

MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of truth, we come longing for the peace that only you can provide. We seem so often to be tossed to and fro, blown about by every wind except that of your own Holy Spirit. Be pleased to dwell here this day, to receive our worship and our praise. Linger long, and speak the truth to us in love, that we may come to the unity of faith and to the knowledge of the full stature of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

The strength of a country is the strength of its religious convictions.

-Calvin Coolidge

The question is not “Is God leading?” but rather “Are we following?”

A man who lets himself be worshiped mocks God.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

CALL TO WORSHIP *(stand)*

Leader: Who came to earth to show us God’s way?

All: Jesus, the Christ.

Leader: Who reconciled us to God, forgiving all our past?

All: Jesus, the Christ.

Leader: Who is the hope of the world?

All: Jesus, the Christ.

Leader: Who can rule our lives better than anyone?

All: Jesus, the Christ.

Leader: Let us reclaim Jesus as head of our lives.

All: Jesus, you are the Christ. Come and reign in our lives this day.

PRAISE SONG

“Everybody’s Got Something to Offer”



Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's got some - thing to of - fer; young and old, the
prince and the pau - per. Ev - 'ry - bo - dy's got
some - thing to of - fer in the name of the Lord.
To the lost and the low - ly ones the mes - sage, it is clear;
To the be - liev - ers gath - ered here the mes - sage it is true;
we have all got a gift to give, our hands, our hearts, our tears.
we have all got a gift to give in all we say and do.

OUR CONFESSION

All: Powerful and merciful God, we confess to you the ways we have misused and misunderstood power. We have placed power in the hands of people who have abused it. We have been apathetic when the victims of power have demanded the justice they deserve. We have cowered before those who hold power, rather than stand up to them in the authority you give us. In your mercy forgive us, O God, and teach us to seek power for the good of all, with attention to the powerless and downtrodden. Heal us of the insecurity that leads us to seek the security of worldly power instead of the vulnerable power of Christ our true King. Enable us to live and act in trust of you, even when we do not know what the future holds, because we know that you hold the power of eternity. Amen.

Leader: Hear the Good News! Christ our ruler opened the doors of paradise to the repentant thief. When we confess and repent, Christ will open the doors to God's grace and mercy for us. God forgives our sins. Praise to God.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

"Hearts Full of Gratitude"

Let's get to the heart of the mat - ter so
It's one thing to know a - bout Je - sus, a -
The spir - it of Christ is up - on us pro -

ma - ny things come back to this There's no - thing that we'll ev - er point
no - ther to feel Christ with - in Some say that there's no great - er dis
claim - ing good news to the poor Re - deem - ing and free - ing and heal

to that did not first come as a gift. The
- tance than that which so oft - en ex - ists be -
- ing, and show - ing us what life is for. We're

gift to wake up in the morn - ing the strength to rise up from our beds.
tween just be - liev - ing in our minds and know - ing God's love in our hearts.
here to have hearts that are burn - ing to share all the gifts we've re - ceived.

You've giv - en us so much, yet we ask one more thing from you.

1.-3.
Give us the gift of choos - ing to live with hearts full of gra - ti - tude.

Sing after v. 3

You've giv - en us so much, yet we ask one more thing from you.

Give us the gift of choos - ing to live with hearts full of ara - ti - tude.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (sit)

THE FIRST READING

Job 19:23-27a

²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on^[a] lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵ I know that my redeemer^[b] lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.^[c]
²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet^[d] in^[e] my flesh I will see God;
²⁷ I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

THE GOSPEL (Please stand)

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’^[a] ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.

MESSAGE

"Imagine: No fear of death."

Pastor Jon Jacobs

THE MESSAGE RESPONSE (stand)

"I Will Trust in You"

1. When I can't see dark - You, I
2. And when the dark - ness I is

know You're here; When I can't feel You, I
clos - ing in, And I am run - ning a -

will not fear; I will trust in You and I
gainst the wind; I will trust in You and I

will not be a - fraid. And when the
will not be a - fraid. 'Cause when I'm

bat - tle is close at hand I know You're
stand - ing up - on that shore and all the

with me to help me stand; I will
bat - tles have gone be - fore, I will

trust in You and I will not be a - fraid
trust in You and I will not be a - fraid.

I will not be a - fraid. I will not be a -

fraid. I will trust in You, I will trust in You.



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

P: We offer our loyalty and praise to a Christ our Ruler.

C: We submit ourselves to the God who sent Jesus in vulnerability.

P: Let us share the body of Christ our Sovereign, who modeled the power of love.

C: Let us share the blood of the Risen Christ, who opened up the gates of Paradise.

P: In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, broke it, and shared it with his friends. He said, “*Take this and eat it. This is my body given for you.*” He also took the cup and after giving thanks to God, passed it among his friends saying, “*This is my blood. Drink this to remember me.*”

All: This is the sign of the kingdom we serve.

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 OF THE FAMILY MEAL. (Sit)

*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 celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Because I Have Been Given Much"

1. Be - cause I have been giv - en much, I too must give.
 2. Be - cause I have been shel - tered, fed, by Thy good care,
 3. Be - cause love has been lav - ished so up - on me, Lord,

Be - cause of Thy great bount - y, Lord, each day I live,
 I can - not see an - oth - er's lack and I not share
 a wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,

I shall di - vide my gifts from Thee with ev - 'ry
 my glow - ing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe
 I shall give love to those in need, shall show that

per - son that I see who has the need of help from me.
 shel - ter ov - er - head, that they, too, may be com - fort - ed.
 love by word and deed: Thus shall my thanks be thanks in - deed.

"The Gifts of the People"

Now, the peo - ple come. Now the peo - ple re - ceive.
 Now the peo - ple taste. Now the peo - ple be - lieve. While
 wine's sweet fra - grance fills the air, we come, we taste, we
 take, we share, the gifts of the peo - ple for the God of the peo - ple;
 the gifts of God for the peo - ple of God.

“More Precious Than Silver”

Lord, You are more pre - cious than sil - ver;
Lord, You are more cost - ly than gold.
Lord, You are more beau - ti - ful_ than dia - monds, And
noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff includes a small melisma (underline) under 'ful'. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

THE BLESSING (stand)

THE SENDING OUT

Pastor: Enter into the world that is obsessed with power to reveal the power of the Cross. Go, with Christ reigning in your heart and over all your actions today. Go as members of God's kingdom.

C: **Amen.**

THE SENDING SONG

"We Can Make a Difference"



We can make a dif - f'rence in ev' - ry - thing we do.____

We can make a dif - f'rence it's up to me and you.

Chil - dren of the light,____ the Spi - rit shows us how.____

We can make a dif - f'rence now.

1. Some say we shouldn't be heard; we've got some-thing to
2. He needs some - one to lean on; it just takes one

say.____ Some say we are lost; we can find the
shoul - der She has a lone - ly heart; just takes one to

way.____ Some say we don't care; we've got love to -
hold her. They're a - fraid to take a chance; just takes one who's

day.____ We can make a dif - f'rence now.
bold - er. You can make a dif - f'rence now.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Guest Pastor: Pastor Jon Jacobs

Worship Assistant: Cheryl Scaffidi

Reader: Haley Kordosky

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Communion Servers:

Vocalists: Paul Anderson, Greg Griffin

Rick Gilbertson, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: Darci Ketter

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Counters: Richard Hills, David Putnam

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