

ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: TRINITY SUNDAY – YEAR A HOLY EUCHARIST

June 11, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Information for newcomers and visitors is located on the back page of this service bulletin.

The Trinity is one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The term is from the Latin tri, “three,” and unitas, “unity.” The term was devised by Tertullian to express the mystery of the unity-in-diversity of God. Trinity means “threefold unity.” The corresponding word in Greek is ho trias, which means “the Triad.” The Trinity is a perfect relationship of love in which neither unity nor distinctness of the divine persons is compromised. God's life is understood to be dynamic, loving, and available to be shared in relationship with humanity for salvation.

The church took several centuries to work out a reasonably acceptable way to express the complex relation of Father, Son, and Spirit. The nearly complete doctrine of the Trinity announced at Constantinople in 381 held that God is one Being (ousia) in three equal and consubstantial persons or hypostases: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated but begotten, the Spirit proceeding from the Father (and, in the western version of the Creed, the Son).

Trinity Sunday is the feast that celebrates “the one and equal glory” of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, “in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being.” It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year.

[Adapted from *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians*, Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors (New York: Church Publishing).]

Today’s liturgy was designed to celebrate Trinity Sunday as well as to recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month. To that end, the liturgy planning team sought out language that is Trinitarian and/or gender-neutral. Gender-neutral language was prioritized because there is growing need for recognition of and advocacy for people whose identities place them outside the binary gender boxes.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Trio super Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr, BWV 664
J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

At the ringing of the bell, please stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty (*The Hymnal 1982 362*)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.
Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis* (The Hymnal 1982 S-279)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, hea-ven - ly King,
al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Mother; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 1:1-2:4A

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let

birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8

Domine, Dominus noster

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
 8 All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
 10 O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE SECOND LESSON

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand.

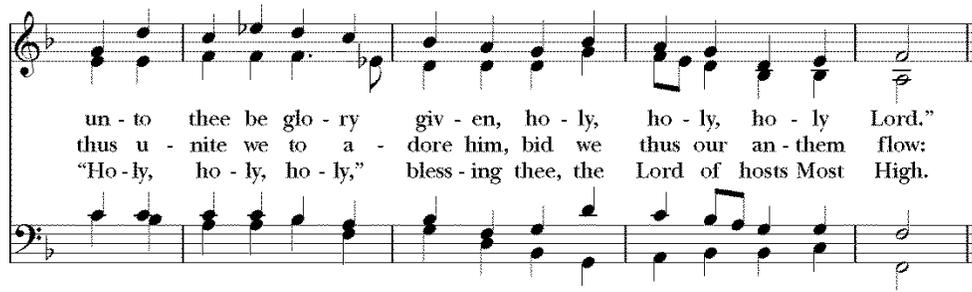
SEQUENCE HYMN

Round the Lord in glory seated (*The Hymnal 1982 367*)

1 Round the Lord in glo - ry seat - ed cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
 2 Heaven is still with glo - ry ring - ing, earth takes up the an - gels' cry,
 3 "Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;

filled his tem - ple, and re - peat - ed each to each the al - ter - nate hymn;
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," sing - ing, "Lord of hosts, the Lord Most High."
 un - to thee be glo - ry giv - en, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord."

"Lord, thy glo - ry fills the hea - ven, earth is with thy full - ness stored;
 With his ser - aph train be - fore him, with his ho - ly Church be - low,
 Thus thy glo - rious Name con - fess - ing, with thine an - gel hosts we cry



Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848)
 Music: *Rustington*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord
 People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All are seated.

THE SERMON

After the Sermon, there follows a short period of silent reflection. Then all stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Presider and People

**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,
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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

To the God who created us, redeemed us, and guides us, we bring our prayers for the church and world, saying, Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your church throughout the world. Help us to live in peace with each other, and draw us into closer unity. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the world. Give them compassion for the vulnerable and needy, and move them to works of justice and mercy. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth and all that you have made. Teach us to care for the world that sustains us, and inspire us to preserve it for generations to come. **Triune God, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of faith. Help us to bring the good news of your love to the world, in all that we do. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children of this congregation, and those who have taught them this year. Continue to guide them in the way of holiness and righteousness, and bless the ministry of education to which you have called us. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose lives are marked by violence and suffering. Give strength and comfort to the victims, and move the perpetrators to repentance. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for LGBTQ persons throughout the world. Protect them from violence, persecution, and hatred, and give them courage to live as their true selves. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need or trouble: feed the hungry, tend the sick, relieve the weary, bless the dying, and soothe the suffering. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died. May perpetual light shine upon them. Triune God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all that we now name before you, either silently or out loud.

Presider

Most holy and triune God, accept these prayers of your gathered people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, and to you we give Glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

[from A Wee Worship Book of the Iona Community]

Priest

Let us in silence remember our own faults and failings.

Silence is kept.

Priest and People

**In the community of Christ's Church
and in the presence of all God's people,
we confess to God that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have not loved God,
cared for God's world,
or respected god's people as we should.**

**W own our responsibility
And pray for God's pardon.**

Priest

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The People greet one another with a sign of peace, and then are seated for brief announcements.

