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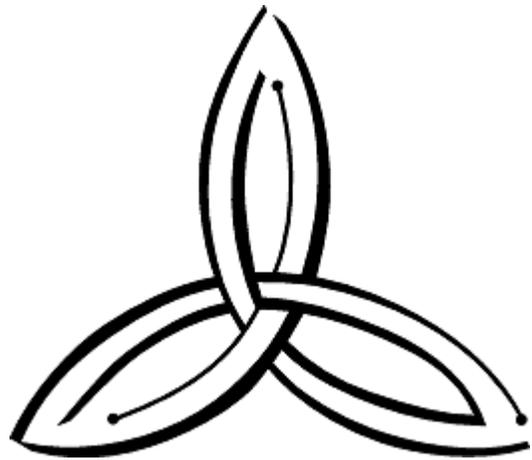
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# Gathering

**GATHERING SONG**

**How Majestic Is Your Name**  
*(based on our Psalm for today, Psalm 8)*

**Worship & Praise # 66**

**Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth  
Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth  
Oh Lord we praise Your name Oh Lord we magnify Your name  
Prince of Peace Mighty God Oh Lord God Almighty**

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## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

In the name of the risen Christ, welcome to virtual church!  
We are glad to have you worship with us!

I am Pastor Marjo Anderson from Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT, in the USA.  
Although our building at 3160 Park Avenue is closed at present,  
you can find us at our website: [www.SalemBridgeport.org](http://www.SalemBridgeport.org) ,  
on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SalemBridgeport](http://www.facebook.com/SalemBridgeport) ,  
and on our YouTube Channel: [Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, CT.](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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by clicking on the 3 dots in the upper right corner and going to Captions.

Links to this worship bulletin, to the sermon, to our donate page,  
and to other resources are included on our website and FB page.

Today as we find ourselves isolated from one another by Covid19,  
and divided by racial injustice,  
we come together on this Trinity Sunday  
with other Evangelical Lutheran Church in America congregations from around the country  
to offer our praise to God who is the Creator and Ruler of all that is,  
to recommit to following Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life,  
and to invite the Spirit to fill us with the transformative love and power of the Triune God.  
May you be abundantly blessed now and always!

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
**casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**  
**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**  
**which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
**though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,**  
**only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,**  
**perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
**All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.**  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.*  
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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all!  
**And also with you!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. (*a brief silence*)  
God of heaven and earth,  
before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time  
you are the triune God:  
Author of creation,  
eternal Word of salvation,  
life-giving Spirit of wisdom.  
Guide us to all truth by your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us.  
Glory and praise to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, now and forever. **Amen**

## CONFESSING RACISM: A LAMENT FOR THE CHURCH

As church, we confess the sin of racism  
and condemn racist rhetoric and the ideology of white supremacy.  
God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

As church, we confess, repent, and repudiate  
the times when this church has been silent in the face of racial injustice.  
God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

Racism is deeply ingrained within the ELCA, the whitest denomination in our country.  
It is deeply embedded within the individual congregations  
whose members continue to foster stereotypes and support policies  
that actively hurt people of color.  
God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

As church, we declare that the enslavement of black bodies  
and the removal of indigenous peoples established racism in the United States,  
a truth this nation and this church have yet to fully embrace.  
God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

Rooted in slavery, racism is manifested  
through the history of Jim Crow policies, racial segregation, the terror of lynching,  
extrajudicial killings by law enforcement,  
and the disproportionate incarceration of people of color.  
God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

As church we lament the institutional racism of discriminatory treatment  
within the call process;  
inequitable compensation of clergy of color;  
racial segregation; divestment from black communities and congregations;  
systemic policies and organizational practices;  
and a failure to fully include the gifts of leadership and worship styles  
of black people, indigenous people, and people of color.  
God, have mercy. **God, have mercy.**

Confessions are empty promises without meaningful actions —  
actions that are grounded in prayer, education, and soul-searching repentance.  
The sin of racism separates us from one another.  
Though we trust that we are reconciled to God through Christ's death and resurrection,  
we seek such life-giving reconciliation with one another.  
As we repent, let us not turn back to ideologies that promote white supremacy.  
We trust that God can make all things new. **Amen**

# Word

**FIRST READING based on Genesis 1:1-27**

**“The Creation” from God’s Trombones**

**by James Weldon Johnson, 1922**

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**Will Vinton Studios, 1981**

<https://youtu.be/jcHxNZIvf4>

And God stepped out on space,  
And he looked around and said:  
I'm lonely - I'll make me a world.

