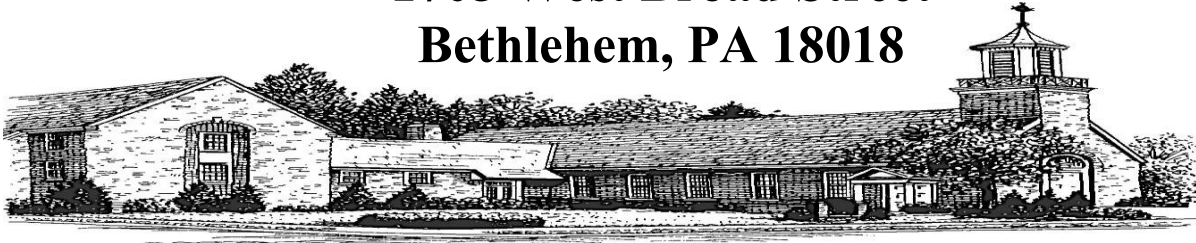


**BLESSED TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AT ROSEMONT**

**1705 West Broad Street
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**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST**

OCTOBER 19, 2025

**pray on it
pray over it
pray through it**

OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

**Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.**

HYMN SING

WELCOME

Lector Good Morning. My name is Kenny Remaly.
A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are gathering at BT@R for the first time or who have returned after an absence.
Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.
Today we observe the 19th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday. Everything you need to follow along with the worship service can be found in your bulletin. Please join us for fellowship following the gathering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Leader With faith to face our challenges,
With love that casts out fear,
With hope to trust tomorrow,
We accept this day as the gift it is:
a reason for rejoicing.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR AND CARE CANDLES

The Altar and Care candles are lit.

Leader Let us come together in the presence of God
and in the presence of each other.
And let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

As God prays through us...

We gather grateful for the companionship of hearts and minds seeking to speak the truth in love. We gather grateful for our heritage, for the women and men before us whose prophetic words and deeds make possible our dreams and our insight. And we gather grateful for the gift of life itself, mindful that to respect life means both to celebrate what life is and to insist on what it can become.

The assembly stands as they are able.

GATHERING HYMN Hymnal 790

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor We pray:

Source of Life, inspire in us a true longing for holiness,
so we can sense you
in the depths of our being.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



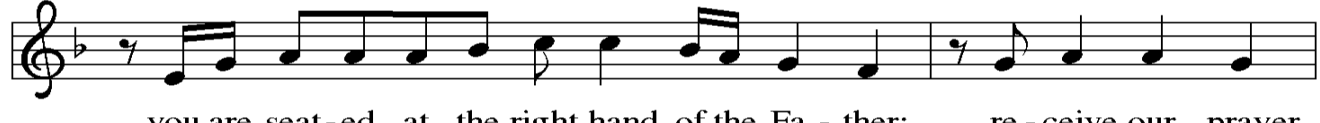
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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.

The assembly may be seated for the readings.

A READING Exodus 17:8-13

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. 9 Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men for us and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." 10 So Joshua did as Moses told him and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. 12 But Moses's hands grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on either side, so his hands were steady until the sun set. 13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the sword. 22

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.



PSALMODY Psalm 121 – Michel Guimont



Our help is from the Lord who made heav-en and earth.

1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R**

2 May God never allow you to stumble!
Let your guard not sleep.
Behold, neither sleeping nor slumbering,
Israel's guard. **R**

3 The Lord is your guard and your shade;
and stands at your right.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R**

4 The Lord will guard you from evil,
and will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R**

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us.

We are a Void by Kenneth Patton.

Are you afraid of the void, the empty future, your own undefined face?
Do you want it spelled out, written in prose?
Do you want tomorrow filled in, neat and chinked, no crevice
for the unannounced wind to blow in?

