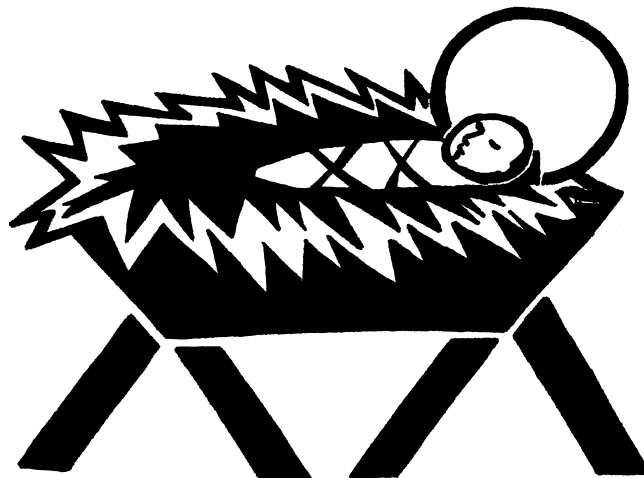
<sup>8</sup> The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored, <sup>9</sup> but those who harvest it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. <sup>10</sup> Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up an ensign over the peoples. <sup>11</sup> The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "Look, your savior comes; his reward is with him and his recompense before him." <sup>12</sup> They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD," and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

▼ **Psalm 97** (Leader/Assembly); sung

*Psalms 96, 97, and 98, with their jubilant praise of God as ruler, have long been particularly associated with Christmas.*

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;  
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
- <sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,**  
**righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,  
burning up enemies on | every side.
- <sup>4</sup> **Lightnings light | up the world;**  
**the earth | sees and trembles.**
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains | melt like wax  
before the Lord of | all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> **The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,**  
**and all the peoples | see your glory.**
- <sup>7</sup> Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false  
gods!  
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.
- <sup>8</sup> **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,**  
**because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**
- <sup>9</sup> For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;  
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> **You who love the | LORD, hate evil!**  
**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the**  
**hand | of the wicked.**
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns | for the righteous,  
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.
- <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,**  
**and give thanks to God's | holy name.**



## ▼ Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

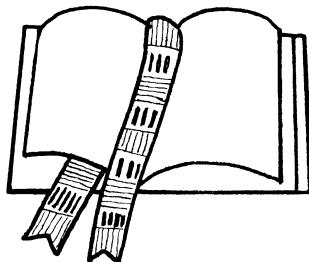
*In the book of Titus, the apostle encourages the young church to hold fast to the faith, avoid behavior that would needlessly offend outsiders, and live at unity with each other. He grounds this behavior in God's grace shown in the Incarnation of Jesus.*

<sup>4</sup> When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## ▲ Gospel Acclamation

*(please turn to follow the cross in procession)*





## ▲ Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

*Luke describes how God arranges things to mesh with the divine intention. An edict involving the whole empire forces Joseph and Mary to have their child in Bethlehem (David's home town) rather than Nazareth. The child is laid in a manger, where the shepherds find him, bringing an end to Isaiah's complaint: "the donkey knows its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." (1:3)*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2nd chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup> He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room. <sup>8</sup> Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" <sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, <sup>19</sup> and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

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

## ▼ Meditation

Pastor Jason Felici

## ▲ Hymn of the Day

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

ELW #272

## ▲ 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 and the Son,  
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** (*please kneel or remain seated as your body allows*)

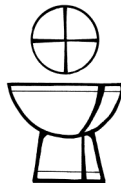
Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

## ▲ The Peace

May the peace sung by the angels be with you always. **And also with you.**  
(*share God's peace with one another and then be seated*)

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



## ▼ Gathering of Gifts

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*



*If you prefer, scan the QR code to give online. You may then place a giving card from the pew in the offering plate as it passes by.*

## ▼ Anthem

“Christmas Canon”

Hopson

Choir

## ▲ Offertory

“What Child is This?”

