

Welcome to Trinity!

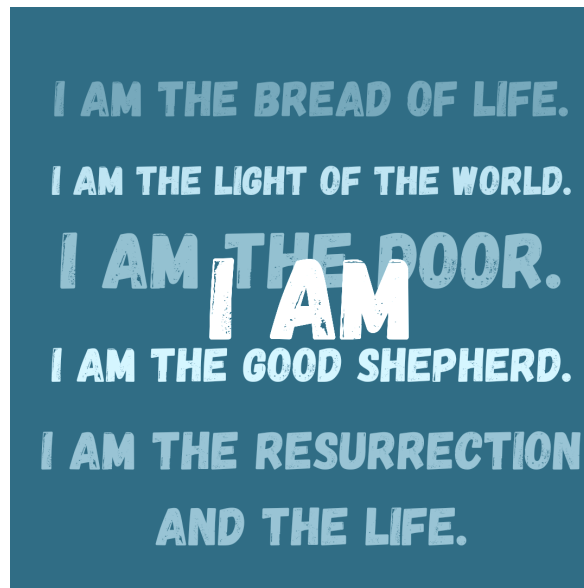
We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

Join us on facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>

Recorded services will be archived on our website. www.trinityevanston.org



Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

9:30 am

Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

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Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ



Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

We continue to live-stream all of our services.

If you can't tune in for the live broadcast, or you want to go back and hear a part of the service again, you can access all of our previously recorded services archived on our website. www.trinityevanston.org

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Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on "O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß," BWV 622 J. S. Bach

Word of Welcome

Announcements and Celebrations

Confession and Forgiveness: (*Stand as you are able.*)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings.**

We neglect your holy word.

We shut out those who need our care.

We reject the way of grace and close the door on those who have wronged us.

We confine ourselves behind barriers of mistrust and fear.

We fail to open the door to welcome in your loving presence.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

Amen.

P Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**

1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love;
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r;
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;
4 Three per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace,

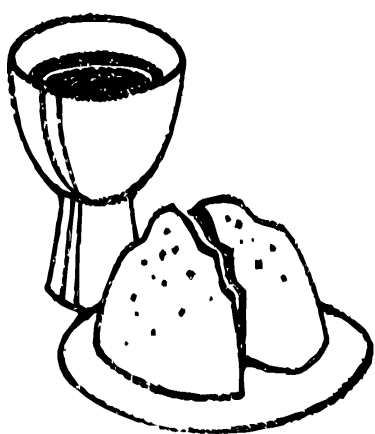
re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
from fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
that we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: SOUTHWELL S M, Daman, *Psalms*, 1579
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Greeting:

- P** The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**



Kyrie

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

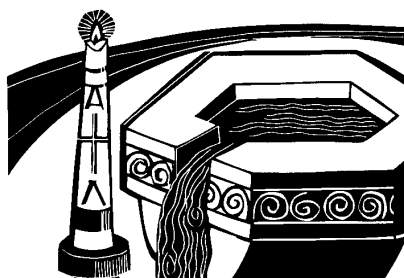
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Prayer of the Day:

P Merciful God, you have given us your son as a doorway to hope, blessing, provision and life. Let these gifts flow to your people always, that we might bless and be blessed. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.



Word

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Word for the Children



First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Brief silence for reflection on the Word.

