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Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

Holy, Holy, Holy

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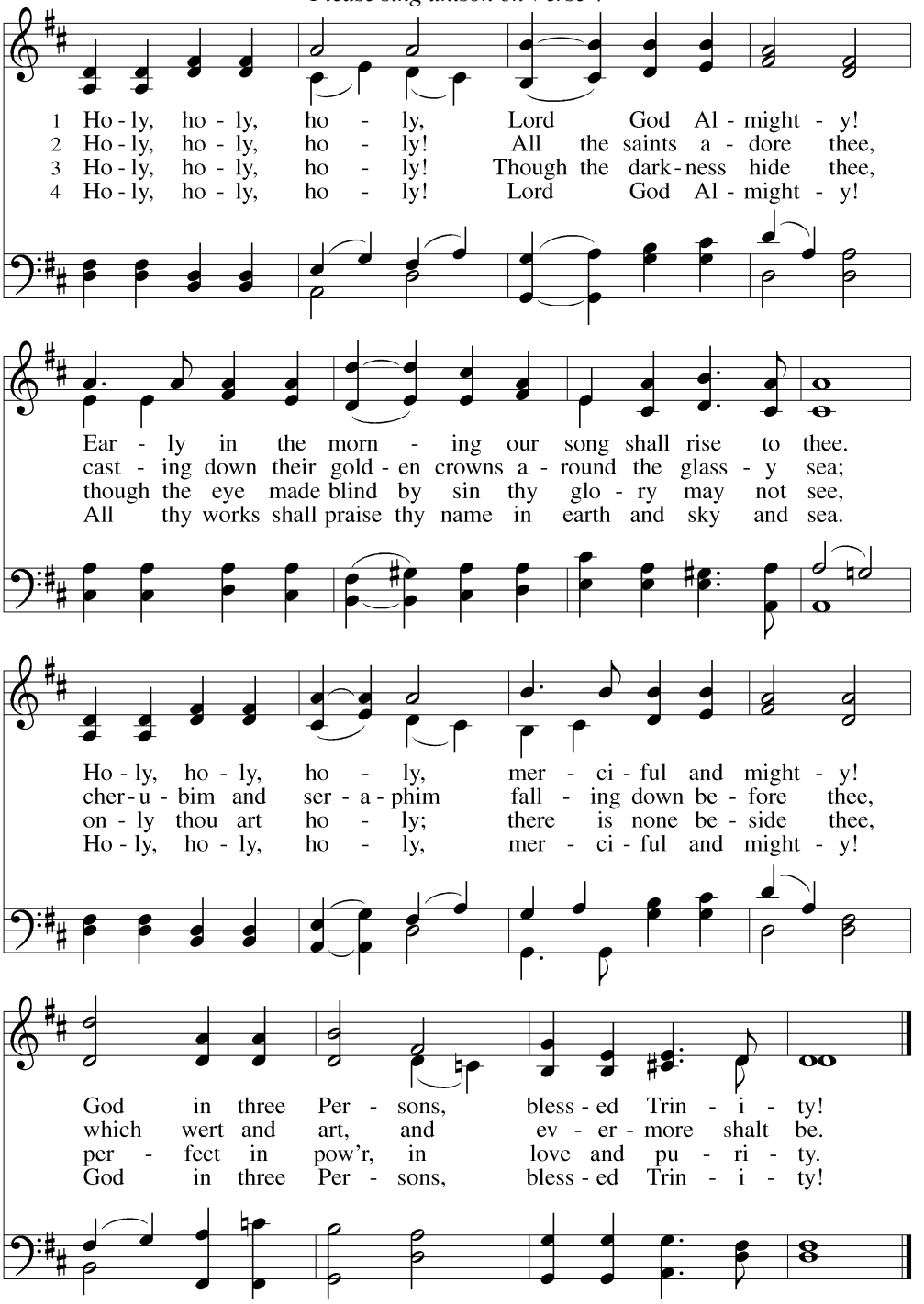
Trinity Sunday *May 31, 2026*

Though the word trinity *is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy. The Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to give witness to our faith.*

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE ***Partita on "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*** *-arr. Grayston Ives*
Prelude, Allemande, Aria, Sarabande, Courante

BELL

*+ **Please stand** +*
and turn to face the baptismal font at the rear of the sanctuary.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

We gather at this font, the place where we are received into the body of Christ. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