At the beginning of the **Offertory Hymn**, the People remain seated while the Usbers take the collection. When the Usbers carry the gifts forward, the People rise, follow, and encircle the altar for the Eucharistic prayer. You are encouraged to position children where they can see. Small children may sit with a caregiver on the floor in front of the altar. Standing time is approximately 15 minutes. If you are unable to stand, you may sit in one of the chairs arranged near the altar, move to the front row of pews, or remain where you are.

OFFERTORY HYMN

St Patrick's Breastplate (*Hymns Ancient and Modern* 162)

Verse 1



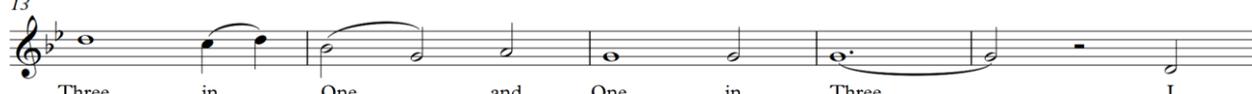
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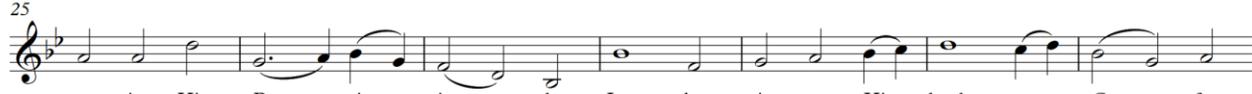
Three in One, and One in Three. I

18 Verse 2 and 4



(2)bind this day to me for ev - er, By pow'r of faith, Christ's In - car -
(4)bind un - to my - self to - day The vir - tues of the star - lit

25



na - tion, His Bap - tism in the Jor - dan riv - er, His death on Cross for the
heav'n, The glo - ri - ous sun's life - giv - ing ray, The white - ness of the

32



my sal - va - tion: His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His rid - ing up the
moon at ev'n. The flash - ing of the light - ning free, The whirl - ing winds' tem -

41



heav'n - ly way, His com - ing at the day of doom, I bind un - to my -
pest - ous shocks, The sta - ble earth, the deep salt sea a - round the old e -

49 Verse 3 and 5



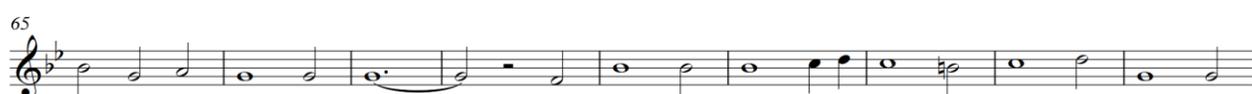
self to day. (3)I bind un - to my - self the pow'r Of the great
ter - nal rocks. (5)I bind un - to my - self to - day the pow - er of

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love of che - ru - bim; The sweet 'Well done!' in judge - ment hour; The ser - vice
God to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to

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of the se - ra - phim, Con - fes - sor's faith, a - pos - tles' word, Our fore - bear's
heark - en to my need; The wis - dom of my God to teach, His hand to

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prayers, the pro - phets' scrolls, All good deeds done un -
 guide, his shield to ward, The word of God to

79

to the Lord, And pu - ri - ty of vir - gin souls.
 give me speech, His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.

85 The choir sings the next verse unaccompanied

86 Verse 7

I bind un - to my - self the name, the strong name of the Tri - ni -

94

ty, By in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The Three in One, and One in

102

Three, Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, E - ter - nal Fa - ther,

110

Spi - rit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my sal - va - tion: Sal - va - tion

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is of Christ the Lord. A - - men.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:
SUPPLEMENTARY EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2
FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

(The Hymnal 1982 S-131)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Music: John Merbecke (1510?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal 1982*; acc. Thomas Foster (b. 1938)

Presider

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Presider and People

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Presider

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

You are invited to say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice.

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

(The Hymnal 1982 S-163)

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

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church. Please proceed to the most conveniently located station to receive communion, and then return to your seat via a side aisle. Gluten-free bread is available at any station. Non-alcoholic wine is available from the server at the center of the altar. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
miserere nobis*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
miserere nobis*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
have mercy upon us.

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona nobis pacem*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world
grant us peace.

Music: Giachino Rossini (1792–1868) (*from* Petite Messe Solennelle)

After all have received communion, the People remain seated for a period of silence. Then all stand.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Presider: Glory to God,
People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider

The Wisdom of God,
 the Love of God,
 and the Grace of God,
 strengthen you
 to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
 in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

Thou, whose almighty word (*The Hymnal 1982 371*)



1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
 2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
 3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt.

Music: *Moscom*, Felice de Gardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916,
 based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

DISMISSAL

Priest: *[A priest dismisses the people.]* Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Prelude in G major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome! After the service, you are invited to attend Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

Education for all ages: On most Sundays during the academic year, education for all ages takes place from 9 to 9:45 A.M. Sunday school is offered for children pre-K through grade 8; adult education takes place in The Lounge.

Families with small children: Two seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under); and the area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

Restrooms for men and women are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist. While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Baptism is not required. There are usually two Communion stations, located at the front corners of the altar. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any difference will be explained during the announcements.

To receive Holy Communion: The server will place the bread in your hands. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. This is the most sanitary option. Some people “intinct” (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

