### God Invites us to the Table

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

#### We Join Earth and Heaven in Song

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!

### We Proclaim the Mystery of Our Faith

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

God Feeds us at the Table

We Share Praises and Requests and We Pray Together

We Share Announcements

God Sends Us

We Sing the Doxology

# The Early Service at Trinity

November 24, 2024 - 8:30 am Christ the King Sunday

God Gathers Us for Worship Candle, Bible, Water, Towel, Bread, and Cup

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

#### We Pray to our God and King (from Psalm 24)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it, for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation.Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Our prayer of confession and assurance of forgiveness is Book of Common Prayer.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

We Sing a Hymn of Praise – "O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near; Sing now in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth. Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee, Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee. Ponder anew

### We Affirm Our Faith (Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate: he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come.

Amen.

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## What the Almighty can do, Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly for aye we adore Him.

### We Confess Our Sins

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

Prayers of silent confession

## God Assures Us of Forgiveness & Calls Us to Faithful Living

Friends in Christ, know this:
the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting,
and I remind you of this surpassing grace –
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.

# We Share the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

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## God Speaks Through the Word and Spirit

"Life in the Kingdom: The Road Less Traveled"- Matthew 7:13-20

### **The Narrow Gate**

<sup>13</sup> "Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

## A Tree and Its Fruit

<sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will know them by their fruits.