O God, you are the creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow. We praise you for the local waters of the Tiffin, Maumee and St. Joseph Rivers, Brush Creek, Harrison Lake, and for all water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font. We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, this flood of endless mercy, and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider,
give us the water we need, and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font. By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

In baptism we are wrapped in the mystery of God's love— the Creator who calls us beloved, the Son who walks with us and teaches us and saves us, and the Spirit who whispers truth into our hearts.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery, be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN** ***"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

And also with you.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God, we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One; and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, and defend us through the adversity in our lives. Bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen

Welcome & Announcements

The Church Listens

Creation – by Gerald McDermott, *a paraphrase of Genesis 1*

I was before time.
I was everywhere.
There was nothing.
I was there.
My spirit moved over the deep.
I floated in darkness.
Then I breathed light into the dark.
The light became day. The darkness became night.
I divided the mists, sweet and salt.
There was water above.
There was water below.
Between them was heaven.
I gathered together the waters below and made the sea.
Out of the sea I brought the earth.
Out of the earth I brought grasses and herbs, seeds and roots, flowers, trees, and fruit.
I put shining lights in heaven.
The great light is the sun. The small light is the moon. The smallest lights are the stars. Sun, Moon, stars. These signs mark the seasons.
Between heaven and earth my spirit soared on the wings of birds.
My creatures began to fill the world.
They swam in the sea.
They crawled in the grass.
They moved over the earth.

Out of myself, in my image, I brought man and woman. I gave my gifts to them. They would be the keepers of all this beauty. Darkness, mist, water, light. Seed, root, flower, tree, and fruit. Sun, moon, stars.

Creatures that swim. Creatures that crawl. Creatures that fly. Creatures that move over the earth with woman and man to care for them.

I am all this. All this I AM.

Word of God, Word of Life,
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING — 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

11 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.
12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.
13 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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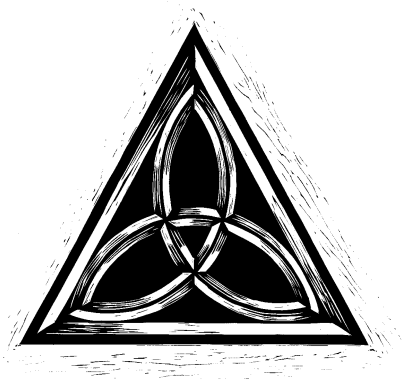
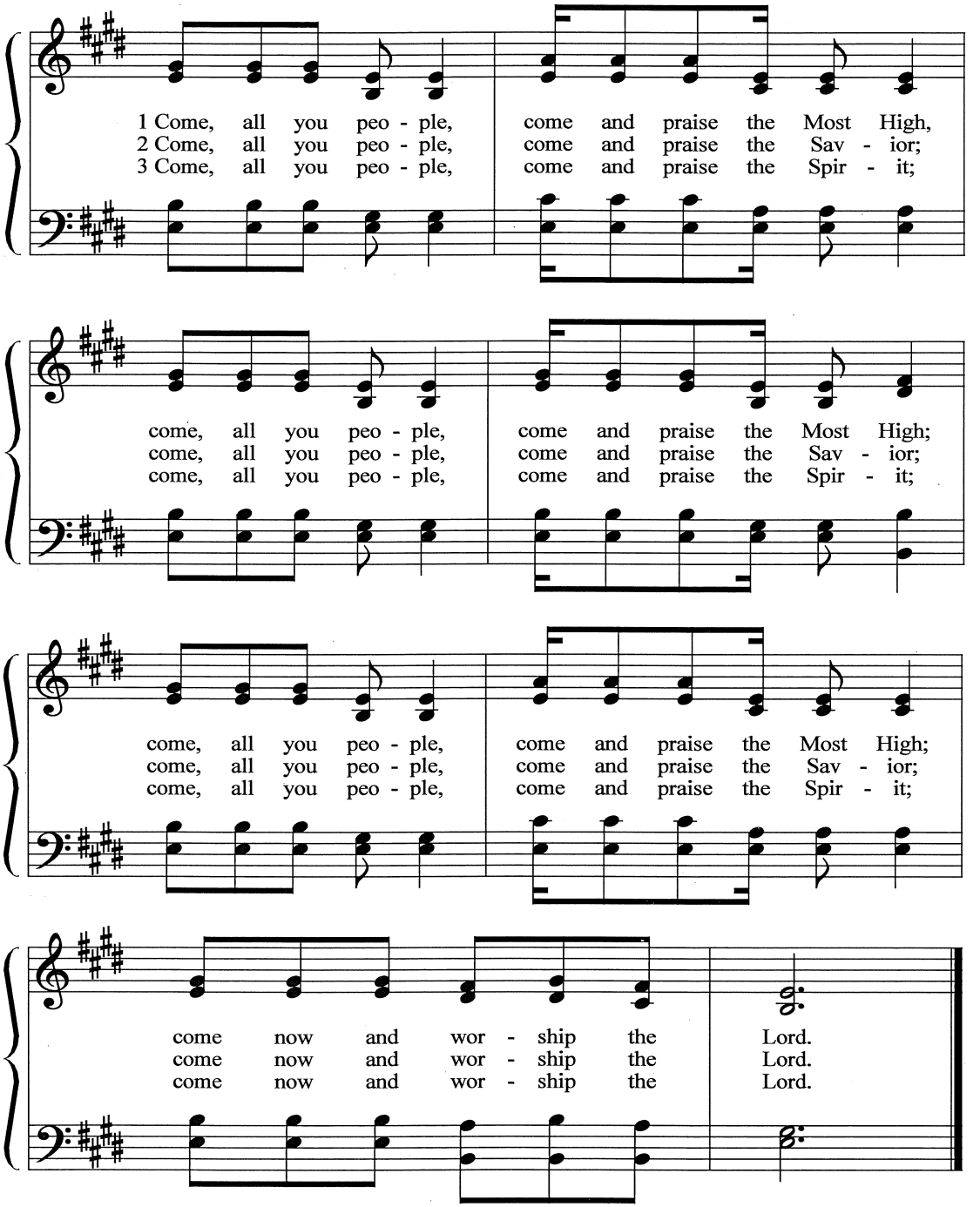