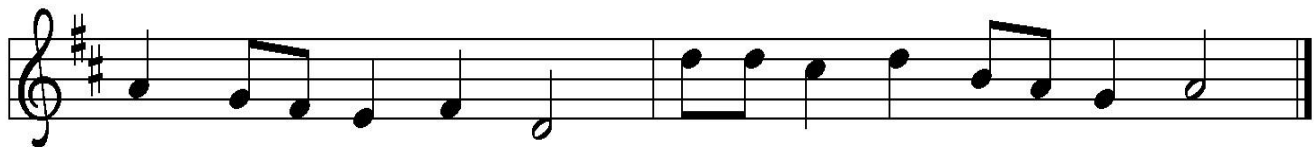
We are sorry, but that is not the way things are.
None of us has answers, certainties, definitions for ourselves.
How can we give them to you?

The question is not whether you want the void,
the unfulfilled,
the gap of time and becoming
that founts before you.
You will get it whether you want it or not.
The question is, what are you to do with it...?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Quotes on how prayer changes you rather than God include those from Søren Kierkegaard and C.S. Lewis. Kierkegaard stated, "Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays," while Lewis wrote, "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me".

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8 (*Inclusive Text*)

Pastor Reading from the Holy Gospel + as written to us by Luke.

Assembly Glory to you O God.

Jesus told the disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town,' Jesus said, 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for persons.

'In the same town there was a widow

who kept coming to the judge and saying,

"I want justice from you against my enemy!"

'For a long time the judge refused, but at last said,

"Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for persons, but since she keeps pestering me

I must give this widow her just rights,

or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And Jesus said,

'You notice what the unjust judge has to say?

Now will not God see justice done to the chosen who cry out day and night even when God delays to help them?

'I promise you, God will see justice done to them, and done speedily.

But when the Promised One comes, will any faith be found on earth?'

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

It used to be that when I would wake in the morning
I could with confidence say, 'What am 'I' going to do?'
That was before the seed cracked open.

Now I am certain:

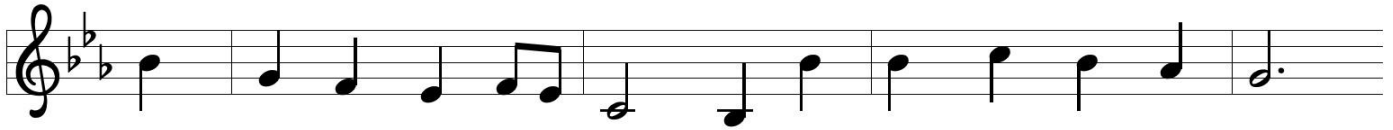
there are two of us housed in this body,
doing the shopping together in the market
and tickling each other
while fixing the evening's food.

Now when I awake

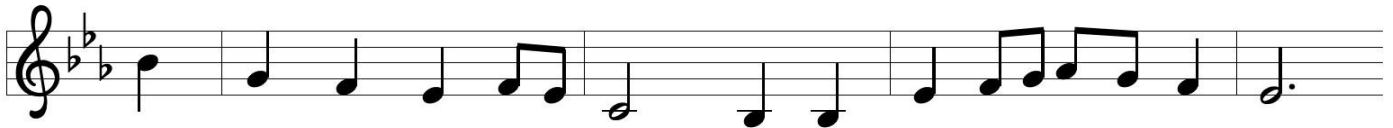
all the internal instruments play the same music:

'God, what love-mischief can 'we' do
for the world today!'

By All Your Saints
Luke, Evangelist



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 For Luke, be - lov'd phy - si - cian, all praise, whose gos - pel shows
3 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!
the heal - er of the na - tions, the one who shares our woes.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown
Your wine and oil, O Sav - ior, up - on our spir - its pour,
till all the ran-somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
and with true balm of Gil - ead a - noint us ev - er - more.
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

The assembly may sit or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING *The offering plates are at the front and back entrances.*

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CHOIR ANTHEM Psalm 150 – John Harper (b. 1947)

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Our world is one world
the thoughts we think affects us all:
the way we build our attitudes,
with love or hate, we make,
a bridge or wall.

PRESENTATION

Pastor May our hearts be opened, our hands unclenched,
and our ears unclogged, that we may
feel and touch and taste and see
the breath and play of God around us.



THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pastor Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us.
Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to God.

