

# Trinity Presbyterian Church + *Worship at Home*

March 7th, 2021 - 10 a.m.  
*The Third Sunday in Lent*

Man does not live by bread alone, but he also does not live long without it. To eat is to acknowledge our dependence—both on food and on each other. It also reminds us of other kinds of emptiness that not even the Blue Plate Special can touch.

— Frederick Buechner

## Call to Worship (responsive)

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

**People: the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

## PRAISE

Hymn **Christ, the Life of All the Living** — music below

### 137 Christ, the Life of All the Living

G D C G C Am D

1 Christ, the life of all the liv-ing; Christ, the death of death our foe;  
2 You have suf-fered great af-flic-tion and have borne it pa-tient-ly,  
3 Lord, for all that bought our par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,

G D C G C Am D

Christ, for us your-self once giv-ing to the dark-est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion: our a - tone-ment full and free.  
for the an-guish in the gar-den, we will thank you ev - er-more.

through your suf-fering, death, and mer - it, life e - ter - nal we in - her - it;  
 Lord, you chose to be tor-ment-ed, that our doom should be pre-vent-ed;  
 For the vic-tory of your dy-ing—sin - ful na - ture mor-ti - fy - ing—

*Refrain* thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.

Words: Ernst C. Homburg, 1659; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt., P.D.  
 Music (JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN 8.7.8.7.8.8 refrain 7.7): Das grosse *Cantionale*, Darnstadt, 1687, P.D.

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

**Almighty God,  
 to you all hearts are open,  
 all desires known,  
 and from you no secrets are hid:  
 Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 that we may perfectly love you,  
 and worthily magnify your holy Name;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## RENEWAL

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### Confession of Sin: Litany—The Ten Commandments

EXODUS 20:1-17

Hear the Word of the Lord:

“I am the LORD your God; who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water below.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**With God’s grace and the support of each other as part of Christ’s body we promise:**

**I will love the Lord, our God, with all my heart, soul, and mind,  
and my neighbor as myself.**

May the God of peace,

who through the blood of the eternal covenant

brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,

that great Shepherd of the sheep,

equip you with everything good for doing his will,

and may he work in us what is pleasing to him,

through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Private Confession

### Words of Encouragement & Declaration of Pardon

But you know that [Christ] appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin.

[1 John 3:5 (NIV)]

### Words of Welcome

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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Hymn Here I Am Lord — music below

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Here I Am, Lord

G C/G G C/G G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 C Am Am7/G D/F# D7/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G C/G G C/G G D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

G Em Am7 C Am G/B C D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain* D G Gsus G C/G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

G Am7 G/B Am/C

I have heard you call - ing in the night.

D G Gsus G C/E

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

G Am7 D7 G Gsus G

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## COMMITMENT

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Scripture Lesson: John 6:60-71 (read by Patrick Truitt)

<sup>60</sup>On hearing it [Jesus' teaching on his being the bread of life], many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

<sup>61</sup>Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! <sup>63</sup>The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning

which of them did not believe and who would betray him. <sup>65</sup>He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

<sup>66</sup>From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

<sup>67</sup>"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

<sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

<sup>70</sup>Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" <sup>71</sup>(He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.) [NIV]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Higgins

"DOES THIS OFFEND YOU?"  
*When Jesus Asks a Question*

Confession of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

## 434 Affirmation: My Only Comfort

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own,  
but belong—  
body and soul,  
in life and in death—  
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins  
with his precious blood,  
and has set me free  
from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way  
that not a hair can fall from my head  
without the will of my Father in heaven;  
in fact, all things must work together  
for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him,  
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,  
assures me of eternal life  
and makes me wholeheartedly  
willing and ready  
from now on to live for him.**

*For a sung version of this text see 781*

Text: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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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 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus — music below

## Benediction & Dismissal

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude How Great Thou Art — Swedish Folk Melody/Jerry Ray

## WORSHIP ARTISTS

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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

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**The Season of Lent.** Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Lenten season, traditionally a time of penitence and expectation in preparation for Easter. If you'd like more information, pick up a copy of Pastor Higgins' paper, "On Keeping a Holy Lent" (available on our website). Purple, the color of penitence, is used during the Lenten Season as we follow Jesus in the way of the cross.