Second Reading: Revelation 3:20-22

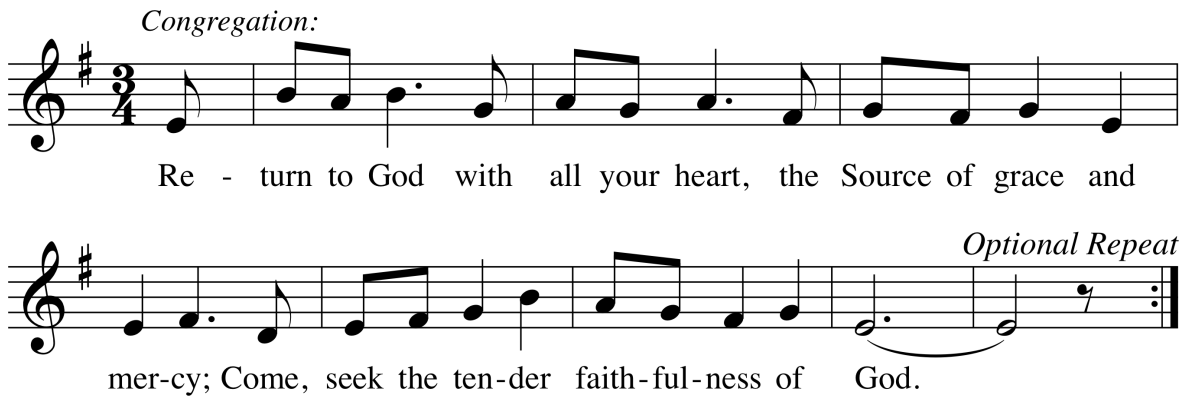
Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. ²¹To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation: (Stand)

Congregation:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

Optional Repeat

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- P The holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

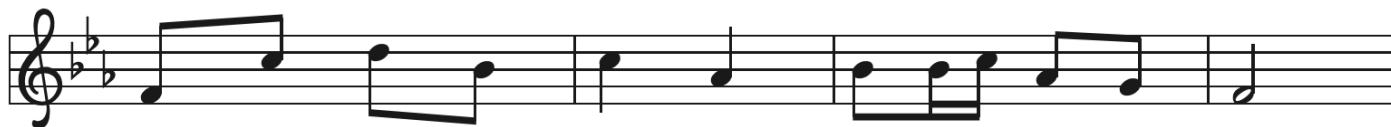
Gospel: John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

Sermon



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Apostles' Creed:

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

P Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

P Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
C Amen.

Peace

Please be seated.



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank's bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here's the link to the secure site: bit.ly/TLCgives22 Or scan this QR code:

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!



Lenten Food Collection: 40 items 40 days —After the offering plates have passed your pew, we invite you to come forward and place your grocery bags at the base of the altar.

Offertory:

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

Sanctuary Choir

- 1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

- 2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

- 3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

- 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.



(Stand as you are able.)

Setting the Table: ELW, No. 481..... "Come to the Table"



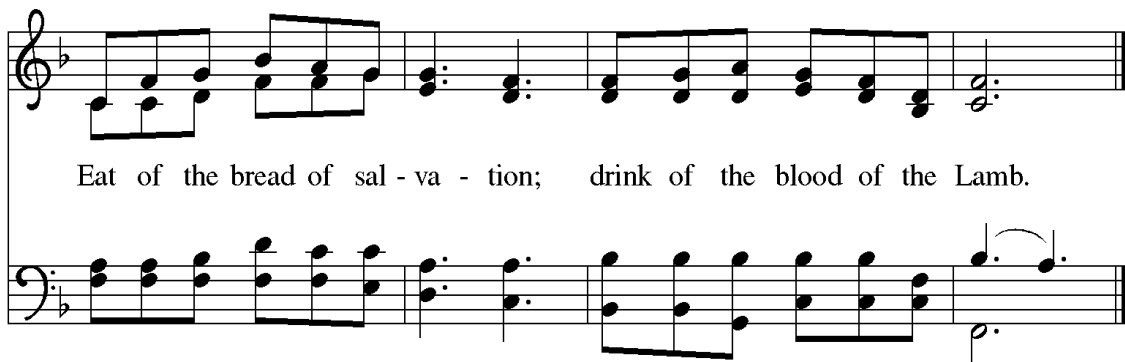
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956
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Offering Prayer:

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

Great Thanksgiving:

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up to the Lord in joy.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table:

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version that speaks to you.

(Traditional version)

**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.**

(Ecumenical version)

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

Invitation to Communion

We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers.
Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please be seated.

We invite worshippers to come forward for communion.

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.

Pastor will distribute the bread and a deacon will be distributing the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.

(Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat.)

