

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Begin this Sunday's worship with a time of silence. Our lives are far noisier than wind, fire, or earthquake. In a great paradox, God speaks to us in sheer silence. Use this chance to listen as you pray.

Lord God, you breathed the spirit of life within me.

Draw out of me the light and life you created.

Help me to find my way back to you.

Help me to use my life to reflect your glory

and to serve others as your son Jesus did. In Christ we pray. Amen

GATHERING MUSIC

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you."

~C.S. Lewis

"Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart."

~Corrie Ten Boom

"Forgiveness is not about forgetting. It is about letting go of another person's throat.....Forgiveness does not create a relationship. Unless people speak the truth about what they have done and change their mind and behavior, a relationship of trust is not possible. When you forgive someone you certainly release them from judgment, but without true change, no real relationship can be established.....Forgiveness in no way requires that you trust the one you forgive. But should they finally confess and repent, you will discover a miracle in your own heart that allows you to reach out and begin to build between you a bridge of reconciliation.....Forgiveness does not excuse anything.....You may have to declare your forgiveness a hundred times the first day and the second day, but the third day will be less and each day after, until one day you will realize that you have forgiven completely. And then one day you will pray for his wholeness....."

~William P. Young, The Shack

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

P: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

L: God makes us new in God's Spirit!

P: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.

L: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

P: Let us open our hearts to God's forgiveness, peace and joy. AMEN.

PRAISE SONG

"Boundless Love"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score includes a second ending bracket and a final double bar line. The lyrics are as follows:

Bound - less love touch - es and chang - es the heart of us.
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us. Oh Spir - it of Je - sus you
We stru - cture of in - jus - tice that
Oh Spir - it of life come and
sit at our ta - ble and call us to a rad - i - cal
keeps some from eat - ing, you pre - pare us for a dif - fer - ent
move through the peo - ple con - front - ing the pow - ers of
meal _____ of bound - less love that climbs o - ver
feast _____ of bound - less love love that climbs o - ver
death _____ 'cause bound - less love love climbs o - ver
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.
bar - riers so noth - ing can keep us a - part.
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OUR CONFESSION

For those who have betrayed us...Father, forgive them.

for those who have let us down...Father, forgive them.

for those who have been indifferent to us...Father, forgive them.

for those who have crippled our lives...Father, forgive them.

for those who have doubted us...Father, forgive them.

for those who have accused us...Father, forgive them.

for those who have preferred others to us...Father, forgive them.

for family members who have hurt us...Father, forgive them.

for friends who have denied us...Father, forgive them.

for those who have walked away from us...Father, forgive them.

For my own self pity...Father, forgive me.

for my lukewarmness...Father, forgive me

for my times of despair and distrust...Father, forgive me

for my refusals to be involved...Father, forgive me

for my disbelief in your love...Father, forgive me

for my searchings everywhere but in your heart...Father, forgive me

for apologies frozen on my lips...Father, forgive me

for my words of love unspoken...Father, forgive me

for my kisses and embraces ungiven...Father, forgive me

for compliments never offered...Father, forgive me

for a heart closed in self-centeredness...Father, forgive me

for my own unforgiving postures...Father, forgive me

for not believing in your forgiveness...Father, forgive me

Leader: Hear the good news. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be forgiven and freed to live lives of love. In the name of Jesus Christ, embrace God's forgiveness and peace.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"I Come to the Cross"

A musical score for a confession response, titled "I Come to the Cross". The score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a repeat sign and a first ending bracket. The lyrics are: "I come to the cross seek - ing mer - cy and grace. I come to the cross where You died in my place. Out of my weak - ness and in - to Your strength, Je - sus, I come to the cross. Your arms are o - pen, You call me by name, You wel - come this child that was lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame. Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come. Je - sus. I come to the cross." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE AND THE LENTEN SNAPSHOT - Barabbas

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 23:32-35

³² Two others, both criminals, were taken along with him for execution.

³³ When they got to the place called Skull Hill, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left.

³⁴⁻³⁵ Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing."

Dividing up his clothes, they threw dice for them. The people stood there staring at Jesus, and the ringleaders made faces, taunting, "He saved others. Let's see him save himself! The Messiah of God—ha! The Chosen—ha!"

Matthew 27:20-23

²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²² Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"^[a] All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³ Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

MESSAGE

"Expensive Grace"

Pastor Cristy Schoob

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE

"The God of Second Chances"

1. Come now, O God of sec - ond chanc - es;
2. Come now, O God, re - lease our de - mons;
3. Come now, O God, and still our an - ger;
4. Come now, O God, shake our re - sent - ment;
5. Come now, O God, and grant com - pas - sion;
6. Come now, O God, of sec - ond chanc - es;

o - pen our lives to heal.
o - pen our eyes to see
o - pen our minds to peace.
o - pen our way to choose
o - pen our hearts to love.
may we for - give our - selves;

Re - move our hate, and melt our rage.
the shame with - in, our guilt and pain,
Em - brace our fear, and hold us close.
the way of love, o - ver re - venge.
May we let go of all our hurt.
may we be - come your liv - ing sign:

1., 2. Save us from our - selves.
Mend us; make us whole.
Calm the storm with -
Show us a new -
Help us to move
Chil - dren of God's

3.-6. in.
way.
on.
love.

