

Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

August 2nd, 2020 - 10 a.m.

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Perhaps baptism really ought to have some health earnings attached to it: "If you take this step, if you go into the depths, it will be transfiguring, exhilarating, life-giving and very, very dangerous."

-Rowan Williams, *Being Christian*

Call to Worship

Sing to [the LORD], sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. [Psalm 105:2 (NIV)]

PRAISE

Hymn **Praise the Name of Jesus** — music below

Praise The Name Of Jesus

Words and Music by
Roy Hicks, Jr.

Musical score for the hymn "Praise The Name Of Jesus" in 4/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (F major) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Praise the name of Je - sus, praise the name of Je - sus." The second staff continues with: "He's my Rock, He's my For - tress, He's my De - liv - er - er, in". The third staff concludes with: "Him will I trust. Praise the name of Je - sus." Chord symbols are placed above the notes: C, F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm/C, C, F, C/E, G7/D, C, D7, C/D, D7, G, C, Cmaj7, F, C/G, G7, C.

Prayer of Adoration (concluded by the following prayer in unison)

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise, glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever. Amen.

Doxology

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises. Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness.
O praise him. Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RENEWAL

Confession of Sin (unison)

Our heavenly Father, we confess our failures to live fully as baptized Christians. We fail to love and obey you as we should, and we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to proclaim the good news to the world, and we fail to live in love and unity with our brothers and sisters. For the sake of your Son, empower us by your Spirit to live as members of Christ's Body and to bear faithful witness to the family Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. [1 Peter 2:24-25 (ESV), quoting from Isaiah 53]

Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** — music below

689 **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
 Make our love, O God, more faith-ful, let us take you at your word,

there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg - ment
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good-ness of the

given.
 Lord.

Chord symbols: D, A/C#, Bm, G, F#m, A, D, A/C#, Bm, G, D, G, D, 1 G maj9, 2 G maj9, D.

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COMMITMENT

Scripture Lesson: Titus 3:1-11 (read by Mike Barone)

¹Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show every courtesy to everyone. ³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. ⁸The saying is sure.

I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone. ⁹But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, ¹¹since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned. [NRSV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"THE WATER OF REBIRTH"
To the Point: The Bible's Shortest Books

Pastor Higgins

Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism¹

Q. What is a sacrament?

A. A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Q. What is baptism?

A. The sacrament of baptism is a washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is a sign and seal that we are joined to Christ, that we receive the benefits of the covenant of grace, and that we are engaged to be the Lord's.

¹ This catechism—drafted at Westminster Abbey in the 1640s—is part of the official confession of faith of our denomination ; adapted in *The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English* (P&R, 1986).

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since we cannot gather for Holy Communion, we join in an act of *spiritual communion*, trusting in our Lord's blessings & love in this present crisis.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory — music on page 6

God of Grace and God of Glory

F C F B^b F C7 F

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple pour your power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to your con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss your king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

C7 F Gm7/B^b F/C C F

For an alternate arrangement see 43

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Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Lost Illusions Op. 67 No. 2 in F-sharp Minor — Felix Mendelssohn

WORSHIP ARTISTS

Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with Trinity Church. We appreciate all that your music has contributed to our worship. Copyrighted songs are covered under CCLI #1250499 and CCS #11071.

TAMMY LUM - PIANO

JORDAN WILHELM - VOICE

ALETHEA WILHELM - VOICE

Trinity Church Announcements

CELEBRATING CHRIST, SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

TODAY

The Season after Pentecost—sometimes called the “long green season” (because of the color of church vestments)—lasts through the summer into the fall. This is a time to pray for the growth and the mission of the church.

Congratulations to Pastor Higgins as Thursday, August 6 (the feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ) marks the 31st anniversary of his ordination as a Minister of Word & Sacrament, and Saturday, August 15, marks the 26th anniversary of the Higgins family’s move to Westchester to begin Trinity Church

Children’s Church via Zoom: Sunday morning at **9:30 am**. Parents need to email ChloeNevill@trinitychurch.cc to get on the Children's Ministry parents email list and get access to the Trinity Children's Ministry Facebook group to learn more.