*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "COME ALL YOU PEOPLE"



*GOSPEL READING — Matthew 28:16-20

The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord!

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had
directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And
Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given
to me. 19 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, 20 and teaching them to obey
everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the
end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

ATHANASIAN CREED – *read responsively*

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.
Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.
Now this is the catholic faith:
We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.
For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.
But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.
What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.
The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.
Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:
And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit:
And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.
Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God:
And yet there are not three gods, but one God.
Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; the Holy Spirit is Lord:
And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;
the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;
the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;
one Son, not three sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity
and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe
that our Lord Jesus became flesh.
For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:
That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father,
and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother—
existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body;
equal to the Father in divinity,
subordinate to the Father in humanity.
Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.
He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;
he does not transform deity into humanity.
He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.
For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.
He descended into hell
and rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

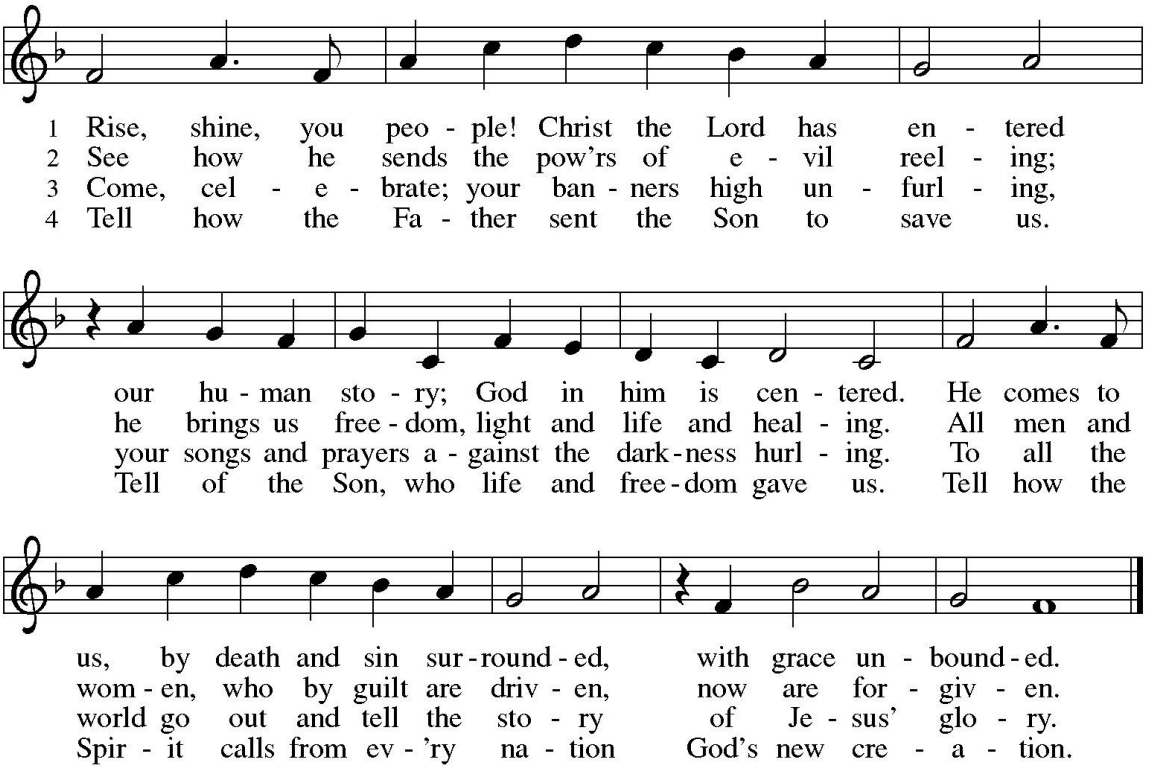
At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.
Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith.
One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

