

Trinity Presbyterian Church
LORD's Day -- 3/22/2020

Good morning House of God! Greetings in the name of the risen & reigning King of kings and Lord of lords!

Entrance -- God Calls Us; We gather together & praise Him

*Call to Worship: Psalm 122:1,2,6-9

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."

Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!...

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls, prosperity within your palaces."

For the sake of my brethren and companions,

I will now say, "Peace be within you."

Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, **Who made heaven and earth!**

*Hymn of Praise: Doxology

Prayer: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word, Jesus Christ Your Son; Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen!**

OT Lesson: Lamentations 1:1-11, 18-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Purification -- God Cleanses us; We confess our sins & 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 us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God. *from Daniel 9*

"O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him and with those who keep His commandments, we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments. Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name...O Lord, righteousness belongs to You...ed against You. O Lord, to us belongs shame of face, to our rulers, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God to walk in His laws...therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him...as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our

prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth...O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away...Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant...and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate...we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your people are called by Your name.” Amen! (Silent prayer)

Now lift up your heads, and hear the good news from Romans 5:8-9! *But God commendeth His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.* Our sins are forgiven and our lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! And we say...

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

Ascension -- God Consecrates us; We listen to Him & offer our works & 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. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, Holy, Holy Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

New Testament Lesson: Read Revelation 3:14-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: Read Luke 3:7-14

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

Praise to You, O Christ!

Sermon: “Our God our Help”

*Hymn of Consecration: Psalm 46 to the tune, “A Mighty Fortress is our God”

God is our refuge and our strength, A present help in our distress.
We will not therefore be afraid Tho, all the earth should be removed.
Tho mountains great be hurled Into the ocean's depths, Tho seas may roar and foam
And billows shake the shore, Tho' mountains tremble at their power.

A river brings refreshing streams To cheer the city of our God,
The Most High's holy dwelling place, God is in her; she won't be moved;
At dawn will God help her. The heathen rage; realms quake; He lifts His voice; earth
melts. The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

O come, see what the LORD has done: He desolations brought on earth;
On earth He puts an end to wars, Breaks bow and spear, and chariots burns.
Be still! Know I am God. Exalted o'er all men, Exalted o'er all earth.
The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God. "YES!"

Prayers of the Church (specific requests & the Lord's Prayer) suggested use of Psalm 91

We confess our faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

(recite the Creed or use "Patrick's Lorica" (sent in email March 17)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: Ps 23 "The Lord's my Shepherd"

The LORD's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, Ev'n for His own names sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

A table Thou hast furnished me In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;
And in GOD's house for evermore My dwelling place shall be. "YES!"

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

*The Lord's Commission of us: Matthew 22:37-40

*We receive God's blessing, His good Word to us: 1 Thessalonians 5:23

*We bless the Lord, lifting our hands and voices to Him: Gloria Patri