**Prayer Focus for the Lenten Season.** During Lent, as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, we pray for God to do great things in our hearts. Specifically, we pray for the following:

for a Holy Lent, a "springtime of the soul," focused not on ourselves but on God & our neighbors;  
for hearts of joyful obedience to our Savior's commandments & priorities, especially as we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves;  
for all who work for peace & justice among the nations of the world, especially organizations like World Vision;  
for a swift and just end to the global pandemic; and  
for our own personal commitment to justice, including saving for & giving to the Easter Sacrificial Offering.

**The Easter Sacrificial Offering** is received each year during the Easter season, with the money going to the Trinity Church Mercy Team's ministry to the physically & spiritually needy. Setting aside money (over & above one's regular giving) for such an offering is a traditional Lenten discipline, and we encourage you to practice this—perhaps with your family and/or Community Group—during this holy season.

**Children's Book Club.** The children's book club online sessions are reading through *The Chronicles of Narnia* series. We are reading "The Last Battle" through March then will begin an entirely new book series. Children of all ages and their parents are welcome to participate. Book club readings are now Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m. Questions? Contact Chloe through the Contact form on our church website.

## COMING UP

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

**NOTE:** Briefer homilies will be given at the in-person services. For the full sermon on the same text, visit the audio & video recordings on the webpage.

**March 14.** John 18:1-14. "Shall I Not Drink the Cup the Father Has Given Me?" Pastor Magneson preaching

**March 21.** John 12:20-33. "What Shall I Say?" Pastor Higgins preaching

**March 28.** PALM SUNDAY. John 13:1-17. "Do You Understand What I Have Done for You?" Pastor Higgins preaching

### **EVENTS & COMMUNITY**

**Adult CE Class.** Pastor Mark and Ann Higgins are leading a class Tish Harrison Warren's "Prayer in the Night" as an online adult education offering meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm. Tish Harrison Warren's book explores themes of vulnerability, suffering and God's seeming absence, structured around the nighttime prayer of Compline. Please contact Pastor Mark if you have any questions.

**Baptisms/New Memberships:** We are happy to announce that we're planning for a service of Holy Baptism and the reception of new members—to take place soon! We are planning this for an outdoor service at the Church House on Easter Eve; that's Saturday, April 3, weather permitting. If we are not able to make that service, we will plan for Easter Sunday or the first possible Sunday morning after that when the weather allows us to be outdoors.

If you would like to be baptized, to have a child baptized, or to be received as a member of Trinity Church, or if you simply have questions, please contact Pastor Higgins. Even if you know you cannot attend on Easter Eve, please let Pastor Higgins know of your interest, as another service will be scheduled for a bit later in the spring.

**Healing Prayer.** Anyone wishing to pray for healing (physical, spiritual, emotional) for themselves, for loved one, and (especially now!) for the world, is invited to join Pastor Higgins for a brief liturgy of healing prayer. The service is scheduled to be held on Sundays at 11:30 on Zoom. The service will last for approximately 15 minutes. Login information will be in the church newsletter.

Next Healing Prayer Service: TBA

#### **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](http://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).

**Ways to Connect:**

**Website:** [www.TrinityChurchNY.com](http://www.TrinityChurchNY.com)

**SOCIAL MEDIA: Facebook:** Trinity Presbyterian Church NY, **Facebook Group:** Trinity People Staying In Touch, **Instagram:** TrinityChurchNY

**Church Mobile App:** TrinityChurchNY

**Community Groups:** 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.

**Newsletters:** to be added to the mailing list, use the church website Contact Form.