MESSAGE ***"The Trinity Mission"***

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*** HYMN OF THE DAY** ***"Rise, Shine, You People!"***



***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")

OFFERING OF GIFTS

"O Trinity of Blessed Light"

S&A Barratt/Based on chant "O LUX BEATA"

O Trinity of blessed light
O Unity of primal might
The fiery sun now goes his way
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

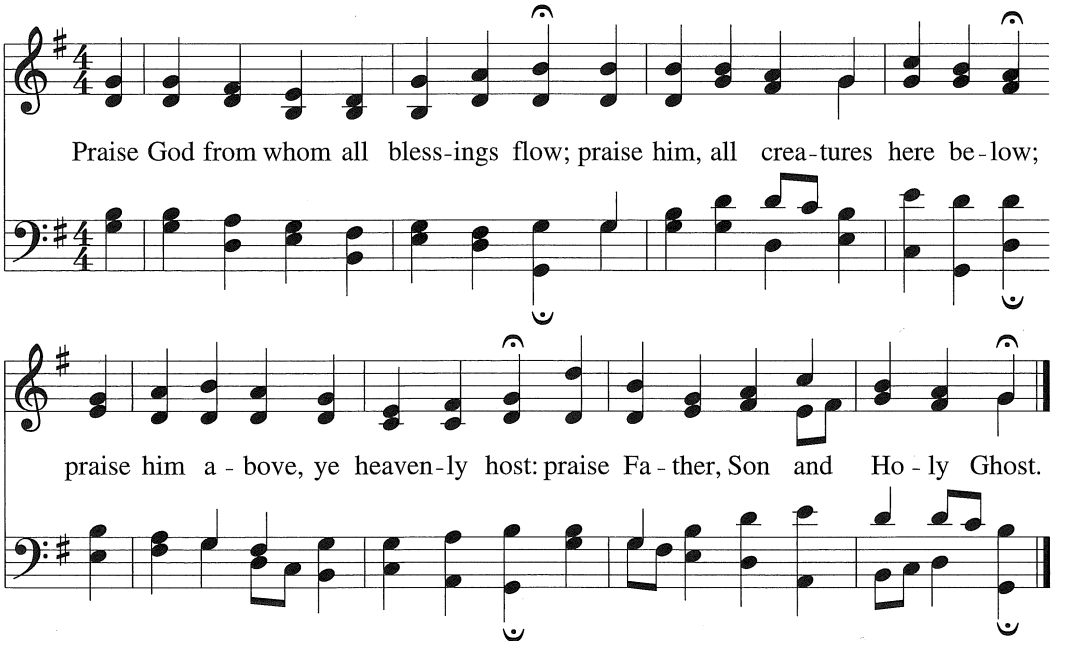
To thee our morning song of praise
To thee our evening hymn we raise
Thy glory, kneeling, we adore
For ever and for evermore.

O Trinity, O Unity,
Thou help of man's infirmity,
Protect us through the hours of night,
Who art our everlasting Light.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One;
Let glory, praise, and worship be
From age to age eternally. Amen.

* OFFERTORY

"The Doxology"



*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three! The whole earth is full of your glory. You are our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. You lived as Jesus among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising, and inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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."

