



Trinity Presbyterian Church
March 9, 2025

GATHERING

We gather as the Body of Christ to encounter God in worship.

Prelude	Jaron Marcus, piano
Welcome and Announcements	Jon Farrell-Higgins
Introit	"The Lord Is My Song" Jacques Berthier Trinity Heritage Choir

Responsive Call to Worship

Let us reach out with heart and soul to the Lord.

O Lord, our God, in you we place our trust.

Let us ask the Lord to lead us.

Help us O Lord to find the paths we should take.

Lead us in Your truth O God,

And we shall rejoice in your love and goodness forever!

Prayer of the Day

*Hymn No. 166

"Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days"

Call to Confession

**As Lent unfolds before us, great God,
we see how far we have to go to Jerusalem.**

**The road is long, our sins are many,
and our burdens are heavy.**

**We can't imagine new life, Easter life,
because our current lives are filled
with bad choices and failed efforts.**

Meet us in our weakness.

**Take up our sins.
Ease our burdens.
Carry us on the way.
Bring us to Jerusalem, at last.
Show us a love that is stronger than death,
a love no tomb can hold.**

(A time for silence is observed)

Sung Response GTG 851

“Come, Bring Your Burdens to God”

Assurance of Forgiveness

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Walking this earth, facing temptation, defeating sin, Jesus has done for us what we could never do for ourselves. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

THE WORD.

The Word of God in scripture and interpreted in proclamation is the center of worship.

Sermon on the Steps

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' ”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”
When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Anthem

“Behold the Lamb of God!”
Lloyd Larson
Trinity Heritage Choir

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

How can we pay attention to what God is doing – especially when so much of the news is difficult to watch?

Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 25

Sung Refrain:



To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed
who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

(Refrain)

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.
**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they
have been from of old.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

(Refrain)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Pausing Along the Pathways"

Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

We respond to the Word of God in prayer and by offering ourselves and our substance.

Moment for Reflection and Contemplation

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' 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.

Prayers of the People

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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

"Forty Days and Forty Nights"
Charles Callahan
Brad Stipcak, organ

*Doxology GTG 607

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING FORTH

Worship equips us to go forth to serve God in the world.

*Hymn No. 694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response Hymn 227

"Jesus, Remember Me"

*Postlude

Jaron Marcus, piano

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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Jaron Marcus, Keyboard/Piano
Heritage Choir
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