And far as the eye of God could see  
Darkness covered everything,  
Blacker than a hundred midnights  
Down in a cypress swamp.

Then God smiled, And the light broke,  
And the darkness rolled up on one side,  
And the light stood shining on the other,  
And God said: That's good!

Then God reached out & took the light in his hands,  
And God rolled the light around in his hands  
Until he made the sun;  
And he set that sun a-blazing in the heavens.  
And the light that was left from making the sun  
God gathered it up in a shining ball  
And flung it against the darkness,  
Spangling the night with the moon and stars.  
Then down between  
The darkness and the light  
He hurled the world;  
And God said: That's good!

Then God himself stepped down -  
And the sun was on his right hand,  
And the moon was on his left;  
The stars were clustered about his head,  
And the earth was under his feet.  
And God walked, and where he trod  
His footsteps hollowed the valleys out  
And bulged the mountains up.

Then he stopped and looked and saw  
That the earth was hot and barren.  
So God stepped over to the edge of the world  
And he spat out the seven seas -  
He batted his eyes, and the lightnings flashed -  
He clapped his hands, and the thunders rolled -  
And the waters above the earth came down,  
The cooling waters came down.

Then the green grass sprouted,  
And the little red flowers blossomed,  
The pine tree pointed his finger to the sky,  
And the oak spread out his arms,  
The lakes cuddled down in the hollows of the ground,  
And the rivers ran down to the sea;  
And God smiled again,  
And the rainbow appeared,  
And curled itself around his shoulder.

Then God raised his arm and he waved his hand  
Over the sea and over the land,  
And he said: Bring forth! Bring forth!  
And quicker than God could drop his hand,  
Fishes and fowls And beasts and birds  
Swam the rivers and the seas,  
Roamed the forests and the woods,  
And split the air with their wings.  
And God said: That's good!

Then God walked around,  
And God looked around On all that he had made.  
He looked at his sun,  
And he looked at his moon,  
And he looked at his little stars;  
He looked on his world  
With all its living things,  
And God said: I'm lonely still.

Then God sat down -  
On the side of a hill where he could think;

By a deep, wide river he sat down;  
With his head in his hands,  
God thought and thought,  
Till he thought: I'll make me a man!

Up from the bed of the river  
God scooped the clay;  
And by the bank of the river  
He kneeled him down;  
And there the great God Almighty  
Who lit the sun and fixed it in the sky,  
Who flung the stars to the most far corner of the night,  
Who rounded the earth in the middle of his hand;  
This Great God,  
Like a mammy bending over her baby,  
Kneeled down in the dust  
Toiling over a lump of clay  
Till he shaped it in his own image;

Then into it he blew the breath of life,  
And man became a living soul.  
Amen. Amen.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

*[Paul writes:]*

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss.  
All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life!

**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20    The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA**

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew!

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

“<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

<sup>17</sup>When they saw Jesus, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them,

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

<sup>19</sup>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,

<sup>20</sup>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 Our Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON

### Sermon for Trinity Sunday, June 7, 2020 by The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

Well, a lot has changed since last Trinity Sunday, not just the COVID-19 pandemic under which we live. But also, the killing of George Floyd, an unarmed, handcuffed black man by a white police officer in Minneapolis. Just a few weeks ago, we learned, many of us, of the shooting of Ahmaud Arbery, but since that time, Breonna Taylor, Dreasjon "Sean" Reed, Tony McDade have also been killed. And how many others whose names are known only to their families and to God?

Today is Trinity Sunday. It's a hard holiday for us to wrap our minds around it's a difficult, a difficult concept. But, we learn about the Trinity, particularly in today's first lesson from Genesis. In this beautiful song of creation, we hear, "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. And a wind from God swept over the face of the waters."

God said and creation began. Martin Luther put it this way, "So also the Christian Church agrees that in this description there is indicated the mystery of the Holy Trinity, Father created through the Son who Moses called Word, and over this creative work brooded the Holy Spirit. Later, God says, "Let us make humankind in our image". This is the glorious relationship with God that spills out into all creation. God is not a lone ranger. And all of God shows up, all of God shows up, delighting in creation, caring for creation, weeping for creation, redeeming creation.

