



# Trinity Church

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building God's Church...blessing our community

THE LORD'S DAY

MARCH 14, 2021

## REFLECTION & PREPARATION

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....REVELATION 15:3-4**

Great and marvelous are Your deeds, LORD God Almighty.

**Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the ages.**

Who will not fear You, O LORD, and bring glory to Your name? For You alone are holy.

**All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **\*INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE.....O MY SOUL, ARISE**

VERSES: CHARLES WESLEY, 1742 MUSIC & ADDITIONAL WORDS: ERIC McALLISTER

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
before the throne my surety stands  
My name is written on His hands

He ever lives above for me to intercede;  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

*O my soul, arise, behold the risen Christ,  
your Great High Priest, your spotless sacrifice  
O my soul, arise, God owns you as His child;  
shake off your guilty fears, my soul, arise*

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry  
“Don’t let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled, His pard’ning voice I hear;  
He owns me as His child, I can no longer fear  
With confidence I now draw nigh,  
with confidence I now draw nigh  
And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH.....THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>1</sup>**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell<sup>2</sup>; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic<sup>3</sup> Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

## **MISSIONS PARTNER REPORT .....ED & VICKI GERMANN**

## **SCRIPTURE READING.....ACTS 26**

<sup>1</sup>Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century and developed into its present form by the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

<sup>2</sup>By referring to Jesus' descent into hell, the Christian embraces three truths. First, we acknowledge the reality of Jesus' suffering 33 years of temptation. Second, he received the full sentence of hell on behalf of his people while on the cross. Thirdly, he experienced the reign of death by remaining in the tomb after the crucifixion.

<sup>3</sup>The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

## **HYMN OF CONFESSION.....COME, YE SINNERS**

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love and pow'r.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.

***I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O, there are ten thousand charms.***

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth  
Is to feel your need of Him.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
You will never come at all.

# **CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.

You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.

Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit.

This we pray in Jesus' powerful name.

Please silently confess your sin before the LORD.

## **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON.....PROVERBS 28:13**

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

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**\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE** .....HIS LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL

WORDS: E.S. HALL    MUSIC: CHRISTOPHER MINER

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;  
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.  
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to His side;  
I may not know the way I go, But oh, I know my Guide.

*His love can never fail, His love can never fail,  
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.  
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.*

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know  
That Jesus guides my falt'ring steps, as joyfully I go.  
And tho' I may not see His face, my faith is strong and clear,  
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near.

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,  
If I may only feel the touch of His own loving hand.  
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,  
My soul is satisfied to know His love can never fail.

**SHEPHERDING PRAYER** .....RE SAM LAMBRECHT

**SERMON** .....PASTOR JOHN MARK

Various passages in 1 & 2 Kings

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION.....COMMUNION HYMN**

WORDS & MUSIC: KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY AND STUART TOWNEND

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
slain for us...and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you...  
eat and remember

The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
shed for you...drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
to receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
and we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond...  
and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
around the table of the King.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

### **A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION AT TRINITY:**

This is a time for all people to seek the Lord. For Christians, Communion is a time to meet with their Savior by faith, to be strengthened and renewed by Him as they eat bread and drink juice. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, are at peace with their fellow neighbor, and seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ, are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer and to consider more deeply your relationship to Jesus Christ. We also ask that children who have not yet publicly professed their faith in Christ refrain from partaking until doing so.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

# SERMON NOTES

## **TEARING DOWN THE HIGH PLACES** **1 & 2 KINGS**

(2 KINGS 12:1-3; 14:1-4; 15:1-4, 32-35)

**1. WHAT ARE THE HIGH PLACES?**

**2. WHY WEREN'T THEY TORN DOWN?**

**3. THREE KINGS WHO DID TEAR THEM DOWN:**

**4. LESSONS ABOUT REPENTANCE AND OBEDIENCE**

## **REMEMBERING IN PRAYER THIS WEEK**

**Ministry Partners:** Ed & Vicki Germann - serving with International Students, Inc. in the Southeast and Great Lakes regions.

**Our Troops:** pray for our troops and their chaplains around the world

**Church of the week:** Metro North Church, Goose Creek; currently seeking a pastor

## **TRINITY FAMILY**

**Betty Lamigo:** back home after being hospitalized, pray for diagnosis

**Les Carter:** recovering from surgery to repair a torn retina

**Sarah Hutto:** recovering from open heart surgery

**Melonie Anderson:** recovery from sinus surgery

**Frank Myers:** recovery from knee replacement surgery

**Jerry Smith:** pray for his blood pressure to be regulated, for continued memory recovery and improved physical abilities.

**Linda Wactor:** wisdom for doctors in managing her pain

**Claudia Wilkes:** recovering from ankle surgery

**Lawton Porter:** ongoing therapy, healing for foot

**Linda Wells:** neuropathy, improved stamina

**Christie Churchwell:** relief from headaches