

Trinity Church Welcomes You

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are God's children.

What we shall be has not yet been revealed;

**but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.**

So today and every day,

may we put on Christ and live as saints

who tend the poor, comfort the mourners,

learn from the meek,

affirm those who seek righteousness,

offer mercy alongside the merciful,

and work for peace with the peacemakers

until Christ comes in final victory

and we feast as the family of God

at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

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***OPENING HYMN**

Near to the Heart of God

UMH #472

1. There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;

a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. [*Refrain*]

3. There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. [*Refrain*]

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OPENING PRAYER

O God of the morning and of the evening hours, let Your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, Your people, call on You in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to Your name. Amen.

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FIRST READING

Job 19: 23-27a

²³ “O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

God’s Word for God’s People

PSALM

Psalm 17: 1-9

(read responsively)

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

⁴ **I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.

⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who

loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

God's Word for God's People

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord

SERMON

Pastor Priscilla

HYMN

He Is Exalted

TFWS #2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him. He is exalted,
forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

***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

Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing our sins and opening our hearts, so that we do not deceive even ourselves, and exclude ourselves from your presence.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other's growth. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other, and we harbor resentment and fear. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Forgive us and show us how to walk in Your paths, through the mercy of our Saviour. Amen.**

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WORD OF ASSURANCE

The Almighty and Merciful God grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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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.

***OFFERING** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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OFFERING PRAYER

All good gifts around us come from You, O God. You have given us life, and made us new creations in Christ. We offer ourselves and our gifts to your service, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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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 table is spread. All are welcome to receive the good gifts of God for God's beloved. The Body & Blood of Christ given for you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and loving God, You have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at Your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be Your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do Your Good News in Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

*HYMN

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH #539

1. O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

3. Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

4. So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we raise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

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BENEDICTION

May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much. May you
fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all. May Almighty God
+ Father, Son, and Spirit bless you with grace and mercy. **Amen.**

At last, O God, the sun's heat has given way to the cool evening.
Take, we pray, the heat out of our desires and our tempers,
and in this evening hour calm us, that we may experience the peace and
serenity which come from You.

At last, O God, the sun's brightness has given way to the rich colors of the
evening.

Prevent us, we pray, from being dazzled by the apparent brilliance
of human achievement.

And, in this evening hour, help us to rediscover the varied beauty of Your
Creation, and appreciate afresh, in the stillness, the value of Your abiding
presence.

For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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