

***CLOSING HYMN**

The Lord's Prayer

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive arr. Lloyd Larson

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	George Fraley
Ushers	Debbie Johnson, Debi Hess, Joleen Goens
Communion Servers	George Fraley, Ginny Kramer, Cindie Postell, Kurt Schuler
Director of Music	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 slips which are on the table in the narthex 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 *Portion of today's liturgy are from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol.1, 2013.*

Trinity Presbyterian Church



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5th Sunday of Easter

Worship leaders in plain type/ **Congregation in bold type**

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

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

INTROIT #444

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless God, all people of faith and hope.
God has looked on us with great favor.

God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble.

God gives light to those who live in the shadows.

We live in covenant with God, who gives us the best.

By the tender mercy of our God, we meet for worship.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN #804 (verses 1-4)

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

When we take the time to reflect upon ourselves, God will reflect back to us the grace of unconditional acceptance. So together let us unburden ourselves of our all too human failings:

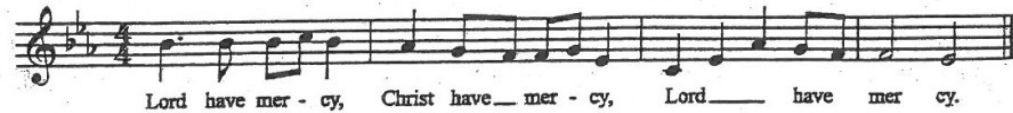
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

Gracious God, we open our stubborn hearts and confess to you that we have resisted the radical message of the Gospel. We strive for power and control, falsely believing that we are masters of our own destiny. We have equated surrender to your will with giving up. And in so doing, we have kept ourselves in bondage to our futile strivings for some ultimate state of happiness we can never achieve. Forgive us and help us to find the courage to let go and let YOU.

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

KYRIE—All Sing



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

The Lord is patient and always ready to accept with open arms those who repent and return to the path of reconciliation. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Let us continue our lives as free people. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Let it Shine!; spiritual arr. Don Besig

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #188 (verse 1)

Jesus Loves Me

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

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Ecclesiastes 7:9-14
Matthew 5:21-26
Matthew 7:1-5

SERMON

Our Anger Problem

Rev. Thomas Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. 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 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As people of God, let us offer ourselves and the fruit of our labor for God's work in the world.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Immortal, Invisible; Welsh hymn arr. Louis Ball, Jr.

***DOXOLOGY Hymn #609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SEALING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS' SUPPER (see insert)

*The Lord's Table is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ.
Baptized children are invited to partake with their parents' blessing.
Please eat the bread when you receive it, symbolizing your personal relationship with Christ. Hold the cup until all have been served, symbolizing our unity in Christ.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

[Clergy expressions; **Congregation response**]

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER *written by Rev. Tom Dunlap*

Come to the table of Life.

We seek a stairway from darkness to the Light.

Then come to the table of Redemption.

We seek a connection to our higher Spiritual Selves.

Come, then, to the table of Hope.

We seek the joy of Deliverance.

Come, everyone, to taste the first fruits of Salvation for He Is Risen.

He is risen indeed!

HYMN OF PREPARATION #520

Taste and See

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

See Closing Hymn

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Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

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.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #520

Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
My soul shall glory in the Lord
For God has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
For all my troubles, I was set free.

Worship the Lord, all people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
In God we need put all our trust.