ELW #296



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

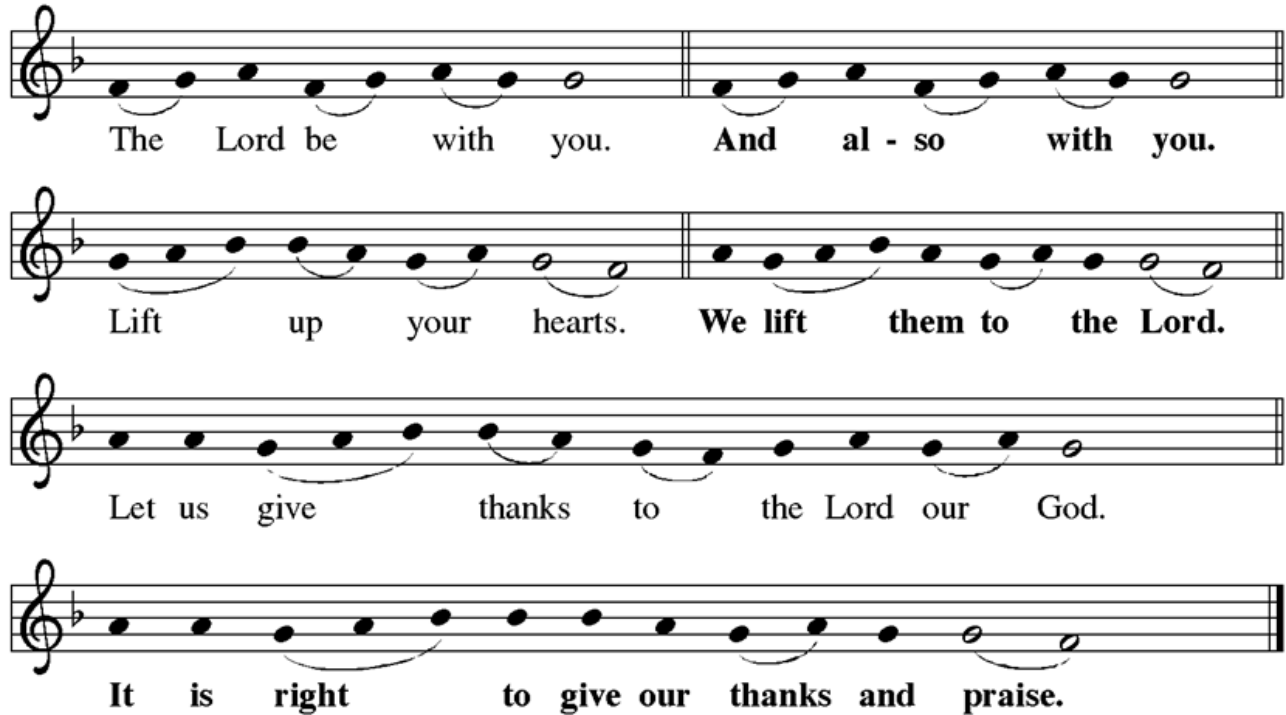


haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

## ▲Offering Prayer

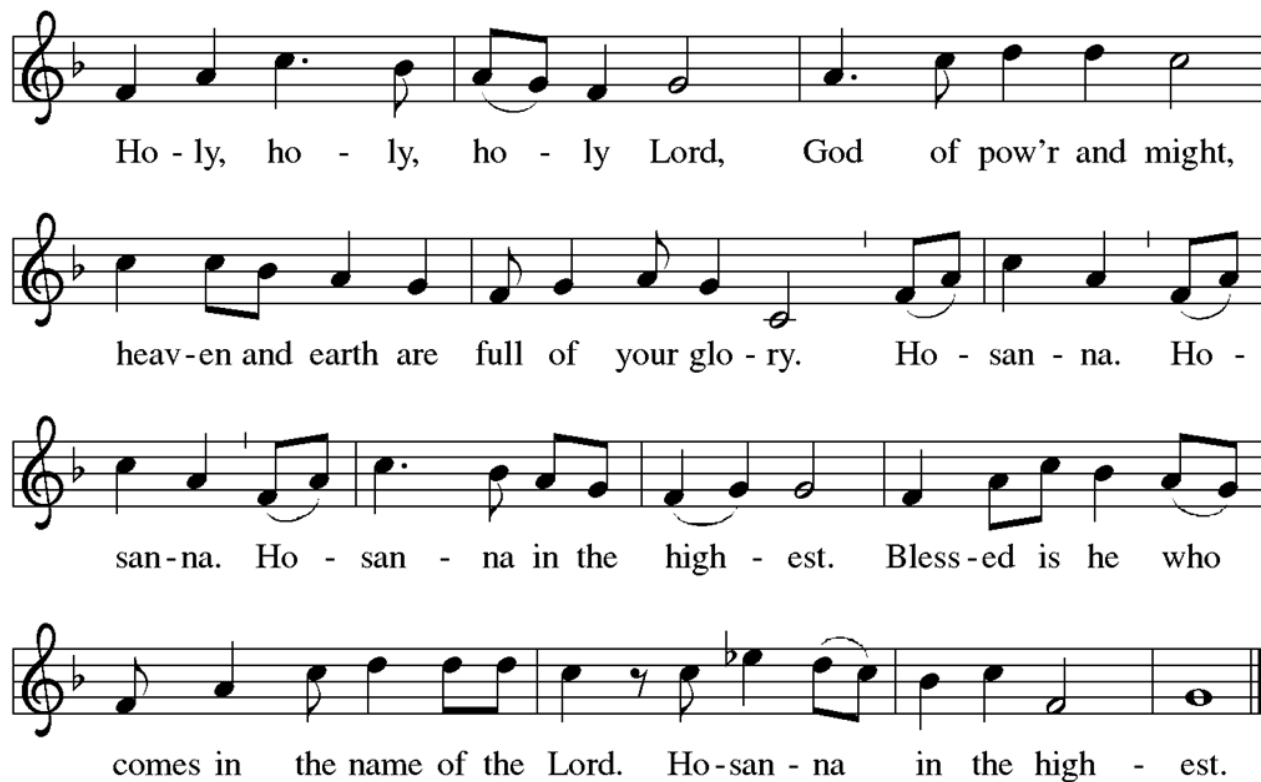
Let us pray. God of glory, **great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

## ▲Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ▲ Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*(continued)*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember  
your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death  
and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **▲Lord's Prayer**