Children's Book Club via Zoom: Now reading the book from the Chronicles of Narnia, "The Horse and His Boy". For more information on children's participation, you can contact our Director of Children's Ministry, Chloe Nevill, by using our Contact form on our church website, www.trinitychurchny.com.

Prayer Focus for Summer. During the summer, we ask everyone to pray especially for families and our ministries to families.

- For all those affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic—the sick, the suffering, and all those who care for them. Pray for the development of treatments and vaccines; pray for deliverance!
- For our children and teenagers and for all who minister to them, especially in these unusual times.
- For families that lack basic needs & services and for all who minister to them, especially for Hillside Food Outreach.

COMING UP

SERMON SCHEDULE *(subject to change as we deal with the pandemic)*

August 9. Philemon 1-25. "In the Name of Love." Pastor Magneson preaching

August 16. 2 Peter 1:3-9. "Joy Unspeakable & Full of Glory." Pastor Magneson preaching

August 23. 2 John 1-13. "Walking in Love." Guest preacher: David Williams, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, now serving at Oxford University

EVENTS & COMMUNITY

In-Person Outdoor Services to begin Sunday August 9. *This will be in addition to our main service offering, which will be our online service provided in both video and audio formats on our website and our mobile app.* Per the guidelines released by the *CDC and *New York, we believe we are ready to gather in a way that honors the Lord, serves our church well, and loves our neighbor. We will hold outdoor services through the month of August, and it is our hope to continue them in September. We will determine whether we can hold indoor services this fall when we have more of an indication as to how well COVID19 is contained at that time. **Please see the E-Newsletter for more details about the service and how to register.**

Vacation Bible School Cancelled: Unfortunately, due to low enrollment combined with feedback from parents, we are cancelling our Vacation Bible School for the summer.

A Questioning Faith: Good Theology Welcomes Honest Questions. Pastor Higgins has often taught that no honest question should ever be swept under the rug! That is why he is offering a series of short (20-30 minute) conversations with pastors, theologians, and other thought leaders, which are available (on video or audio) podcast-style through Trinity Church's Instagram page. If there's something you've often wanted to ask—about the Christian faith & its practical ramifications in the real world—contact Pastor Higgins, CraigHiggins@trinitychurch.cc.

Two Steps in Prayer for the Trinity Church Vision Campaign

1. Prayer for God's timing as to when we might be released from our pause in the Vision Campaign and how we might resume it.
2. The offices will be closed, but we do encourage individual families to prayer walk the property, while maintaining proper social-distancing practices, during our pause. Please contact Pastor Mark at MarkSwanson@trinitychurch.cc, if you are interested or have any questions.

Ways to Connect:

- **Website:** www.TrinityChurchNY.com
- **Facebook:** Trinity Presbyterian Church NY
- **Facebook Group:** Trinity People Staying In Touch
- **Instagram:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Church Mobile App:** TrinityChurchNY
- **Community Groups:** are meeting via video-conferencing. To join one, use our website Contact Form.
- **Prayer Team Support:** You can submit a prayer request using our mobile app or contact form on our website. Our Prayer Team would be pleased to pray for you.
- **Pastoral Care:** Call the church office 914-967-6247 and choose from the voice menu who you wish to speak to, or use the church website contact form and your request will be forwarded to them.
- **Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the church website Contact Form.

Ways to Give:

- **We encourage giving online** through our secure website link on our church website: <https://www.trinitychurchny.com/giving/> Or, through our mobile app, *TrinityChurchNY*. Your faithful giving is not only an act of worship but is much appreciated by the Trinity Church leadership as we desire to continue ministry no matter what adjustments are necessary to meet current challenges. **If giving by check, mail it to the church office at 526 Anderson Hill Rd, Purchase, NY 10577.**
- **COVID-19 Support** - On our church website, www.trinitychurchny.com, you will find a link labeled "COVID-19 Update" which is a letter from our pastors encouraging us all to be there for one another, and to assist you in doing so that we might BE the church God intends us to be. There are links to forms to Give Help (volunteer) and Get Help (specify a need).