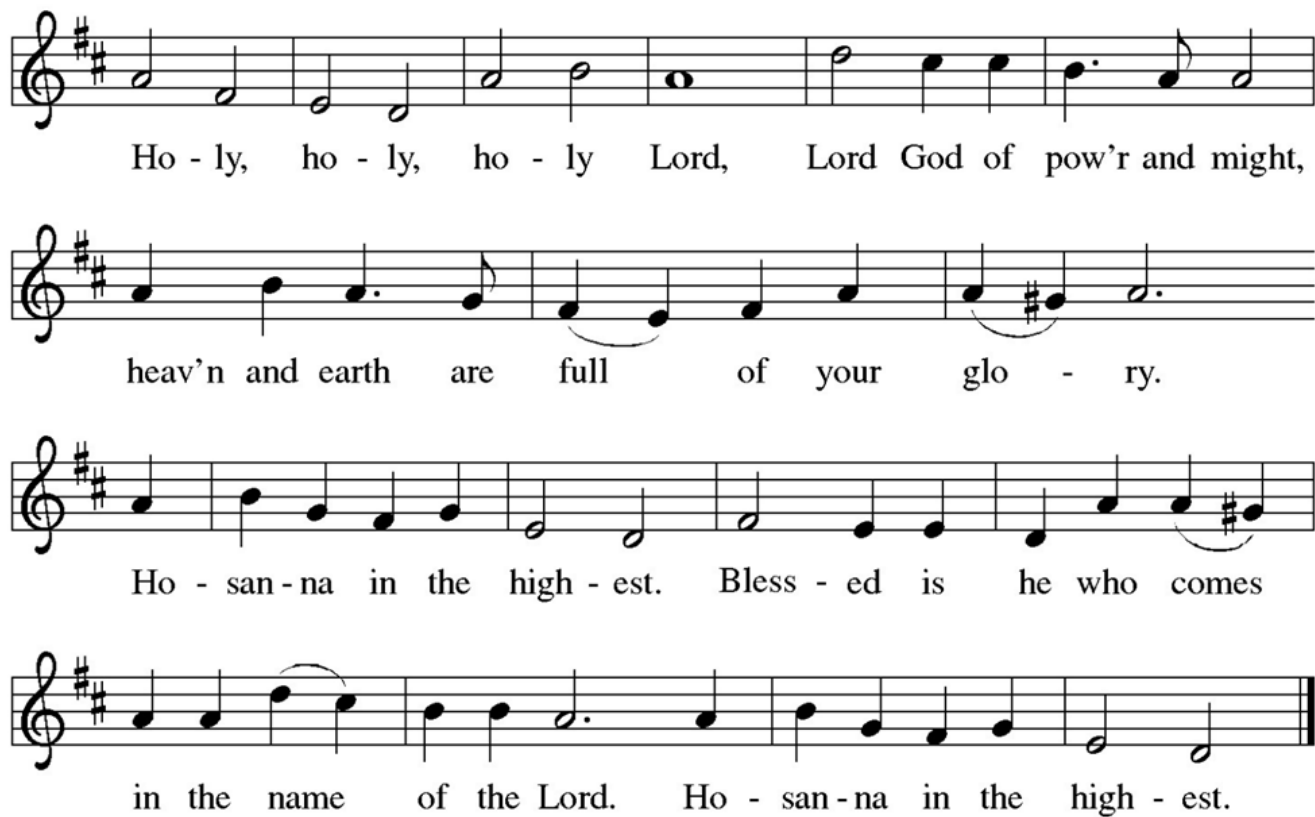
Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly It is right to offer thanks and praise.

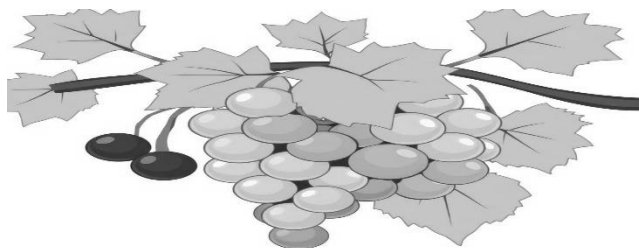
Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with Saint Luke and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn ...



