

# PENTECOST 17/LECTIONARY 25

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

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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

## CARILLON

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

Sarabande

Eric H. Thiman

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.

**C** Amen

**P** Let us confess our sin to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God our comforter,

**C** like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen

**P** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C** Amen

## GATHERING HYMN

852 Golden Breaks the Dawn Peter Graf, recorder

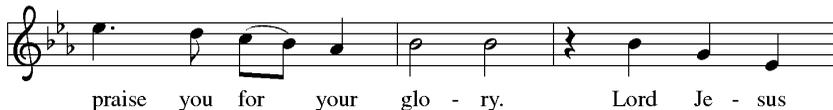
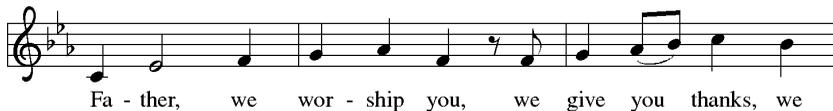
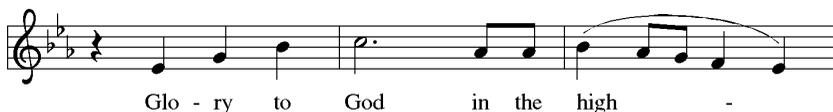
LE P'ING

## 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

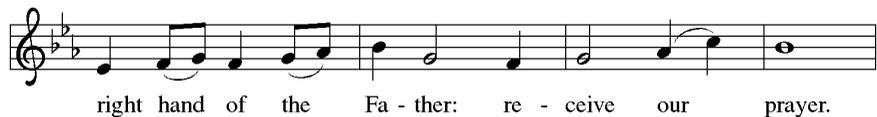




Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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 -



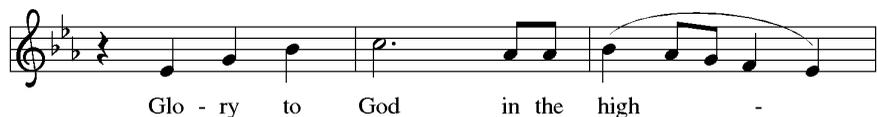
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



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** O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 54

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

**A** Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

**C** Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

**A** For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

**C** Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

- A** Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- C** **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**
- A** For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

**SECOND READING:** James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

- 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:** Mark 9:30-37

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**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**

397 Loving Spirit

RESTORATION

## **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**

*Please kneel or be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church,  
the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence. Each petition concludes:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*After the final petition:*

**P** Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

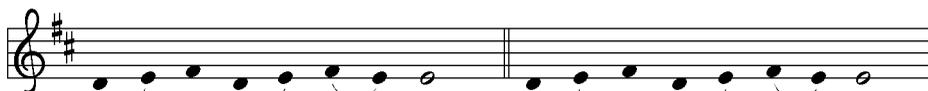
*Please greet one another from a distance and remain standing as you are able.*

## PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**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.

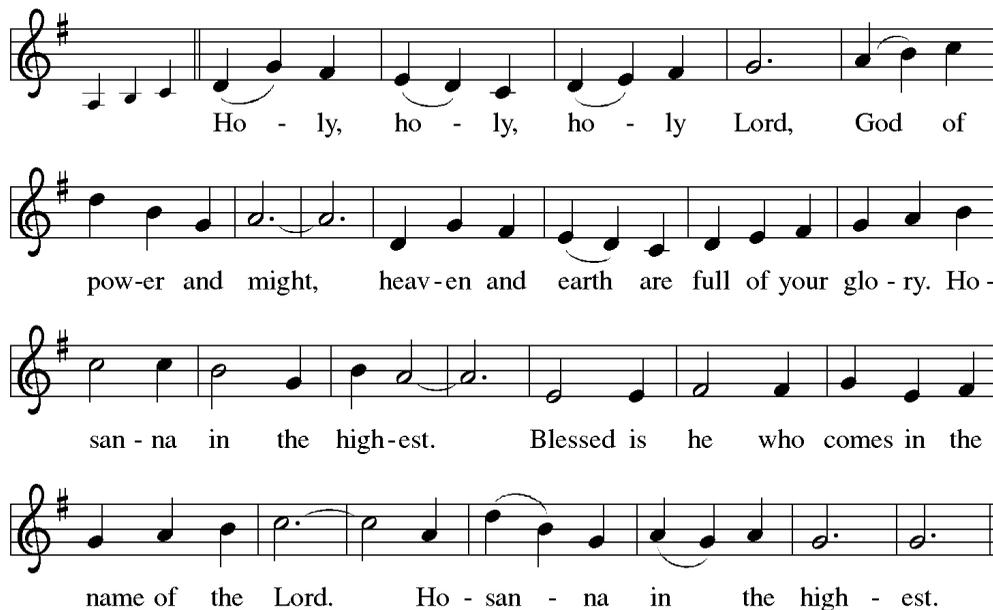


**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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** All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.
- 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 receive 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. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen

## BLESSING

- P** People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.  
The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen

## SENDING HYMN

538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ENVIADO

Peter Graf, guitar

## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**G** Thanks be to God!

## **POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

Antonio Vivaldi, Ed. & Arr. S. Drummond Wolff

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