I confess that I do not fully understand or even have language to describe the mystery of the Trinity, probably won't until I finished my baptismal vocation and stand in the presence of God. I can't explain how, but I can testify to the great Lutheran question, what does this mean?

God is relationship. Within God and flowing from God. Creation is God's decision not to look after God's self but focuses God's energies on creation. This Trinity, this God, this relationship is outward and overflowing. God is the one who does not grasp.

As we hear in Philippians, "Let this same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as a thing to be grasped. Likewise, the Spirit is poured out on us all. Again, what does this mean? God is relationship. Within God, with the creation, with humankind and among humankind. And since we are baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, baptized into the Trinity.

We are also part of this powerful, dynamic, living, giving, loving relationship, with God, in God, with creation, with each other. We are inextricably woven together. No one is alone. No one is beyond the fierce, tender love of God and God is not far off. God is present in creation, in each of us and in all of us. God is flesh and blood made visible in Jesus of Nazareth and in every human being.

God is spirit, closer than our own breath. And this is how God as Trinity shows up today. God is creator. God created diversity, beautiful, vital, alive. We must reject calls for colorblindness. That diminishes and washes out God's gift of diversity. We in the white majority can begin to see our siblings of color more clearly. We should be color amazed, recognizing the strength that comes with all our many colors and God as creator made all of us in God's image. "Let us make them in our image" that means all of us are a part of this relational triune God who did create all of humankind, each and every one and all of us together, in God's image, all. And God is the word made flesh. Our flesh, your flesh, my flesh, George Floyd's flesh.

Jesus in his passion still suffers with those who suffer. The crucifixion of an unarmed, handcuffed man lying face down on the street is the crucifixion and the passion of our Lord. The crucifixion of so many, too many, black and brown people, who live constantly with the violence of racism, is the passion of our Lord.

And God is spirit. The wind, the breath that moved over the face of the deep at creation, the breath of God that was breathed into the first earth creature, Adam. The breath of Jesus as he gave them the gift of the Spirit, the breath crushed out of George Floyd, the breath of life God had given to him. And now, church, we as the baptized, those of us baptized into the Trinity, show up.

We work for an end to violence, the violence of racism that kills bodies and maims souls. And we work for the end of violence brought about by lawlessness and also frustration, masquerading in some cases, as protest.

In the fierce love of the Trinity, we do not deny anger. In the face of the reality and inequity of racial injustice, anger is appropriate, is appropriate. But we use our anger to bring about change. We put out fires at the stores, workplaces, churches and property but we ask the Spirit kindle in us the fire of justice.

We work for calm and quiet throughout our country, but we remain disquieted as we search deep within ourselves. We work for peace, but not the passive peace that allows the mechanisms of racism and white supremacy to stay in place. No, it's the peace God alone can give that gives us the strength and courage to act. The Trinity is a relationship, within God, with creation, with us and among us. Until the white majority feels in our soul that the pain and suffering of black and brown people is our own pain and suffering, it will not be safe to be black or brown in America. And until we feel in our own soul that this is our pain in our story, we are not open to the relationship that God wants to shower, share, lavish upon us as a relational God, a loving God, as a God of the Trinity, as a God who has brought us into that relationship and commands us to share that relationship and live that relationship with creation and with each other.

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians ends, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all". It's actually a promise and I think marching orders for us. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with us, the love of God is with us, the communion of the Holy Spirit is with us and, together in the communion and community of the Holy Trinity, we can make that a reality. Amen

**Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun –  
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,  
But as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.**

**Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;  
When fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**

**Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**

**Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,  
To shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.**

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## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith together.

**I believe it is a matter of faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.**

**I believe it is a matter of faith to recognize the equality of all members of God's human family,  
to offer thanks and praise for God's beautiful gift of diversity,  
and to love people  
of every race, culture, creed, class, age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, and marital status.**

**I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin and to make disciples –  
people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.**

**I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us  
that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it, even to die for it, as Jesus died.**

**I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death, the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.  
Glory be to God, the One-in-Three: Life Giver, Pain Bearer and Sustaining Power of Love. Amen**

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

As members and friends of Salem Church, let us remind ourselves who we are:

**We are a community of Christian disciples called by the Holy Spirit.  
In response to God's transforming love, we share our joy through praise and service.**

May it be so!

**Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered into the mystery of the Trinity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence. Individual worshipers are invited to read aloud petitions as moved by the Spirit.*

God of community, you form us as your church.

Guide our bishops, pastors, and deacons as they lead the church in these trying times.

With all the baptized, may they be strengthened to share the good news

that the fullness of God dwells in and among us even when we are physically separated.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

and for Salem members and families, especially those celebrating their birthday this week:

Sandra Brown and Suzanne Dow.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care.

Instill in us a deeper wonder for the created world you've called good,

and a greater humility for our place within it.

Kindle in us a creative and resilient spirit as we care for the earth and its creatures.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you.

Encourage leaders to seek wisdom and respond compassionately to those most in need.

We pray for community leaders in this time of unrest.

Further the work of advocates who pursue justice in often ignored communities.

Increase the desire for listening and collaboration amid rising tensions and mistrust.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of care, you created us in your image; we are your beloved children.

May we recognize your likeness in one another.

We pray for all mourning the death of your beloved child, George Floyd.

Hold in your loving embrace all experiencing trauma, fear, uncertainty, and loss.

Protect vulnerable children and adults from violence or neglect;

provide what is needed for those lacking access to food, shelter, and other services.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, you accompany us in sickness and suffering.

Bring relief to all afflicted with the coronavirus and all those isolated now more than ever, especially those in prison or care facilities.

Strengthen caregivers, health workers, and all whose work ensures the safety and well-being of others.

Console, heal, and nourish all in need this day, especially Barbara, Jerry, Andrea, Audry, Diane, Dolores,

Dawn, Grace, Hazel, Jacob, Jana, Katherine, Liz, Maria, Martha, Ron, Sarah, Steve & all we name in our hearts.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of connection, you call us to make your presence known.

Accompany people of faith as they nurture relationships in new ways.

As schools break for the summer and activities are cancelled or changed,

meet the needs of children in our churches and communities.

Provide support and companionship for the elderly.

Equip our churches to respond to those needing food, housing, or other assistance.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection.

We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Thanksgiving

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you said, "Give, and it will be given to you...  
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Give us the confidence to cheerfully give o  
ur tithes & offerings of time, talent & treasure  
to your work in this place, trusting that you will provide abundantly for all our needs.  
We pray this in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

## OFFERING

In response to God's grace, it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings.  
Although our building at 3160 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, CT is closed at present,  
our financial obligations continue and we are dependent upon your generosity.



If you are watching and are part of another faith community,  
we encourage you to give your tithes to your own church first,  
and, if in addition to that, you would like to support our work here at Salem,  
we would be most grateful.

Simply go to the menu on our website at SalemBridgeport.org and click "donate"  
or scan the QR code here in our Sunday worship program with a QR reader on your smart phone  
which will take you to that page.

## OFFERTORY SONG

**Build Your Kingdom Here**  
<https://youtu.be/YcSWpVKKMcs>

**Rend Collective**

**Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now We are Your church We need Your pow'r in us**

**We seek Your kingdom first We hunger & we thirst Refuse to waste our lives For You're our joy & prize  
To see the captives' hearts released The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause We are Your church We pray revive this earth**

**Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray**

**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ We are Your church We are the hope on earth**

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. (*a brief silence*)

God of all love and all power,

**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 the One who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

# Sending

## A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

*The following is an ecumenical call to common prayer (see [Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations Blog](#)).*

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence  
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors,

bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,  
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The holy Three, the holy One

increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace.

**Amen**

## SENDING SONG

Lift Every Voice and Sing Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 841  
This Far by Faith # 296

Lift ev'ry voice and sing  
till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise  
high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun  
of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat,  
have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past,  
till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might  
led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand  
may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

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## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Announcements

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic,  
our building at 3160 Park Avenue has been closed until further notice  
and in-person worship and meetings cancelled.*

*Even though the church building is closed, if we can help in any way,  
please know that you can still call the church office at 203-330-3300 and leave a message  
and your message will be picked up remotely and your call returned.  
Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441.*

*Pastor Marjo and our Office Manager, Karl, will be working primarily from their homes.  
Pastor Marjo plans to come in on Sundays to stream worship  
and Karl plans to come in once a week  
to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely.*