Pastor On 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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

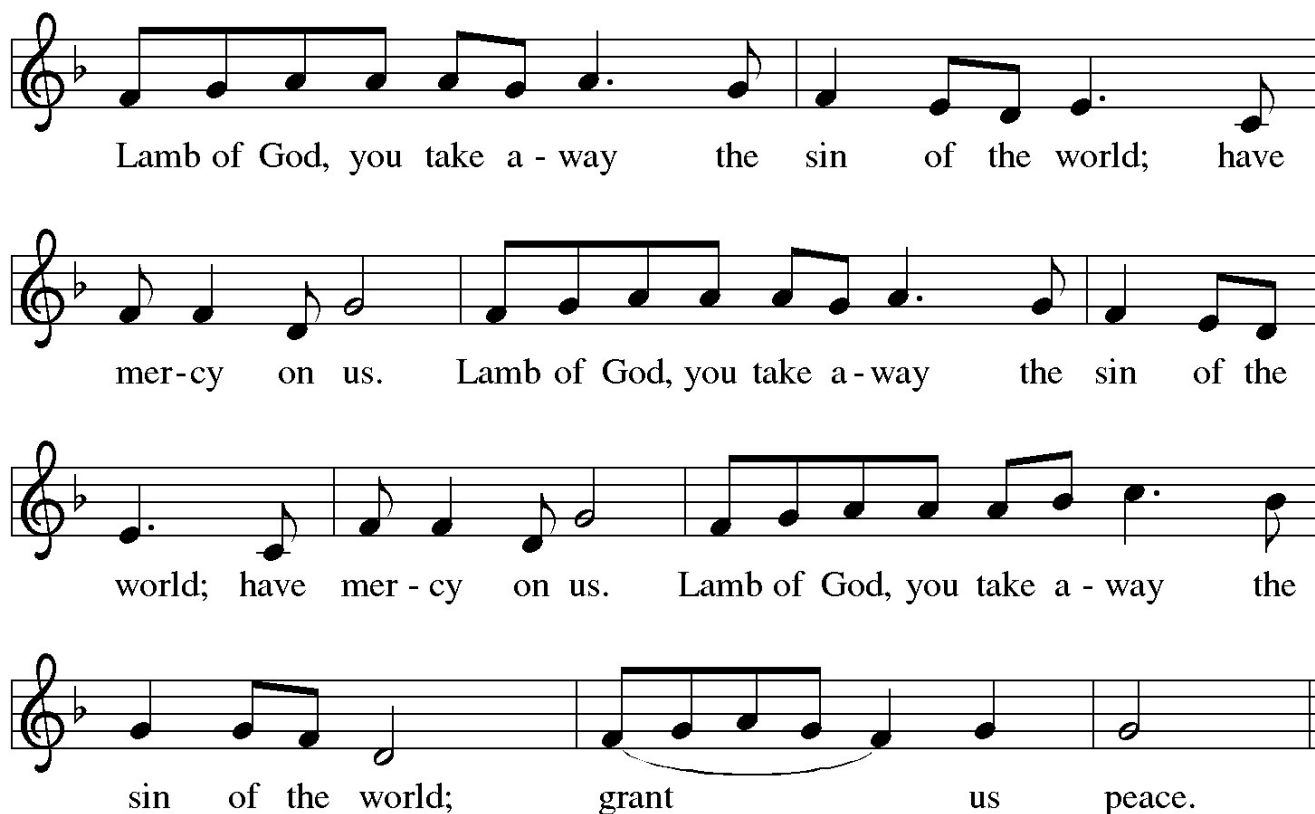
Assembly **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

THE INVITATION

Pastor Come to this table of grace. Here there are no barriers, no requirements, no tests of worthiness. No matter your faith, your doubts, or your background – All are welcome, all are loved, all are fed. Come, taste and see the goodness of God.

ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE BREAD AND WINE

All are welcome to come and receive the bread and wine. There are gluten free wafers; ask the Pastor or Communion Assistants to provide one to you. A chalice of wine will be offered to you - simply touch the wafer to the wine. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come forward simply let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Precious Lord, Take My Hand – Hymnal 773

Choir: *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*

The assembly may stand as they are able.

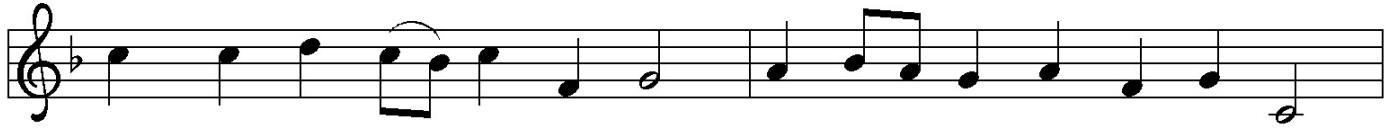
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands;
the word of life in whom our joy is complete:
send us out to declare your truth,
your unshakeable faith in the world you love.

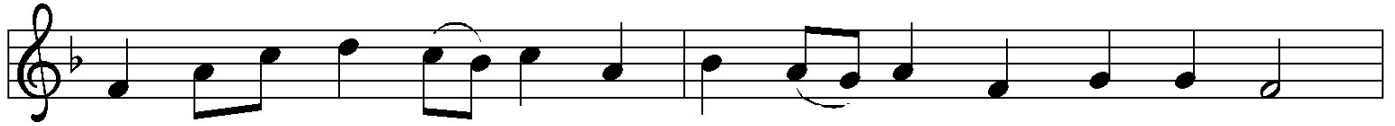
Assembly Amen.

Our world is one world
just like a ship that bears us all:
where fear and greed make many holes,
but where our hearts can hear,
a different call.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PARTING WORDS

Leader As we prepare to leave this sacred space
where we have worshipped together,
let us return to our work enlivened and renewed.
In our lives, may we know the holy meaning,
the mystery that breaks into it every moment.

Assembly **May we live at peace with our world
and at peace with ourselves.**

The Altar Candles and Care Candle are extinguished.

SENDING HYMN *I Will Sing, I Will Sing* - Max Dyer

- 1 I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord. (3x)
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.

Chorus:

Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord.
alleluia, glory to the Lord.

- 2 We will come, we will come as one before the Lord (3x)
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Chorus*
- 3 If the Son, if the Son shall make you free, (3x)
you shall be free indeed. *Chorus*
- 4 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy (3x)
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Chorus*
- 5 Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess, (3x)
that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Chorus*
- 6 In his name, in his name we have the victory (3x)
Alleluia, glory to the Lord. *Chorus*

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WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor So go now in peace, and celebrate
the presence of God in your lives.

Go and may God's blessings, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
go with you + and remain with you always.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

Thank you for worshiping with us at BT@R today.
We are grateful for your presence and pray that you were blessed
by the service.



BT@R

FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

Today's Altar Flowers are a gift given by Martin Fox in loving memory of his grandson Alex's passion on the one year anniversary of his passing.

You are invited to keep this copy of the liturgy and take it home with you to share with another member of your family, or with a friend



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***Episcopal priest and activist Adam Bucko
describes a simple prayer practice that sustains him:***

One of the greatest lessons in my life about prayer came from a renegade rabbi who spent decades working on the streets of New York City rescuing kids from homelessness and prostitution—a holy man who dedicated his life to seeking God in the darkest shadows of Manhattan. He helped to make prayer real by giving me these simple instructions:

“When you pray, talk to God just as if you were talking to your best friend. Tell the Holy One everything. Especially, dedicate specific times each day when you tell God about all your worries, all your hurts, all of your problems. Take off your mask and just speak. If you do that, if you really let your whole essence speak to God like that, some days there will be a lot of tears. But that’s a good thing. And when you are done telling God about your hurts, ... just silently rest in God, letting God hold you. And then for the rest of the day practice joy and optimism knowing that you are God’s beloved child, knowing that you are loved, and knowing that you are carrying a great gift in your heart....”