Come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the usher, and return to your seats using the aisle on the east side of the sanctuary.

Gluten free wafers are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

Lamb of God:



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

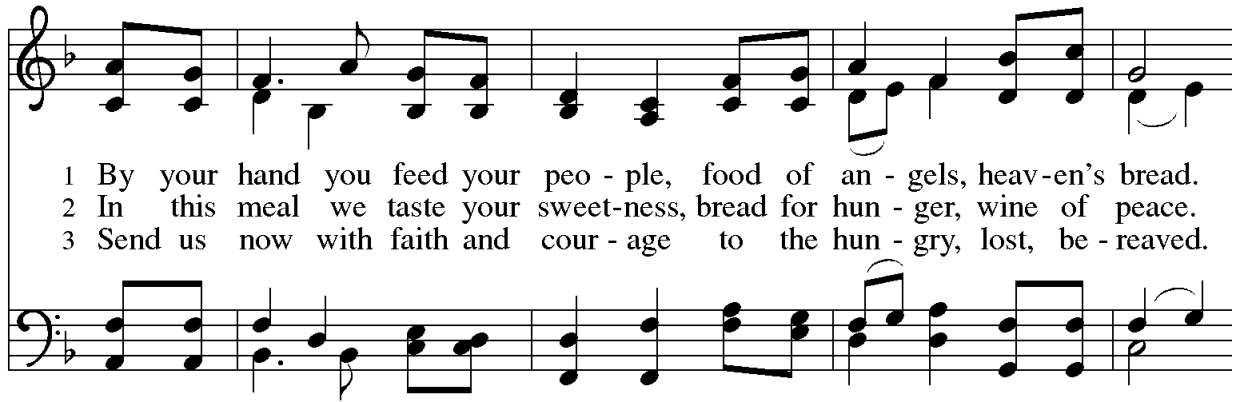


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.



