



TRINITY *2 November 2025*

ABOUT TRINITY

Trinity is a growing Anglican Church in Lafayette. Our mission is to live the gospel through worship, friendship, and scholarship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We welcome children in the sanctuary – their sounds are the sign of a growing church!

COVER ART: *Kevin Lindholm*

Weekdays	Day & Time	Location
Women’s Bible Reading Group	Tuesday @ 10 AM	Family Center
Men’s Bible Study	Wednesday @ 7 AM	ZOOM
4th Point Home Group	Wednesday @ 5:30 PM	Cober’s Home
Youth Choir & Folk Dance	Thursday @ 4 PM	Sanctuary
Morning Prayer	Friday @ 11 AM	Sanctuary
Prayer Group	Friday @ 3 PM	Library
Trinity Scholars	Saturday @ 8 AM	Family Center

Sundays

Communion Service	Sunday @ 10 AM	Sanctuary
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Coffee & Catechism ~ Come join us for this 8-week class which will focus on learning more about the Christian faith. We will meet in the Family Center at 9AM, coffee will be available. All are welcome!

First Fruits Pledges & Harvest Sunday - Please pray over your pledge for 2026 giving and bring your card to Harvest Sunday on November 16th.

Refinery Mission Lunch ~ Saturday, November 8th

We are purchasing, preparing, and serving lunch at the Refinery Mission for Men in Opelousas. Give to our outreach fund or sign-up with Penn to volunteer.

Food & Friendship Lunch ~ Everyone is invited to join us for lunch in the Family Center following morning service. Food and drinks are provided.

	Old Testament	Responsive Reading	New Testament
<i>This Week</i>	Riley George	Maura Foret	David Brammer
<i>Next Week</i>	Pat Briney	Eric Carlson	Virginia Reinhardt

All stand and sing the **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work his woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth is his name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!**

THE ACCLAMATION

Priest The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand.

People **We will repent and believe the good news.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Priest Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

People **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

Priest This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it:

People **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

Priest On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

All kneel or sit for THE BAPTISMAL LITANY

For those who today receive the Sacrament of Baptism, together with us who remember our own, we pray to thee, Lord Christ.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to thee, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may proclaim the gospel by word and deed to a lost and broken world, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That, looking to Jesus, we may run the race set before us, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

We take a moment of silence for repentance.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee, by thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy name. Amen.

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

All sit for **THE PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM**

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we are conceived and born in sin, and our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” Jesus therefore commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” In baptism, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are joined to Christ, who shed water and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, that we might be adopted as children of our Father in Heaven.

We recall, also, that our Lord Jesus welcomed children in his arms, rebuking those who would prevent them, saying “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” Doubt not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that our Lord will likewise favorably receive this child, that he will embrace him with the arms of his mercy, that he will give unto him the blessing of eternal life, and make him a partaker of his everlasting kingdom.

Priest I now invite parents and godparents to present this child to the Lord.

Presenters We present ***Micah James*** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest Have you already been baptized?

Candidate **No.**

Priest Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Today, together with this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to teach him the meaning of these vows, that he may learn the scriptures, put his trust in Jesus, grow in the discipleship of our Lord, and in time confirm this same faith before the Bishop. Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Sponsors **I am, with the Lord's help.**

Priest Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidate & Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidate & Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate & Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Priest Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Do you repent of your sin and believe in Jesus Christ, confessing him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidate & Sponsors **I do.**

Priest Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament?

Candidate & Sponsors **I do.**

Priest Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Candidate & Sponsors **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Here the priest addresses the congregation.

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

All stand. During the Creed, the baptismal party moves to the font. All turn to face them.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Deacon Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. 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 again 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.

THE PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty God and everliving Father, who delivered Noah through the flood and the children of Israel through the waters of the Red Sea, and whose well-beloved Son fulfilled all righteousness by baptism in the Jordan, so sanctify this water to the mystical washing of sin, that this child now to be baptized may receive the fullness of your grace. Wash and sanctify him through thy Holy Spirit, that he, being delivered from thy wrath, may be received into the ark of Christ's Church. Strengthen him in faith, hope, and love, that he may pass through the waves of this world and finally come to the land of everlasting life, there to reign with thee, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The priest pours water over the child three times, saying:

Micah, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The priest marks the child with oil in the sign of the cross, saying:

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever.

Amen.

The priest lights a candle and presents it to the godparents.

THE WELCOME

Heavenly Father, we thank thee that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon this thy servant the forgiveness of sin, received him as thine own child by adoption, made him a member of thy holy Church, and raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit, that he may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the flock of Christ. As in baptism we share his death, so in Christ we rise to newness of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again we will say, rejoice!**

Applause is now appropriate.