And so, remembering all that was done for us – the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension – we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Holy God, we beg for your Spirit. Enliven this bread and wine and ignite your church. Make us, while many, united; make us, though broken, whole; make us, despite death, alive.

Come, Holy Spirit!

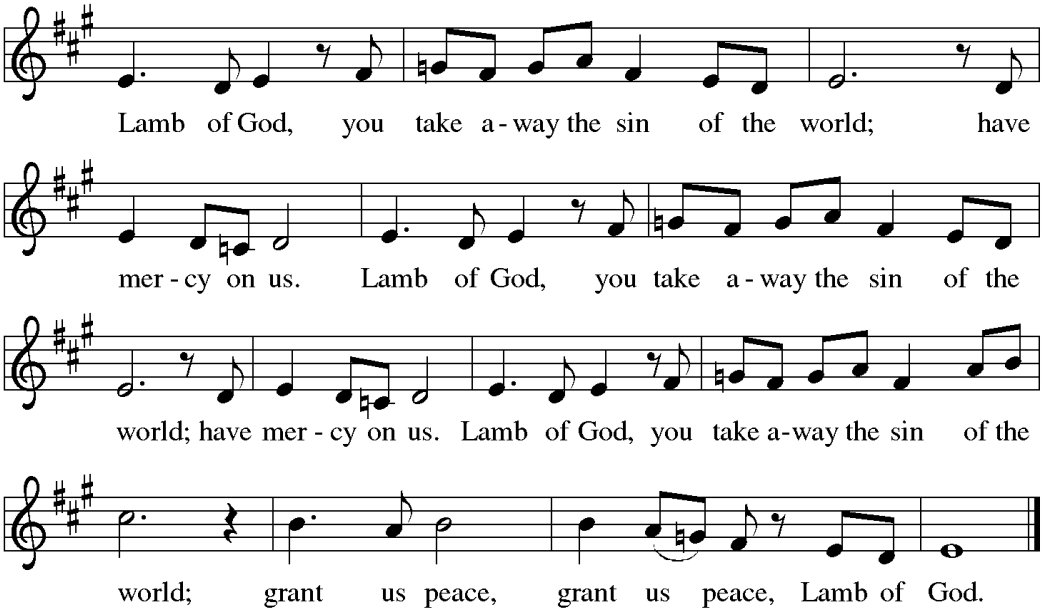
Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three – you are our Way, our Truth, and our Life. We praise you today, tomorrow and forever.

Amen!

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



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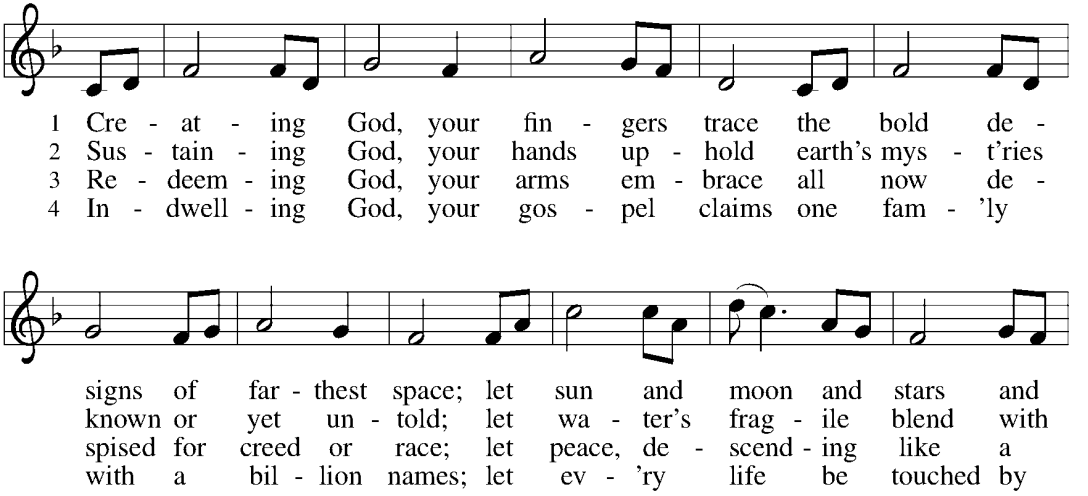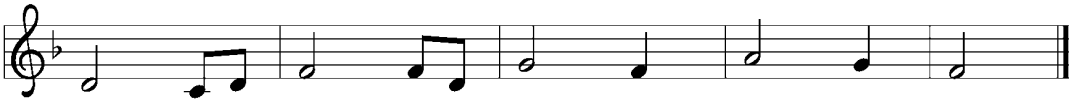