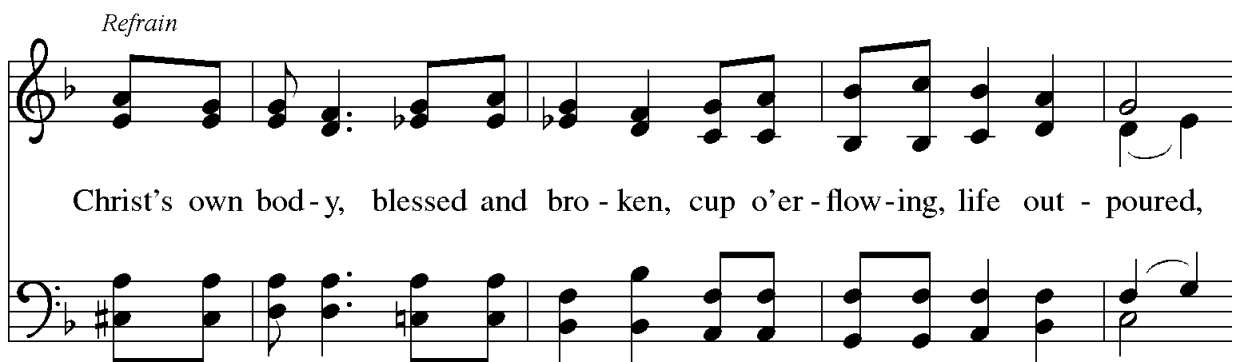


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

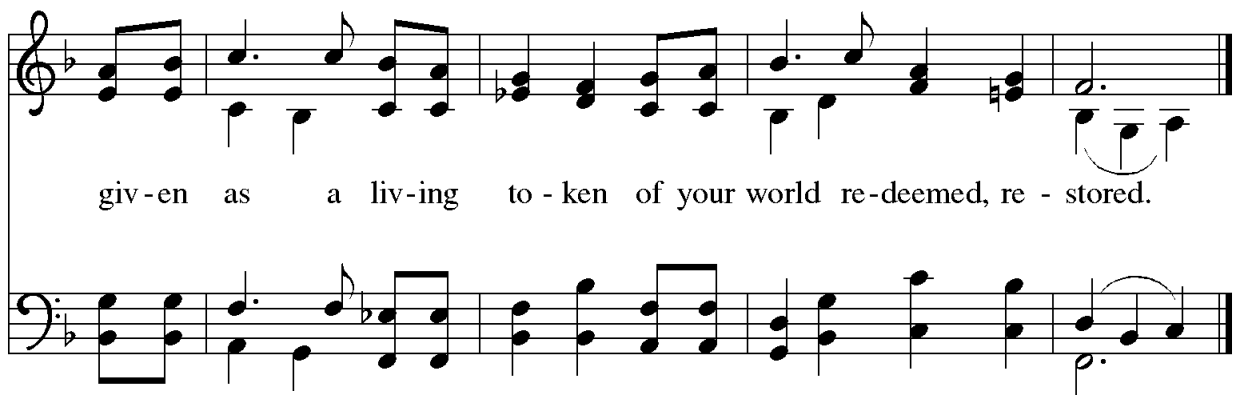


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

Refrain



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Spirit Ensemble

1 & 2: Choir
3: All



1. We can - not own the sun - lit sky, The
2. When bod - ies shiv - er in the night And
3. God calls hu - man - i - ty to join As



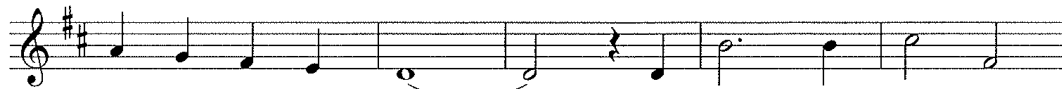
moon, the wild - flow'rs grow - ing, For we are
wea - ry, wait for morn - ing, When chil - dren
part - ners in cre - at - ing A fu - ture



part of all that is With - in life's
have no bread but tears, And war - horns
free from want or fear, Life's good - ness



riv - er flow - ing. With o - pen
sound their warn - ing, God calls hu -
cel - e - brat - ing, That new world



hands re - ceive and share The gifts of God's cre -
man - i - ty to wake, To join in com - mon
beck - ons from a - far, In - vites our shared en -



a - tion, That all may have a - bun - dant
la - bor, That all may have a - bun - dant
deav - or, That all may have a - bun - dant



life In ev - 'ry earth - ly na - tion.
life In one - ness with their neigh - bor.
life And peace en - dure for - ev - er.

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Prayer after Communion:

P Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.
C Amen.

Sending

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

Blessing: *(Stand)*

P God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C Amen.

Sending Song: ELW, No. 608 *“Softly and Tenderly”*

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home.” Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Dismissal:

P Go in peace. Serve in love..
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mark & Ruth Allee in gratitude for Rick Merrell’s many years of faithful service to Trinity.
THE SINGLE BOUQUET is given to the Glory of God by Charlie & Debbie Swartzfager in memory of Rev. Geo. K. Swartzfager in celebration of what would have been his 100th birthday.

ADULT ED SUNDAY MORNING, 10:45 am in the Chapel —
On March 12th, Philip McPeck continues presenting on music written for the Lutheran Good Friday liturgy in Leipzig, Germany, with an examination of the theological and political influences at work in a passion setting by J.S. Bach's successor, Gottlob Harrer.

TRINITY’S MARCH MISSION POSSIBLE recipient: ELCA LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE—To support this organization, you can share your offerings by check to the church office, or by using your bank’s bill-pay system, noting “Mission Possible” in the memo. Or use the online instructions above. Thank you for your support!

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR— If you are not able to attend Trinity in person, please consider joining us for casual fellowship in our virtual coffee hour after the live service on Sundays (around 10:30AM).
If you need technical support, please call or email Tera Moskal at 847-902-1265 or t-moskal@northwestern.edu **Tera Moskal is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Trinity Virtual Coffee Hour**
Time: Every week on Sundays starting around 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83053005894?pwd=ZzBsN25FbUoxeXZEcM5DWjk3Rk5GZz09>
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