

# **CHRIST THE KING**

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM**

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WE WELCOME YOU** to historic Trinity Church. We are blessed by your presence and pray God's richest blessing upon you. We invite you to receive the Risen Christ at the Lord's Table. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**P** Presiding Minister    **A** Assisting Minister    **C** Congregation

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

Aria

Flor Peeters

*Please stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Have mercy on us, O God.

**C** **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen**

**P** God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

**C** Amen

## GATHERING HYMN

408 Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

### GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -  
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -



lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 93

*The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse. The Assisting Minister reads a verse and the congregation reads the next verse.*

**A** The Lord is king, robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.  
The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**C** Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
you are from everlasting.

- A** The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- C** **Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.  
Your testimonies are very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.**

**SECOND READING:** Revelation 1:4b-8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

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

**TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.
- G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

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

*Be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

723 Canticle of the Turning

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world.  
Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence. Each petition concludes:*

- A** God, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition:*

- P** God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray.  
Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**C** **Amen**

## PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another from a distance and then be seated.*

## OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

Nancy Walters

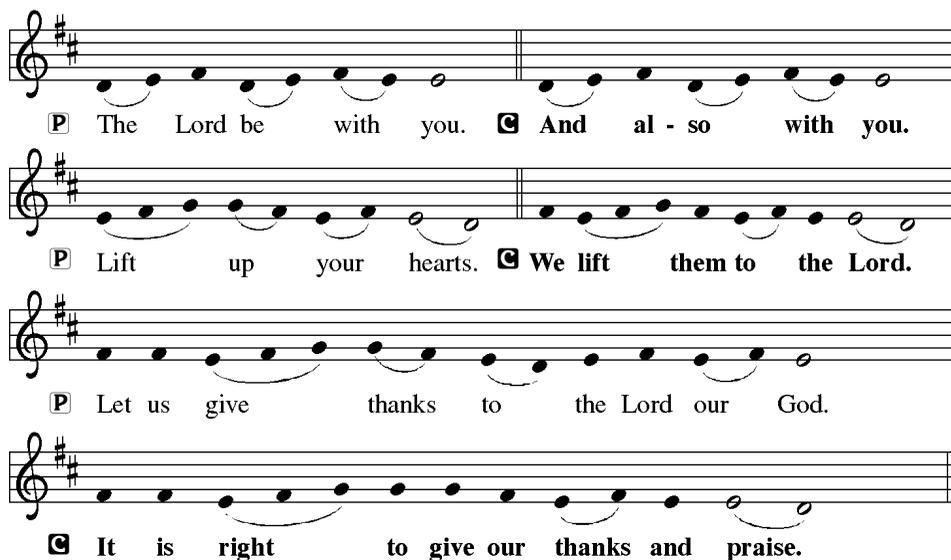
Hannah Long, soloist

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Holy God,  
**C** the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are quarter notes with stems pointing up, and they are grouped by slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a 'P' (Piano) or 'C' (Crescendo) marking at the beginning of each line.

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**P** Blessed are you, O God...power of the Most High, now and forever.

**G** Amen

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** **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**

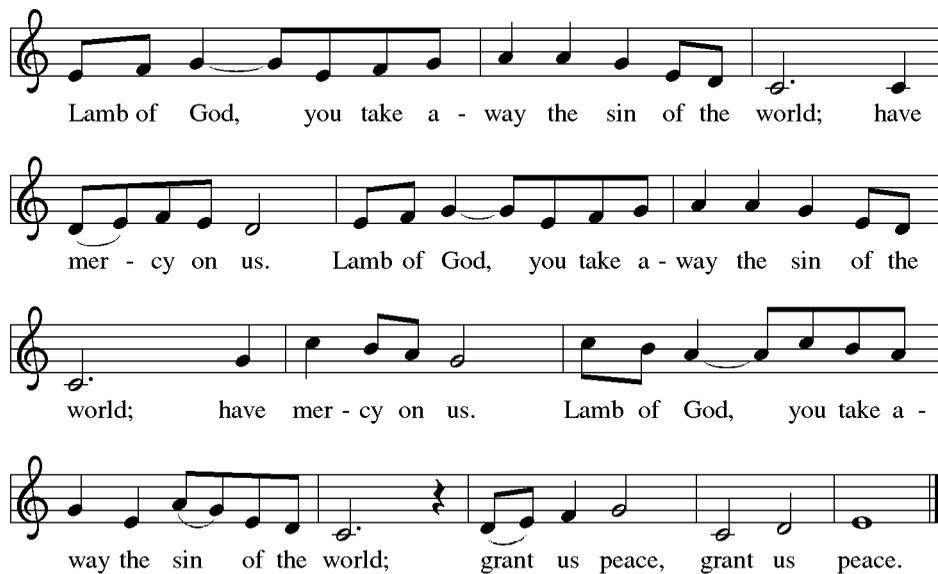
- P** A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.
- C** **Amen**

*Be seated.*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*We invite all who wish to receive the Risen Christ in this meal to join us at the Lord's table. Coming to the altar, following the direction of the usher, be sure to maintain a safe distance between households. If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer or would prefer grape juice to wine, please ask your server. Returning to your seat, please deposit the used glass in the baskets provided. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, tell the usher and the sacrament can be brought to you. God bless you with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation!*

## 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, grant us peace.

## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.
- C** Amen

## BLESSING

- P** God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, bless † and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.
- C** Amen

## SENDING HYMN

855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

## DISMISSAL

- A** Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Diademata"

Setting by Michael Burkhardt



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