

***CLOSING HYMN**

Our Father

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Brent Edstrom

Congregation remains seated

Liturgist	Debi Hess
Ushers	Barb Pratt/Florida Azambong, Wilson Tayong, Emmanuel Bime
Communion Servers	George Fraley, Cindie Postell, Marty Reese, Allison Schuler
Director of Music	Davis McKinney
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.” Please fill out the worship registration pad found in the pew, and pass it to the person next to you. Once the form is completed the last person to receive the form places the form in the offering plate.

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.

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5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024 10:15 AM

Worship leaders in plain type/ Congregation in bold type

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

GATHERING MUSIC

Precious Lord, Take My Hand; Spiritual arr. Fred Bock

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

INTROIT #744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary;

they shall walk and not faint.

***OPENING HYMN #410**

God Is Calling through the Whisper

CALL TO CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

We are far from perfect. We know this. God does not ask for perfection, but God does ask for honesty. So let us open ourselves to self-examination to help us overcome the barriers we have placed between ourselves and God.

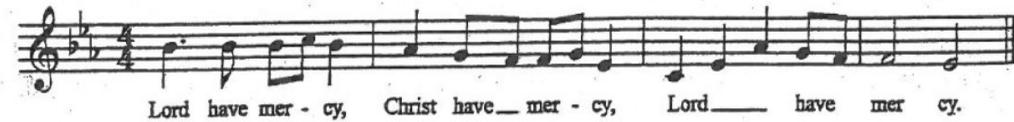
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

written by Rev. Tom Dunlap

God of creation, God of eternity: Our lives are short and they are complicated. We face many situations where we are tempted to compromise our ideals in the service of meeting our basic needs. Sometimes we triumph and sometimes we fail. Where we have fallen short of the faith we profess to believe in, forgive us and remind us that in our own baptism, promises were made that we need to keep working on. Let us not take these vows lightly. We are grateful for your love!

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

KYRIE—All Sing



DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God, who is full of compassion, knows that those who repent have set their minds and hearts on what endures for all time. Our sins are forgiven for the Lord God is a very present help to those who seek to follow in the way of divine things. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

People of Light by Gary Hallquist

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

Holy God, speak to us what has been told from the beginning, your Word that is the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Proverbs 6:6-19

Matthew 7:1-5

SERMON

Rumor Mills

Rev. Tom Dunlap

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights. Filled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts with gladness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

Beautiful by Heather Sorenson

***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**

We sing to you, God, with thanksgiving, making melody to you with our praise. Use these gifts to spread your gospel near and far, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. **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

We are invited to the table in a spirit of compassion that goes beyond fairness.

We are called to be makers of peace.

To refashion our swords into plow shares;

To grant our neighbors the same consideration we wish them to give to us.

We are invited to join the Lord of Compassion in working to make all things new.

(All) We gratefully accept his invitation and so doing pledge ourselves to a calling of service.

HYMN OF PREPARATION #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Thank you, God: for the bread and the cup, for the life and the Love, for the wisdom to walk into your world. With your strength, our faith is strengthened. With your grace, our love grows. Help us to share that love, strength, and faith. Help us to accept when others share it with us—that it might change the world. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

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