## **TENTATIVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

***6/14 – Salem may try our first Zoom worship.***

***6/21 – Worship with the New England Synod with sermon by Bishop Hazelwood.***

***6/28 – Drive-In Worship & Semi-Annual Meeting***

*When we are not having a drive-in service,  
worship is streamed from the sanctuary via FacebookLive and YouTube  
at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.*

*Please join us!*

*If you can't watch at 9:30 Sundays,  
video worship services will be saved to Facebook and YouTube  
so you can watch them later.*

*You can enable closed captioning in Facebook  
by going to Settings / Accessibility / Subtitles & Captioning on your device.*

*You can enable closed captioning in YouTube  
by clicking on the 3 dots in the upper right corner and going to Captions.  
Links to this worship bulletin, to the sermon, to our donate page, and to other resources  
are included on our website and FB page.*

*Coffee Hour, Bible Study, meetings and other events  
are being held online via Zoom.*

*Just go to our website at [SalemBridgeport.org](http://SalemBridgeport.org),  
click on the Resources tab,  
then on Calendar.*

*On the calendar just find the day and click on the event  
and a zoom invitation will appear.*

*Sometimes you may have to click on “(+2 more)”  
in order to see additional events that don’t fit in the calendar square.*

*If your Salem committee or group would like to meet via Zoom, please contact Karl  
by emailing him at [salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net)  
or by leaving a message on the church phone, 203-336-3300.*

*Please email announcements, prayer requests, thanksgivings and God-sightings  
to the Church Office at [salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net)  
so they can be distributed to the congregation.*

*Even though the building is closed,  
our ministry continues with online worship, Bible study, and outreach programs.*

*We encourage you to continue to support Salem as generously as you can.*

*Also, in order to protect our staff and volunteers  
from having to spend time in the building, handling cash and checks,  
we strongly urge you to make your donations online.*

*Just click on the donate tab at [SalemBridgeport.org](http://SalemBridgeport.org), and follow the instructions.  
It takes less than 5 minutes the first time  
and you can set it up for automatic payments if you want.*

*If you need help accessing Facebook or our website or donating online,  
please call Karl so we can get you the help you need.*

*And if you need pastoral care – even just to talk –  
please don’t hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441.*

## COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

### **Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866**

**Sunday, June 7, 2020**

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes,  
and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers.  
When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe.  
The city of Seattle is named for him.

### **Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

These three monks from the British Isles  
helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages.  
Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland.  
Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity.  
The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

### **Barnabas, Apostle**

**Thursday, June 11, 2020**

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles,  
but the book of Acts gives him that title.  
After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem,  
and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