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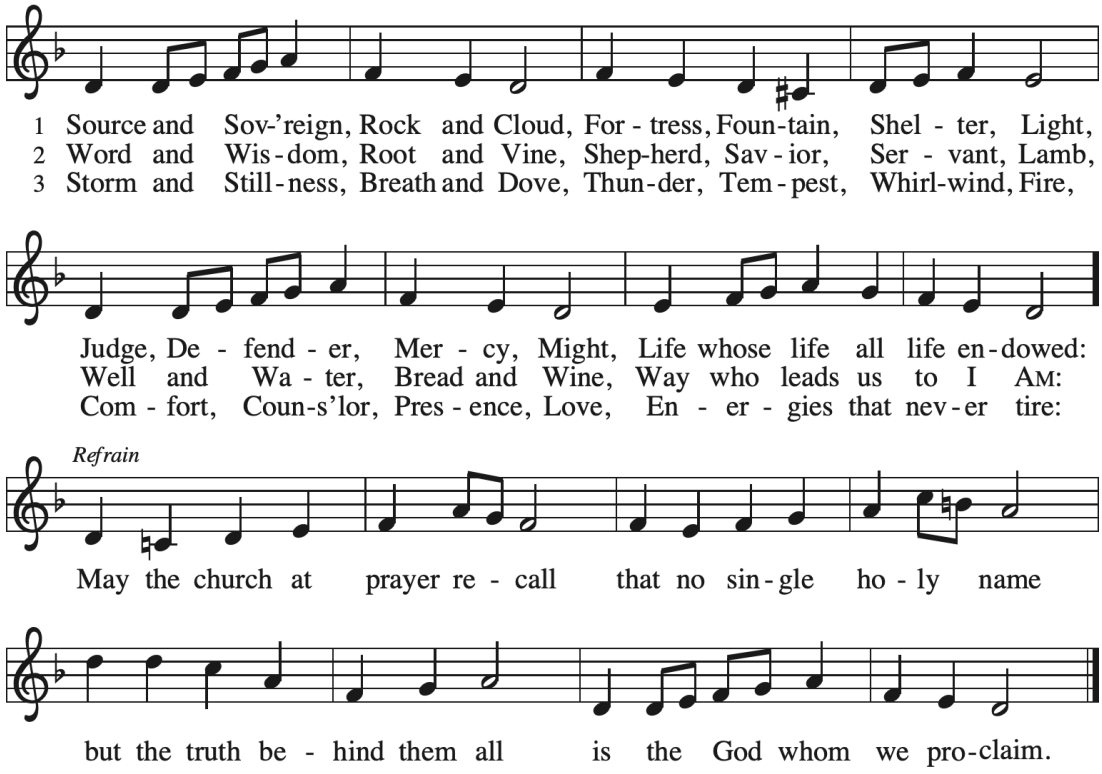
WE GO TO SERVE

* BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strenghten you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