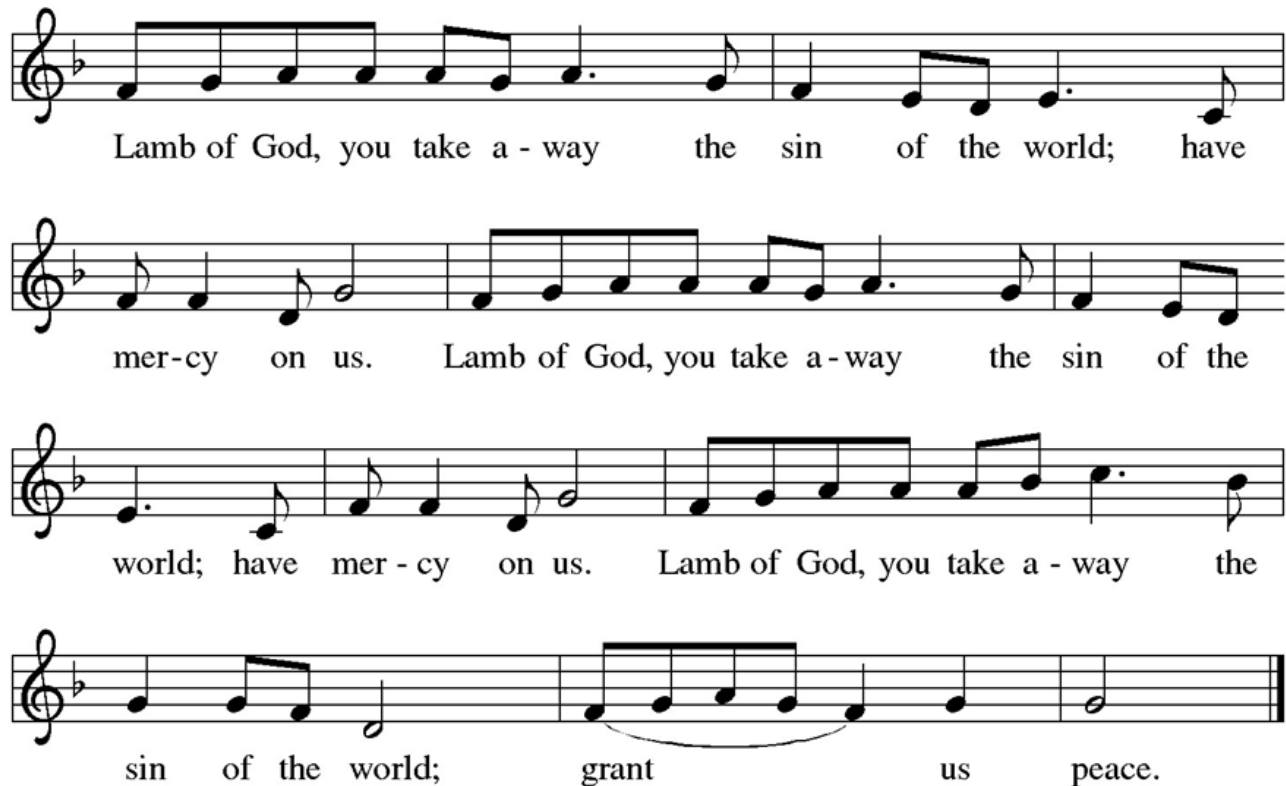
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

## ▲ Invitation to Communion

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

## ▲ Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## ▼ Distribution of Communion

*To receive communion, please come down the center aisle, take a cup from the tray and gather at the altar rail. Receive the bread into your hand. Wine will be poured into your cup. **The communion wine is gluten free. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.** For those unable to receive wine, communion cups with water are available. Leave the altar rail, place your cup on the tray and return to your pew via the side aisles. **If you would like to receive communion in the pew, please contact an usher.** Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

## Communion Hymn

“Away in a Manger”

ELW #277

## ▲ Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## ▲Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. Amen.

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## ▲Blessing

The triune God, glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter,  
✙ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.  
Amen.

## ▲Sending Hymn

“Joy to the World”

ELW #267

## ▲Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God’s people on earth!**  
Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace. **Thanks be to God.**

## Serving Today

<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Jess Felici	<b>Presiding:</b>	Pastor Jason Felici
<b>Director of Music:</b>	Debbie Morley		
<b>Lector:</b>	Walter Vargo		
<b>Liturgical Deacons:</b>	Jackie Mars		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sandy Kisick, Don & Kasha Loveridge, Kaia Loveridge		
<b>Gift Presenters:</b>	Susan Vargo		

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS DAY** are dedicated to the Glory of God in in loving memory of my beloved husband, William Morgan, and in memory of his father, Frederick A. Morgan, given by Cheryl Morgan.

**THE “PEACE” AND “JOY”** in the Reiner Garten are to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for his gift, Jesus Christ! Also, in memory of our parents, Jack and Phyllis Jones and Victor and Rose DeBacco, and Mark’s sister, Holly Kmetz, as well as our friends and family that have entered the Church Triumphant since Christmas 2024, from Mark and Kathy Jones.



**GREAT and MANY THANKS TO ALL** who serve so wonderfully in so many ways to make this worship such a blessing: the choirs and musicians, the decorating committee, acolytes, lectors, liturgical deacons, and ushers. God bless you all!

**From our Pastors:** We thank you for joining us in worship on this holy night. We give thanks to God for all of the ways Trinity has blessed our community and our family, and we look forward with great hope as we enter 2026. Merry Christmas! Love, Pastor Jason, Pastor Jess, Emma, Elijah, and Noah Felici.

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