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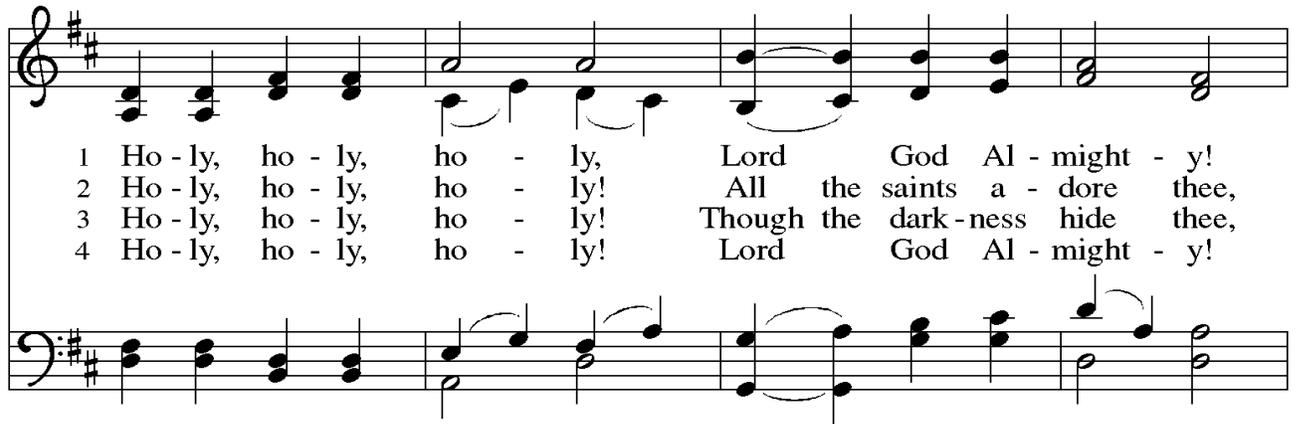
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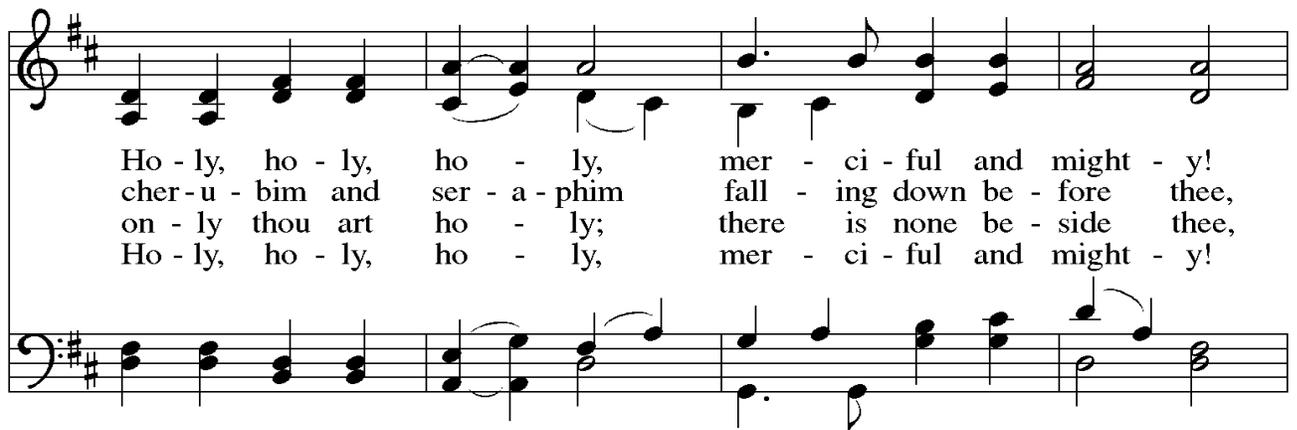
# Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



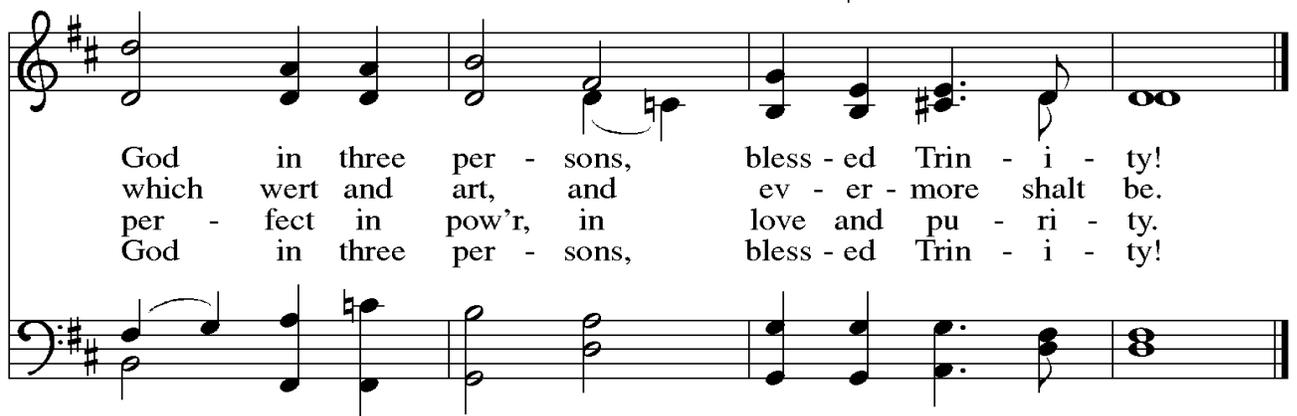
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



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 eye of sin - ful - ness 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 pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# Lift Every Voice and Sing

D G B7 em / G D#7dim em

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

em am B C am G / D7

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

D G B7 E E7 am B C

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

C#7dim G / D / G /

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

G em / / / G /

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

G cm / / / G G#7dim D7 /

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

D G B7 E E7 am B C

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

C#7dim G / D7 / G

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.