*PRAYER

O God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

* BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

* CLOSING HYMN *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"*

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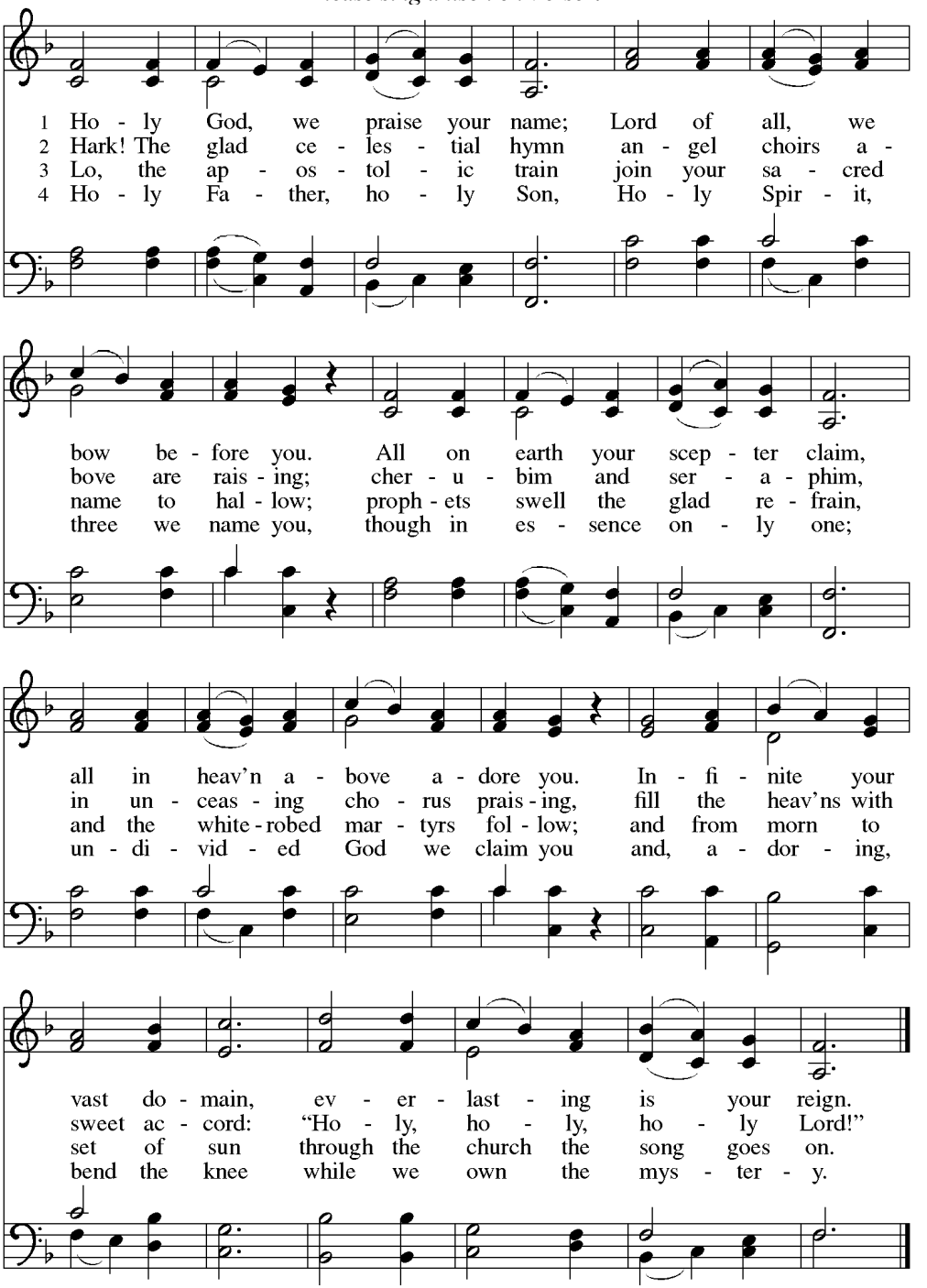
*** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ***"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"***

Arr. Paul Manz

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Worship Matters

This morning the baptismal font stands at the entrance to the sanctuary as a reminder that baptism is our entrance into the Christian faith and into the body of Christ. Worshipers are invited to dip a finger into the water and make the sign of the cross when entering and leaving worship, remembering that in baptism we are claimed, forgiven, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

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St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Organist	-Matthew Wachtman
Vocalist	-Andrea Avers
Acolyte	-Andi or Emi Pinter
Lector	-Jade Whitacre
Usher Team Leader	-Mark Weaver
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Peg Bjorlin & Michelle Collins
Offering Counters	-Jan Delaney & Jo Ann Liechty

The St. Martin's Webstore has some new items as of 5/6/2026! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email.

We are looking for people who would like to **provide the Wednesday Night meals**. Erinn Thompson is organizing this, so you can contact her if you would like to help. You can also scan the QR code provided or click the link in your Friday email to sign up!

We are looking for several people who would be interested in being part of an usher team. Each team only ushers every five months and usually once or twice during that month. If you would be interested in considering doing this or have any questions, please reach out to Jim or Janet Wyse.

Volunteers needed! If you can thread a needle, and tie a knot, you are qualified! The sewing group is looking for more volunteers to help knot quilts. Our numbers have dwindled, and although we have done about 100 quilts for Lutheran World Relief, we need more people to do the knotting as we start our Christmas Cheer quilts in June. Teachers, high schoolers, college students, moms and even dads, who are "home" for the summer, please give us some of your time. Our sewing group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, so in June that is June 9th and 23rd. We start at 9:00 a.m. and are done by noon. You can even come late and leave early to fit into your schedule. Come help us Do God's Work with Your Hands!

