

*CLOSING HYMN #307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE *When the Saints Go Marching In* by James Black arr. Eric Baumgartner

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Glenn Mojzer
Ushers	Kathy Kessler, Donna Schuler, Wilson Tayong
Choir Director	Davis McKinney
Co Pastor	Rev. Tom Dunlap

Bolded words are read by the congregation. *Indicates please stand as you are able.

Welcome: to all who worship with us this morning, especially our visitors! If you have a joy or concern that you would like to share with the congregation, please use the yellow card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. These will be shared with the congregation during our “Joys and Concerns.”

We hope you feel at home at Trinity, and that you will join us again. We invite you to consider becoming part of our church family.

Portions of today’s liturgy are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B Vol. 2, 2015 Westminster John Knox Press* and Rev. Thom M. Schuman’s *lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com*

Trinity Presbyterian Church



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23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 31, 2021 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC *The Day of Resurrection* by Henry Smart arr. John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

INTROIT #785

In Deepest Night

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Thom Shuman

God's Word called into being the pumpkins,
the geese who fly south, the leaves which litter our lawns.

In awe, we come into the presence of the God of vivid imagination.

God's arms reach down and gather up children, lovingly placing us in grace's lap.

In joy, we reach up to the God who loves us completely.

God's Spirit fills our lungs, so we can cry out for justice
for the broken, the young, the old, the abandoned of our time.

In service, we join with our God to build hope in our world.

*OPENING HYMN #804 (*verses 1-4*)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Self examination is critical to spiritual growth. Without looking within, our dark spots grow larger and can prove destructive to both ourselves and our relationships to others. So let us take this moment to fearlessly open ourselves to honest reflection.

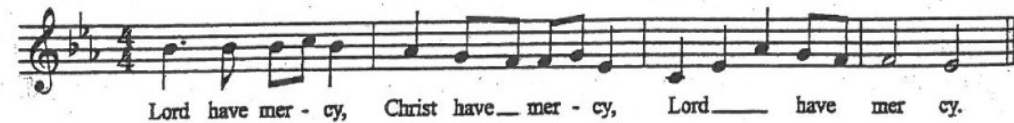
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Holy God, who knows each of us from the inside out: **we admit that what we portray to the world is often a false representation of what we truly believe. We have adhered to long outdated prejudices that have no relationship to reality. We have subtly dismissed others while proudly clinging to our unearned advantages in life. To this end, we have contributed to the systems which keep so many imprisoned in poverty and disadvantage. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to live more faithfully in the love for all you expressed through your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

MINUTE OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION *Let us sing to the Lord...*

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Fortunately for us, God wishes the best for *all* people - including ourselves. But in accepting God's forgiveness, let us extend the same grace to *all* of our neighbors - excluding no one! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANTHEM

*For All the Saints by Ralph Vaughan-Williams arr. McKinney
Trinity Bell Choir*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children's Sermon

(The children will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Children's Moment.)

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.
Red, and yellow, black, and white, They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Through your Word, O God, let your Holy Spirit open our insight, remove our ignorance, kindle our zeal, and bind us to you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 43:1-4a

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 4:1-6

SERMON

The Test

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN #314** (*verses 1-4*)

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

**We believe that God is at work in our world,
turning hopeless and evil situations into good.**

**We Believe that goodness and justice and love will triumph in the end
and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.**

**One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion,
and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.**

**True peace and reconciliation are not only desired, they are assured and
guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope.**

***DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, we give you thanks for all your gifts of goodness and grace. Receive these gifts from our hands as a sacrifice of praise to you and teach us to honor you each day by our obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER — Hymn #471 (*verse 1*)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBT, DEBTORS)

OPENING HYMN #804 (*verses 1-4*)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

***HYMN #314** (*verses 1-4*)

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
wall made of living stone.

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God of Grace and God of Glory

God of Grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's waring madness,
Bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.