

## 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!

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### ***Confirmation Sunday*** ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***

***May 7, 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.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
3637 Golf Road, Evanston, Illinois 60203  
*Confirmation / Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
May 7, 2023  
9:30 am

***Welcome to Trinity!***

*Your presence here today enriches everyone's worship.*

**Gathering**

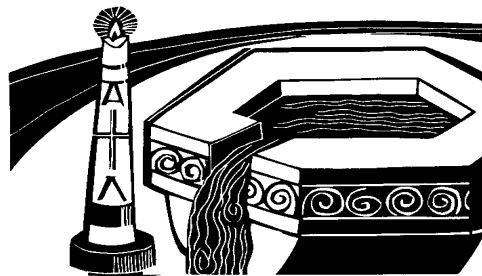
*The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day  
of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.*

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**Prelude:**

*"Amazing Grace"*  
Youth Bell Choir / Joyce Oakes, flute

**Word of Welcome**



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1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

**Greeting:**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion 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:*



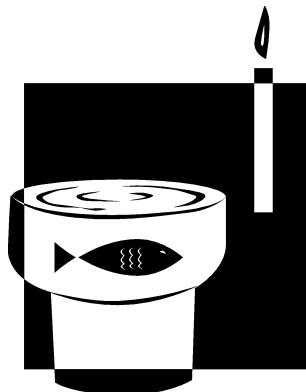
Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*



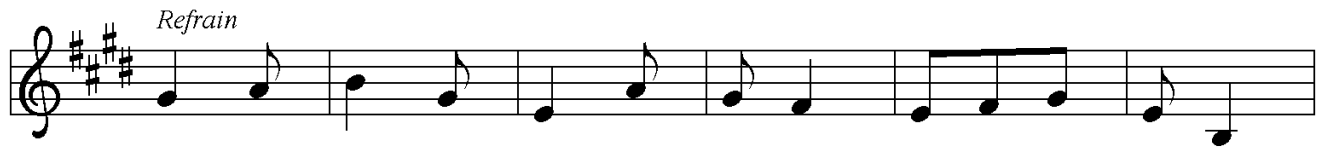
God. A - men.

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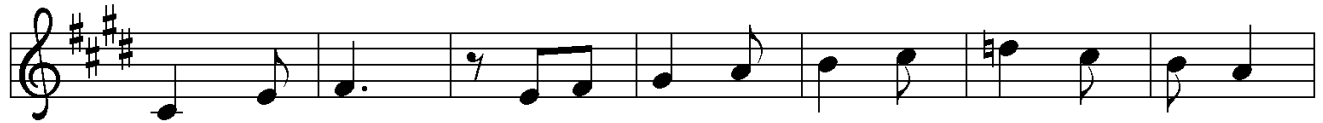


Canticle of Praise:

*Refrain*



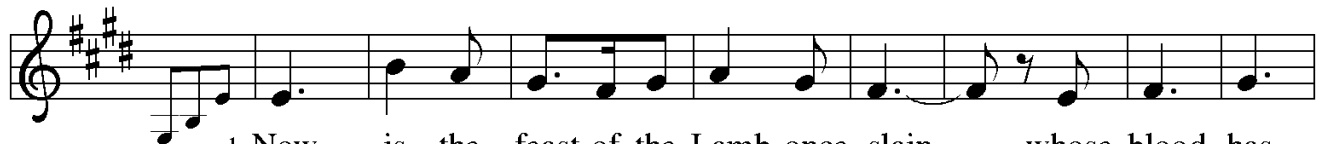
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day:

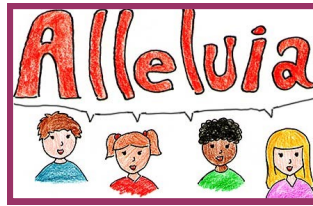
- P Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

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

## Word for the Children



### First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

*Brief silence for reflection on the Word.*

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C **Thanks be to God!**

**Gospel Acclamation: (Stand)**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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**P** The holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 14:1-14**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

<sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon:** Pastor Peg Otte

Hymn of the Day: ELW, No. 389 (Stand)..... "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Please be seated.



## **Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) — 2023 Confirmands**

**Henry Thomas Benigni  
Taylor Emily Felten  
Luca James Gabriele  
Katherine Blair Reno  
William Kirtland Reno  
Halle Simone Schneider  
Levi Asher Schueneman  
Emmeline Phoebe Sherborne  
Thomas Charles Stewart  
Jonathan Emerson Weissinger**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## Prayers of Intercession:

P United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*After each petition:*

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

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](https://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!

## Offertory —

### Presentation of Faith Statements

Each year, as confirmands conclude their instruction, they are asked to create a faith statement that summarizes what they believe and what their faith means to them.



Setting the Table: (Stand)

Refrain

*Congregation:*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*To refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer:

- A Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through 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.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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



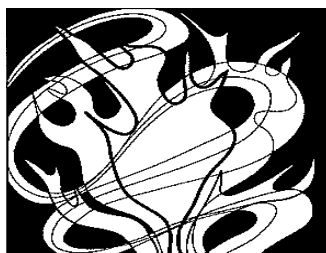
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the



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** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.  
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.  
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 in 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 in remembrance of me."  
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** We await your promised life for this dying world.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup. Carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

**C** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

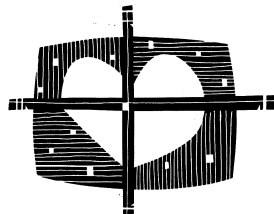
Please pray the version that speaks to you.

*(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:

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

Music during Communion:

These hymns were included as favorites of the confirmation class.

ELW, No. 723..... "Canticle of the Turning"  
STAR OF COUNTY DOWN



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



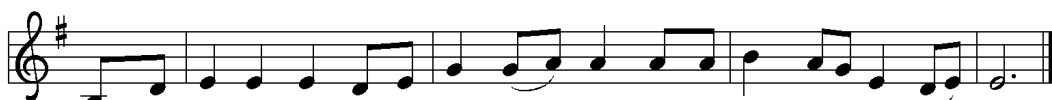
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

*Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,*  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

*ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.*  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

*Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher*  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

*Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.*  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

**Prayer after Communion**

**A** We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth, where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.



# Sending

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

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**Blessing:** *(Stand)*

P The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

**Sending Song:** ELW, No. 768 ..... *“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*

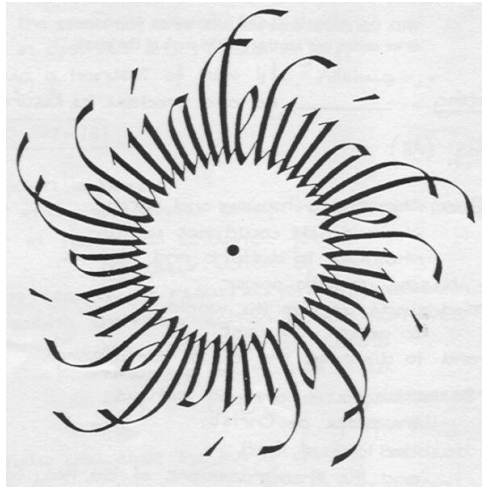
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

**Dismissal:**

- A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** TRURO and ELLACOMBE.....arr. Linda R. Lamb

Handbell Choir



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