



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GROWING TOGETHER. WELCOMING ALL.

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

May God Bless Us and Keep Us

Katie Houts

Children's Choir, Maddy Hardy, Director

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

†CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—

Many: Who forgives all our iniquity, and redeems our life from the Pit.

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us.

One: In this holy season of Lent, we turn toward the cross, where mercy and truth meet together.

Many: We come to worship the God who forgives and loves abundantly. Amen!

†GATHERING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 401

[Here in This Place](#)

GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You forgive more readily than we ask, and love more deeply than we deserve. Yet we confess that we do not always reflect your mercy. We cling to grievances. We rehearse old wounds. We resist the costly work of forgiveness. Forgive us, Lord. Renew us by your Spirit. Free us from the weight of guilt and the chains of resentment. Shape our hearts after your own, that forgiven, we may forgive, and become signs of your mercy in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray, Amen.

A TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

At this time, you are invited to silently offer your personal prayers of forgiveness to God.

KYRIE ELEISON (*Glory to God Hymnal No. 575*)

[Lord, Have Mercy upon Us](#)

Lord, have mercy upon us;

Christ, have mercy upon us;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

†WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Many: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Thanks be to God!

†THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you –

And also with you!

†GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 582

[Glory to God](#)

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

CHILDREN’S TIME

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 53: 1-6

ANTHEM

The Seven Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Jamie Abrams, Victoria Gonzales, Jim Glenn and Zach Hugo, soloists

I. “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Lamb of God, surely thou hast borne our sorrows; with thy stripes we are healed. Lamb of God, thou blessest them that persecute thee, and prays for them who despitefully use thee. Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord. I will repay. A lamb before her shearers is dumb; so opens’t not thy mouth. Thou art cut off from the land of the living, for our transgressions art thou smitten. Thou art oppressed; thou art afflicted, O Lamb of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23: 26-34

SERMON

Forgive

Rev. Nick Cheek

WE RESPOND WITH FAITH & COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 223

[When I Survey the Wondrous Cross](#)

HAMBURG

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR OFFERING

To make an offering by text, text TPCGIVE to 73256.

For online offering click [HERE](#) or scan QR code to the right.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

‘Ich folge dir, gleichfalls’ from the *St John Passion*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jamie Abrams, soprano

Jen Dior, flute

I will follow you likewise, my Savior, with joy, and will not let you go. My Savior, my light, my ardent course will not cease before the point that you teach me to suffer patiently.

† [DOXOLOGY](#)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

†PRAYER FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

[HOLY, HOLY, HOLY](#)

Hymn 552 to be sung by all

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

At Trinity, communion is served by intinction. Please come forward to the front of the Sanctuary. Wine is served on the pulpit side and juice is served on the lectern side. All bread is gluten-free. Return to your pew by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, an elder will bring communion to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO WITNESS & SERVE

✠SENDING HYMN

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 166

[Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days](#)

ST. FLAVIAN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chromatic Fugue
Josef Rheinberger

✠ *All who are able are invited to stand.*

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Nick Cheek, preacher; Dr. Justin Smith, Director of Music and Cultural Events; Mark Swicegood, organist; the Trinity Choir; the Children's Choir, Maddy Hardy, director. Rev. Rebecca is out of town with the Women's Retreat.

WELCOME TO TRINITY

You are welcome and there is a place for you here at Trinity! We strive to be an open and inclusive community, acknowledging and embracing the rich diversity of God's creation so we embody our calling to, "grow together and welcome all." We love having children, and their wiggles, worship with us at Trinity. If you choose, childcare is provided for ages four and under. We are happy your family is here! Whatever in your life brought you to worship with us today, you are welcome, and we hope you feel at home.

NAME TAGS - As an intergenerational church, we value welcome and belonging. Name tags help us learn one another's names and build connections across generations. If you are new or have been visiting and would like a name tag, an usher will be happy to help as you enter the Sanctuary.

INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN THE LIFE OF TRINITY? - Are you interested in learning more about Trinity or exploring the next steps in your faith journey here? Whether that means getting involved, joining the church, or simply asking questions, we would love to connect with you. Please reach out to Rev. Nick, Rev. Rebecca, or the church office, and we will be glad to help you find your place at Trinity. You can also fill out a Welcome Card available in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

NURSERY SCHEDULE - The Nursery, staffed by Angela Drugan and Caroline Hood, is open every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (or 10:30 a.m. if Sunday School is not held).