



Trinity Presbyterian Church PCA
Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

March 31, 2019



The simple, unadorned cross reminds us of God the Son's climactic act of service for humanity. He allowed his arms to be stretched out on the cross bar, and with his feet they were nailed to the tree. Thus he voluntarily gave himself up to death for the sins of his people. Paul tells us that the Gospel is *"the message of the cross...to us who are being saved is the power of God"* (1 Co 1:18).

The color used in the sanctuary in anticipation of Easter is purple or violet. These colors symbolize both the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

LORD's Day Service – March 31, 2019

Preparation for Worship: *Psalm 116:12-14*

Welcome, Announcements & Catechism Review

Entrance – God Call Us; we gather together and praise Him

* *Call to Worship* Psalm 18:1-6

Pastor: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

* *Hymn of Praise* Psalter, #18A
I Love You, LORD!

**Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him
and are forgiven in Christ**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. *(Those unable to kneel may be seated.)*

Lord our God, we come to You as Your sons and servants, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ, and yet aware of our continuing need of Your grace. We confess that we were born in sin and have continued to sin. We have broken Your commandments. We have fallen short of Your glory. We have not loved You with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We have not always loved one another in deed and in truth. We acknowledge our guilt. Blot out our transgressions, wash us from our iniquities, cleanse us from our sin and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Thank you for loving us, in Jesus' name. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Now lift up your heads, arise, and hear the good news! Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! And the people say...

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

**Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him
and offer our works and lives to Him**

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so!

It is right and joyful, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By His grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for Him Who died for us and rose again. Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven and the church on earth, to proclaim the glory of Your Name, singing...

**The Sanctus* (inside hymnal or psalter cover)

**Hymn of Preparation* Psalm 116A
I Love the LORD because He Heard

Let us pray: **Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread Who gives life to the world: evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us, and we in Him; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 116
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* John 18:1-11
The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.
Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon "I Love the LORD – How Can I Repay Him?"

* *Hymn of Consecration* Psalm 116B (tune: Ps 116A, 3 verses)
I Still Believed

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Requests & Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with Us; we eat at His table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Mark 14:22-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* *Hymn of Thanksgiving* Psalter, #96A
O Sing a New Song to the LORD

Benediction - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we march out to serve Him

* *The Lord's Commission of Us* Psalm 116:12-14

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us* Psalm 115:14-15

* *We Bless the Lord, Lifting Our Hands and Voices to Him* Doxology

* *Threefold Amen*

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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