THE OFFERING *Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: As God’s people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the human family, and all of creation.

(Petitions end: “God of mercy”; “Hear our prayer.”)

P. All these things and whatever you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Leader: We come to the table in hope and joy.

All: We enter with awe and devotion to meet together with God.

Leader: This is a safe place where we know we are loved.

All: We feel the presence of God's Spirit and the Spirit of God's people.

Leader: Here we always find forgiveness and new beginnings.

All: We trust God's love and open our hearts today.

(A time of silence for remembering our brokenness, and our need for a Savior.)

Leader: God calls us to carry Jesus’ light out into the world.

All: In the bread and the wine God nourishes and strengthens us for our ministry in the world.

Leader: In this meal we take our place as followers of Jesus and all of God’s children

All: In this meal we find the grace to start again and the courage to follow the way of Jesus.

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it, and shared it with disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This is my blood shed for you and for all people. It promises forgiveness and a new life. It is the sign of the new covenant between us. Drink this to remember me."

All: This is the new relationship we share together.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice
Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine.)

COMMUNION SONGS

"Beauty for Brokenness"

1. Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair;
2. Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
3. Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
4. Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
5. Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame

Lord, in Your suff - 'ring world, this is our prayer.
work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills.
cit - ies for sanc - tu - 'ry, free - doms to share.
plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture our dreams.
un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain,

Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace,
land for the dis - pos - sessed. Rights for, the weak,
Peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched for earth to green.
Lord end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed,
un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,

sun - rise to sun - set, Your king - dom in - crease
voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
Christ for the bit - ter - ness, His those for the pain,
make us con - tent with the things that we need.
seek your sal - va - tion and bring you their praise.

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com - pas - sion we
pray. Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come change our love from a spark to a flame.

“May Love Rise Above”

The beau - ty and the blood - shed runs deep and wide from the
The cour - age and the cau - tion, it fills the air from the
The pro - mise and the pas - sion rings loud and strong as a

cen - ter of the city - y to the roll - ing coun - try - side. The
chil - dren on the play - ground to the wom - an on the stairs. There's a
gen - er - a - tion search - es for a free - dom lov - ing song. Still the

heal - ing and the suff' - ring runs far and near. There is
calm up - on the wa - ter but down and be - low? on the
mem - o - ries are haunt - ing, will they block the way? What can

hope for each to - mor - row but still so man - y fears.
anx - ious hearts are beat - ing, will this peace ev - er hold?
bring us all to - geth - er to start a brand new day?

Oh may love rise a - bove the moun - tains. May love rise a - bove

the plains. May love rise a - bove the ha - tred. May

love rise a - bove all the pain, rise a - bove it all,

oh _____ rise a - bove it all, oh _____

“Here at the Table”



Christ is here, here at the ta - ble. Come gath - er and
lay life's bur - dens down, here at the ta - ble, at the ta -
ble where love and peace a - bound. Oh, oh, oh, oh.
Bring your hun - ger, bring your won - der,
Bring your sad - ness, bring your mad - ness,
Bring your yearn - ing, bring your turn - ing,
bring your thirst - ing heart. Bring your trou - bles,
bring your si - lent shame. Bring your sigh - ing,
bring your deep - est needs. Bring your doubt - ing,
bring your strug - gles, bring all that you are.
bring your cry - ing, bring all your pain.
bring your shout - ing, bring all to be freed.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

THE SENDING OUT

Leader: Forgiven and Beloved Ones of God, go now in peace, sharing with others the Good News of God's love. Forgive as you have been forgiven. Help those in need. Give and receive from each other the joy of peace.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"Grace Alone"

1. Ev - 'ry pro - mise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith,
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev - 'ry dif - f'rence we will make is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way,
Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His
Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His
grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro
grace.
- vide. Christ in us, our Cor - ner - stone, we will go forth in grace a
1. lone. 2. lone. We will go forth in grace a - lone.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go into God's world in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, please join us in the Heritage Room for a coffee hour.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastors: Pastor David Schoob, Pastor Cristy Schoob

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Keyboard: Hazel Griffin

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Coffee Hour: Hazel Griffin, Sandy Poenitsch, Candy Sarauer

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi people. As such, we wish to give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. It is our sincere desire that this acknowledgement initiates an ongoing instructive, and constructive journey toward respect, truth and healing regarding colonialism, the church community, and inclusivity for all children of the Great Spirit. We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

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