St. Martin's Lutheran Church is proud to announce the 2026–2027 season of the St. Martin's Concert Series as we celebrate the series' 10th Anniversary Season. For the past decade, the series has brought outstanding musicians and meaningful musical experiences to the Archbold community, enriching the cultural life of Northwest Ohio.
This milestone season reflects both celebration and gratitude—celebrating ten years of music-making and expressing thanks to the many supporters, volunteers, sponsors, and audience members who have made the series possible. All concerts are free and open to the public, continuing St. Martin's commitment to making high-quality music accessible to everyone.
The season begins Friday, July 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Founders Hall at Sauder Village with the internationally acclaimed: The Raleigh Ringers. This Emmy-nominated concert handbell choir from North Carolina will bring an energetic and entertaining performance to kick off the anniversary season. The concert is generously sponsored by the Archbold Area Foundation.

A musical program featuring concert organist, Matthew Wachtman and nearly 30 other outstanding musicians will present a program honoring America 250. It will be held at First United Methodist Church, 113 W. Central Avenue in Van Wert, Ohio at 4:00 pm.
The program features solo organ pieces on the recently renovated Noehren Pipe Organ at First UM Church. Matthew will be joined on the first half by tenor, Jake Wilder, pianist, Annette Hoverman, and a brass quintet, with members of the Lima Symphony Orchestra.
The second half features musicians from throughout the region in a Celebration of America 250. Matthew will be joined by a 16-voice choir, seven-piece wind ensemble, percussion, and piano 4-hands. The second half features some of the most beloved American patriotic music ever written.
Sponsors are the Paul & Annette Hoverman Music Fund of The Van Wert County Foundation, Gary Taylor in honor of his father, Don Taylor, an anonymous donor, and in cooperation Visit Van Wert and First United Methodist Church of Van Wert.

Pastor Steve will be out of the office June 1-14. For any pastoral care needs, please contact the church office. Pastor Mindy Elliot of St. Peter's, Ridgeville and Pastor Alan Furhhop of Bethlehem, Okolona are available.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY- Sunday – May 31
Worship, 9am
Youth Lock-In

Tuesday – June 2
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Parkinson's Group, 1pm

Wednesday- June 3
Mary-Martha Circle, 1pm
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm

Thursday- June 4
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am

Next Sunday – June 7
Worship, 9am

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday, live broadcast on Facebook
6:00 pm each Wednesday, Informal Service

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. – Romans 15:7

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one-time donations directly from phones using this QR code.
To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to: **https://givingtools.com** and sign in to your account.

Last Week at St. Martin's. . .
Week of 5/24/2026 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	$4,813.57	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	$7,848.00
Other Designated Income	$1,415.00		
Total Income	$6,228.57	**AS OF 4/30/2026**	
		YTD Operating Received	$114,686.69
		YTD Operating Expenses	($136,727.17)
Worship: Sun/Wed/Total	141/22163	Net Income/(Deficit)	$(22,040.48)

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

- The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, Tanzania, and Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer, Toledo, may they continue to carry out God's ministry in their areas of mission.
- Those caught in the fighting between Israel and Palestine, the Ukraine, Iran; those recovering from natural disasters and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief and other relief agencies.

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God:

Bob Alley, Louise Beldon's brother-in-law, health concerns
Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer
Bonnie Badenhop, pancreatic cancer
Beverly Bettison, friend of Angie Avers, health concerns
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jan Delaney, surgery
Jodi Downey, sister of Mark Weaver, health concerns
Jim Hayes, brother of June Hayes, health concerns
Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister
Jayne Jewell, Diana Ziegler's cousin
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Colleen Kelly
Sue Keil, Jake's mom
Bill Knause, Jess Short's father, health issues
Bonnie R. Lauber
Ann Ott
Dorothy Gifford, Diane Parsons' sister, cancer
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Bill Phelps
Peg Roth
Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns
Mary Schwartz, Dianne Parsons' sister
Trent Sholl, son of Marilyn Sholl, health concerns
Al & Lois Siewert
Joan Smith
Brad Welsh, brother-in-law of John & Chris Shafer, cancer
Joyce Winzeler
Paul Wyse, health concerns
Joe Wyse
Homebound – Milla Kohv, Jerry & Alice Geiger

For those who need God's protection and the assurance of God's presence:
All members, family & friends who serve in our military: Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Brendon Johns

Any prayer requests to add or remove can be sent to the Church Office by Thursday of each week: stmartin@the-welcome-place.org **We include a person's name and details only with their permission.**