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art, teach thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear thy voice;
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

All sit for **THE WELCOME &**

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Priest But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*)

People O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nolan & Thelma Aguiard	Alphonse Del Pizzo	Ruby Landess
Ciago & Rosaria Albano	Dante & Mary Del Pizzo	Nancy Lemarié
Joseph & Louise Albano	James Patrick Duhon	Alfred & Bobbie Longobardi
Nola Marie Arnaud	Arabie & Guillory Flys	Kay Longobardi
Stephen Arnold	Burk & Bailey Flys	John Benjamin Luke
Elias & Georgette Atwi	Benson & Ezelle Foret	Scott Martin
Gabriella Grace Atwi	Norman & Lois Foret	<i>Ron Matthews</i>
Lamia & Mikhael Atwi	Richard J. Frugé	<i>Judy McBride</i>
Linus Gabriel Atwi	Lorena Gamboa	Tom & Cecile McLure
Trace Barras	Brian George	Annamaria Ramondo
Elsie Boyd	Kent George	Antonio Ramondo
Don & Claire Brammer	Charles Guillory	<i>Jack Rankin</i>
<i>Pat Brenham</i>	James & <i>Louise Guillory</i>	Leonard Sapp
James & Patricia Brumfield	Andrew Hebert	Helena DeAndrade Silveira
Juanita Burk	Chuck Herron	Lydia DeAndrade Silveira
Jane Carnevale	Albert & Lucy Immediato	Diane G. Stephenson
Otis Carroll	Walter & Ruth Jenkins	Don L. Stephenson
Dulce & Raymond Chan	Everett Irving Johnston	Mary Lee Stephenson
<i>Scott & Carmen Comeaux</i>	Frances W. Johnston	Chris Townsdin
<i>Cleo Cotham</i>	Thomas W. Johnston	Dr. Danton Wyeth

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 8:20-22

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Proverbs 3:1-10

My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,
**for length of days and years of life
and peace they will add to you.**

Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.
**So you will find favor and good success
in the sight of God and man.**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
**In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.**

Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
**It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.**

Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
**then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Hebrews 12:1-11

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for **THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King, Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain, Alleluia! Amen!

On Heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore;

Singing for evermore. Alleluia! Amen!

THE GOSPEL

John 12:20-26

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV'D DR. PETER JOHNSTON

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SERMON NOTES

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THE OFFERTORY AND DOXOLOGY



+ *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)*

+ *Use this QR Code to give from your phone.*

+ *Visitors should feel no obligation to give.*

All stand to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE COMMUNION PRAYERS

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And with thy spirit**

Priest Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up unto the Lord**

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God

People **It is meet and right so to do**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, forever praising thee and singing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

All sit or kneel

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou did give thine only son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world, and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Here the Priest circles the altar and faces the people

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore, Lord Jesus, according to thy commandment, we with these gifts make that memorial; remembering thy blessed passion and precious death, thy mighty resurrection and glorious ascension.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Come thou, Holy Spirit, descend upon us and fill this place, that we who in faith receive these gifts of bread and wine may partake of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Here we present unto thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice, that dying to ourselves, we might live in Christ.

By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be thine, Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Priest In the words that Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People **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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest 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.

People **We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

+ *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

+ *Wine is distributed, grape juice is on the pedestal.*

+ *To receive a blessing instead of communion, cross hands in front of chest.*

I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD

**I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.**

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And his love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no, not the least,
Why I shouldn't be one too.**

**They lived not only in ages past;
There are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me,
And I mean to be one too.**

YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated, Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, all the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Priest Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we thank thee for feeding us with the spiritual food, of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of thy Son, and heirs of thine eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work thou hast given us to do, to love and serve thee as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to thee, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

All stand to sing FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Slower And when the strife, is fierce the warfare long
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PEACE AND THE BENEDICTION

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your Spirit.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Priest And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

As we go, we share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does Genesis 8 contrast the heart of man and the heart of God? Why does God's mercy deepen, even though human sin remains?
2. *"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit."* (John 12:24)
At the Cross — the true hinge of history — Jesus becomes the seed that dies to bring life to the world. How does His death fulfill God's promise that "seedtime and harvest shall not cease"? In what ways are we invited to join His pattern of dying and rising?
3. *"Let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and run with endurance the race set before us, looking to Jesus."* (Hebrews 12:1–2)
What are some things you might need to lay aside in order to follow Jesus more freely? How can dying to self — through humility, obedience, or forgiveness — lead to greater fruitfulness for God's kingdom?
4. Thank God for His mercy that sustains both creation and your life through every season. Pray for strength to surrender whatever hinders faithful obedience, and for grace to bear the fruit of Christ's love in your relationships, work, and witness.

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