

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come." ~John 16:13

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420 Beaver St., PO Box 411 Mars, PA 16046-0411 www.stjohnchurchmars.org Phone: 724-625-1830 email: office@stjohnchurchmars.org Rev. Katie McNeal, Presiding Minister Maizy Fisher, Director of Music Ministries We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning! Know that you are welcome here just as you are. If you are looking for a church to call home, why not consider making this one your own? If this is your first time visiting us, please fill out the visitor information card stapled to your bulletin. As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an *, congregational responses are in **bold**.

PRELUDE

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us come before God in prayer and song, humbly trusting in God's immeasurable love and grace.

***KYRIE**



***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

The Lord has called each of us by name even before our beginnings;

Our Creator God has listened to our hearts and inspired within our minds a life renewed For the sake of his son, Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us. Come now, let us confess before God and with one another the sins that are before us.

Holy and triune God, You alone live in perfect relationship, One God in three persons, Mutual and loving, Ever seeking reconciliation and unity. You have called us to live in your completion, yet We confess that our relationships are imperfect and We are incomplete without you. We are selfish and greedy. We are controlling and resentful. We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness. We have allowed sin to drive us away from you And apart from one another Forgive us and restore us, Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy. May we long for wholeness and peace, May we strive toward gratitude and grace In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ, By the working power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hear this good news from Romans!

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God."

By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen us through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG Come, Join the Dance of Trinity (ELW 412) Come, join the dance of Trin-i-ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun-1 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem; Come, speak a - loud of 3 Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame 4 With - in the dance of worlds be - gun, Trin - i - ty, be - fore all in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. the blood-ied by crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem. then а peo - ple free at set Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav-ior's name. sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son. we The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, is meant for The dance of Trin - i - ty hu - man flesh and bone; yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; We know the Let rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free, voic - es love and hope, made room with-in their dance. but the Three, in as when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move! to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, one God, now and forever. Amen.



FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs ¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ²²The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth. ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8



- O Lord our God, in all the earth Your great Name is extolled; Your majesty is far beyond What heaven itself can hold.
- You have ordained that children's lips Should praise your Name today, That all your enemies and foes Should have no more to say.
- When I look up and see the moon And stars in heaven above, Lord, why should you remember us And visit us in love?

- 4. Yet you have made us only less In honor and renown Than all the heavenly hosts above. You set on us a crown.
- 5. All sheep and oxen, beasts and birds, We rule in your great Name;
 - O Lord our God, in all the world Your glory we proclaim.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING: John 16:12-15** The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON



*HYMN OF THE DAY Father Most Holy (ELW 415)

***NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need. *A brief silence*.

Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Redeemer, you delight in humanity. Move the hearts of world leaders to seek wisdom, speak truth, and care for all endangered by poverty, prejudice, or violence. Further the work of international collaboration and peacemaking. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Abiding Comforter, you call out to all who struggle. Restore severed relationships and protect children who lack trustworthy caregivers. Grant hope to those who are experiencing fear, pain, or grief especially Jeff, Bob, Katie, Marcia, Geneva, Cherry, Winnie, Chuck, Henry, Harry, Roy, Pastor Storm, Karen, Ellen, Ruth, Sally, Ruth Ann, and Denise, those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts. We remember your saints of all times for their faith and witness, offer consolation to those who grieve. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for the milestones attained by all who graduate this season, especially Kayla. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have. May they feel your presence guiding them and walking with them in times of joy and in times of struggle. And may they have courage, patience, and wisdom in you as they enter into new chapters in their lives. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583)



***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory through the blessed Trinity: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as we have been taught. 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; 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

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come to the banquet.

Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request.

*COMMUNION SONG Lamb of God



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION



COMMUNION HYMN I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)



***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all creation hold you in loving care that you may know forgiveness and salvation in the embrace of God the Author of Life.

Amen.

The God of all grace, the eternal three-in-one and one-in-three, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! (ELW 413)



*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar today are from Dave & Cindy Knauff to the glory of God.

Assisting in worship today:

Assisting Minister: Matt Claus Acolyte: Nicholas Claus Ushers: Larry & Amy Werner Offering: Nathan and Anna Kramer

Attendance last week: 44 + 2 zoom

Notes for the day's texts:

Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday following Pentecost (which is a day, not a season), has been kept since the tenth century as a special celebration of the mystery of the Triune God, one divine unity of three distinct presences. Each way that we speak about the Trinity is inadequate. Indeed, a God we could understand wouldn't be much of a God. In Romans, Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. Today's reading from John's gospel prepares Jesus' followers for his death and resurrection. Jesus promises that the Father will disclose the truth, which comes in the Spirit of the Son. In this early proclamation of the Trinity, the Father and the Spirit both attest to the truth of Christ. John is assuring the Christian communities that they have received the truth, despite the controversies that were dividing the unity of early believers. Today we celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

Today's Music

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