

*Trinity Church
Welcomes You*

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 5, 2025

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, you are our refuge.
You are the shore in sight,
you are hands that reach out,
you are the ground on which to rest.

God, you are our strength.

You are the life we long for,
you are the refusal to give up,
you are the keys of home we carry with us.

God, you are our help in time of trouble.

We call on you from the ruins and the rubble,
We call on you from the wildness and the deep,

ALL: We call on you to meet us in this place! Amen.

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please him in all that I do,
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

2. Living for Jesus who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,
Such love constrains me to answer his call,
follow his leading and give him my all. [*Refrain*]

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43: 16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

God's Word for God's People

PSALM*Psalm 126*

(read responsively)

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”**

³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵ Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING*Philippians 3: 4b-14*

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

God's Word for God's People

GOSPEL READINGJohn 12: 1-8*

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed

Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH #103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

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*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 the life everlasting. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we are without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

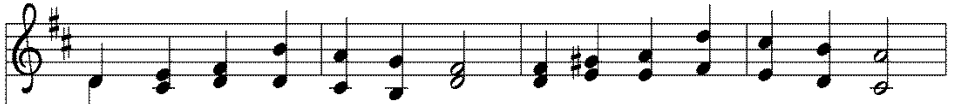
God's grace is amazing. God's love never-ending. God's forgiveness is given through the mercy of Jesus Christ who is our salvation. You are set free to love and serve +in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERING

We appreciate your support of the work of the church through your tithes and offerings. Please place all offerings in the plate by the entrance to the sanctuary.

OFFERINGTake My Life, That I May Be*

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1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



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OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Christ. In the name of Jesus, our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION*THE 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 sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
 for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
 Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.
The Body & Blood of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

UMH #298

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain, I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

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BENEDICTION

May God bless you with the hope to cling to God, knowing that in the highs and lows, the joys and the sorrows, the known and unknown of this life, God's love never fails. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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