

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Peace and justice are two sides of the same coin.”

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

“Give your hands to serve, and your hearts to love.”

– Mother Teresa

“The love of God, which dwells in human beings, loves sinners, evil persons, fools, and weaklings in order to make them righteous, good, wise, and strong. Rather than seeking its own good, the love of God flows out and bestows good. For this reason, sinners are attractive because they are loved, they are not loved because they are attractive.”

-Martin Luther, Heidelberg Disputation 28

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: By a descending dove, God revealed Jesus, God's only son, affirming that

All: We are one in Christ.

Leader: Just as Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, we are baptized in his name, confirming that

All: We are one in Christ.

Leader: We celebrate the one baptism of our Lord, and our one baptism as children of God, for

All: We are one in Christ. Let us worship God, revealed in Christ, who binds us together in love.

PRAISE SONG

“Everyone is a Child of God”

3. *We are waiting, we are watching, we are*
You are good - ness, You are mer - cy, You are
hop - ing to see_, in the dis - tance, in the
deep mys - ter - y, in the dis - si - lence, You have
dark - ness a light that sets us free. To see ev' - ry - one
spo - ken a love that sets us free.

4. *ev' - ry - one is a child of God. See ev' - ry - one*
ev' - ry - one is a child, a beau - ti - ful child of God. *Fine*
D.S. al Fine

5. *Set us free. Set us free to see ev' - ry - one*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,

C: the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

C: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

C: and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

C: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

L: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

C: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

L: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life.

C: Above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

L: Shower us with your Spirit,

C: and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

L: To you be given honor and praise

C: through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSE**“Child of the Water”**

4||: - . You're a child of the wa - - ter, child of the word,
guid - ed by prom - ise and sto - ries you've heard.
God of the wound - ed knows you by name and
car - ries you home ev' - ry - day. 1.2.
1. From your first breath
2. Life is a gift

to the last step, all of the dance; down a -
time car - ries on, and you will grow;

deep in your laugh - ter what - ev - er your fears
midst your be - liev - ing and through - out your doubt,

try some - thing re - mem - ber. 3.
some - thing re - mem - ber. sure. day. 3. We

jour - ney to - geth - er as child - ren of God sealed by the cross.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD (sit)

P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

The first reading is Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth,
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

The second reading is Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
 worship the Lord in holy splendor.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders,
 the Lord, over mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;
 the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
 and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl
 and strips the forest bare,
 and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people!
 May the Lord bless his people with peace!

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

MESSAGE RESPONSE *“If God Were Born Among Us”*



1. If God were born a - mong us, a strang - er full of need,
2. Fear not, the an - gel tells us, yet we still live in fear
3. The hurt - ing world we live in calls for our love and care

would we see God as ho - ly or one more mouth to feed?
of dif - f'rence that di - vides us, of those out - side our sphere.
and guid - ance from God's Spir - it to teach us how to share.

If God were born a - mong us in some in - dif - f'rent place,
The o - ver - crowd - ed lodg - ings e - voke our year - ly scorn,
The love of God can change us, trans - form - ing us by grace

would we pro - vide a ref - uge? Would God find wel - come space?
but would we find the room now if God were new - ly born?
to wel - come each new stran - ger and see in them God's face.

THE PRAYERS

P: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(Each petition ends “Merciful God” Congregation responds “Hear our prayer”)

P: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

MEAL

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

Pastor: We declare we are Christmas people and as Jesus is born in the stable we are born again to everlasting life.

All: **We come to worship and bow down. We come to kneel and give thanks. We come to worship Jesus.**

Pastor: In the waters of Baptism, you have claimed us – both light and darkness - and called us your own.

All: **We come to be strengthened, reshaped, and made new to shine with your light.**

Pastor: In this family meal we celebrate the gift of God in Christ Jesus.

All: **In sharing of the bread and wine we find forgiveness of sin and God's resurrection presence.**

Pastor: God gives us this gift to share.

All: **We come to eat and drink and to be changed.**

Pastor: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

All: **Jesus, let your body and blood flow through us to remold us and renew us with your presence.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

COMMUNION SONGS

“Forever Emmanuel”

1. We are not a - lone, we are not a - lone; with
2. Fill us with your love, fill us with your love; with
3. Lead us to your peace, lead us to your peace; where

ev - 'ry breath, through ev - 'ry storm, we are not a - lone. Sing
hearts of grace for ev - 'ry - one, fill us with your love. Sing
hun - ger and op - pres - sion cease, lead us to your peace. Sing

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for - ev - er Em - man - u -
el. Sing Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for -
ev - er Em - man - u - el.

The Blessing

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The Lord bless you — and keep you, make His face shine up-on.
— you and be gra-cious - to you. The Lord turn His - face t'ward you and give you peace. —
A _____ men. A _____ men. A _____ men.

A _____ men. A _____ men. A _____ men.

3

May His fa-
- your be up - on you, and a thou - sand gen - er - a - tions, and your fam -
sence go be - fore you, and be-hind — you, and be-side you, all a-round
ing, in the eve-ning, in your com - ing, and your go - ing, in your weep-

1., 2.
— ly, and your chil - dren, and their chil - dren, — and their chil - dren. May His pre -
you, and with-in — you, He is with — you, — He is with — you. In the morn -
ing, and re - joic - ing, He is for —

3.
— you, He is for — you, He is for — you, He is for — you. The Lord bless you — and keep you
make His face shine up - on — you and be gra - cious - to you.
The Lord turn His - face t'ward you and give you peace. —

“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. 2.
- lone. lone. We will go forth in grace a - lone.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING (Stand)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God,

C: that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Pastor: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

“Ubuntu”

(pronounced "oom-BOON-too")

Chorus

U - bun - tul U - bun - tul

shar - ing our vi - sions and dreams. U - bun - tul where

jus - tice flows like a life giv - ing stream. The

peo - ple to - geth - er join - ing our hearts and our

hands to wel - come the strang - er and cher - ish the friend and to

work for the peace of the land and so we do lifel

Verse (echo song leader)

1. ... Sisters and brothers ... made for communion ... bound to each other ... one holy union
... Drawn by a vision ... drawn by desire ... drawn to the circle ... round God's holy fire,
2. ... Called now we follow ... Jesus our brother ... Who gathers his children ... just like a mother
... Tenderly holding ... this new creation ... Making and molding ... a new holy nation,
3. ... This is our vision ... life's in the sharing ... Holding back nothing ... dreaming and daring,
... To live this communion ... that breaks us and binds us
... Holds us and heals us ... frees us and finds us

Bridge

A musical score for a hymn. The top line shows a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The music consists of a series of notes: a quarter note, a eighth note, a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a eighth note, a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a eighth note, a eighth note, a quarter note, and a eighth note. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the musical rhythm. The first stanza is 'Made by God's power to live as God's own;'. The second stanza is 'Marked by the water and given our name,'. The third stanza is 'God, give us courage to do what we say,'.

made to be seen and be heard and to be known
moved by God's Spir - it, re - vived by hol - y flamel
Christ, give us strength for the liv - ing of these days.

THE DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please join us for a coffee hour following our worship.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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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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