

March 1, 2020



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 1, 2020

Preparation for Worship: Daniel 2:44-45

Welcome

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

* Call to Worship Psalm 113

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.

Pastor: Our help is in the Name of the Lord!

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

* Hymn of Praise Trinity Hymnal, #305 O Lord of Hosts

<u>Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him</u> <u>and are forgiven in Christ</u>

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 us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Eternal God and our heavenly Father, in You we live and move and have our being; Do not hide Your face from us because of our sins, but have compassion on us, and subdue our iniquities. Cleanse us from all our offenses; deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. Grant that we may draw near to You, in lowliness and meekness. Confessing our sins, we confide in Your grace and mercy through Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen!

(Silent, personal confession of sin)

Arise, lift up your heads, 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!

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

<u>Ascension – God Consecrates Us; we listen to Him</u> 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 truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who brought the gift of salvation to all people by His death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

*The Sanctus

(inside hymnal and psalter cover)

Hymn of Preparation

Psalter, #2

Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?

Let us pray: Almighty God, You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord; Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen!

* Old Testament Lesson

1 Chronicles 29:1-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 6:15-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* Gospel Lesson

John 1:11-14: 2:18-25

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Nebuchadnezzar's Programmatic Dream Interpreted" – Part 1

* Hymn of Consecration

Trinity Hymnal, #272

Behold! The Mountain of the Lord

* 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 14:21-28

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

Creed (inside hymnal cover)

* Hymn of Thanksgiving

Trinity Hymnal, #307 Within Thy Temple, Lord

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

* The Lord's Commission of Us

1 Peter 2:4-5, 11-12

* We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us

1 Peter 5:10-11

* 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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