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Mark 12:1-17
March 3, 2024



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GATHERING

- **Prelude**

Pam Sherman

- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

- **WELCOME**

HOLY BAPTISM

P: As the family and sponsors and our Baptismal candidates come forward to the Baptismal Font, I also invite all the children to come and kneel at the railing so you can all get a front row seat to this amazing thing God is about to do for Lylah and Reece... While everyone is gathering at the font, please join in singing the first 2 verses of our Baptismal song, "Borning Cry."

* **GATHERING HYMN "Borning Cry" (Verses 1 & 2) ELW 732**



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."

- **Presentation**

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We're born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

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The sponsors and parents present the candidates for Holy Baptism.

We present Lylah Rae Carnes and Reece Avery Carnes to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.

P: Reece, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? If so, say I Do.

Reece: I do.

P: Reece and Bryanna, do you desire to have your daughter, Lylah baptized into Christ Jesus? If so, say we do.

Reece and Bryanna: We do.

P: As you come to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *your child* among God's faithful people, bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *her* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *her* in faith and prayer, so that *both Lylah and Reece* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace in all the world.

P: Do you promise to live according to these promises and help *each other* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

Sponsors and Parents: We do.

P: Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church, do you promise to assist these sponsors and parents to fulfill these obligations?

C: **We do and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*** THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the

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joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *Lylah and Reece* who are about to be here baptized may be given new life. Wash away *their* sin, cleans *them* by this water, and bring *them* forth as *heirs* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

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* **BAPTISM**

The minister baptizes each candidate.

P: Reece Avery Carnes, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Lylah Rae Carnes, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Reece*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Lylah*: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen

P: *Reece Avery Carnes*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. *Lylah Rae Carnes*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen

A lighted candle is given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:

R: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon *Reece and Bryanna*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for *Lylah*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with *her*, the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

• **WELCOME**

The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

P: Through Baptism God has made *Reece and Lylah* our new brother and *sister in Christ* and fellow members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that together we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: **We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

P: AS we sing the final 2 verses of our Baptismal song everyone may return to your seats and our children are released to go to Children’s Sunday School.

* **BAPTISMAL SONG “Borning Cry” (Verses 3 & 4) ELW 732**



3 “In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I’ve be - gun.



When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



4 “I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

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*** APOSTOLIC GREETING**

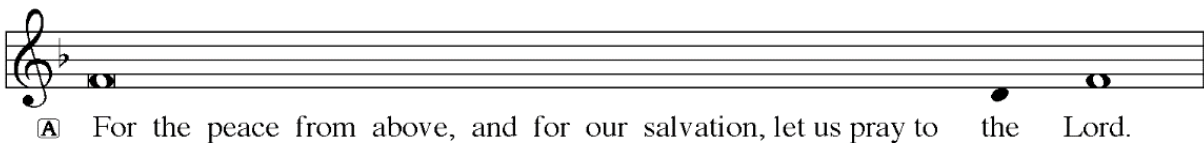
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*** KYRIE**



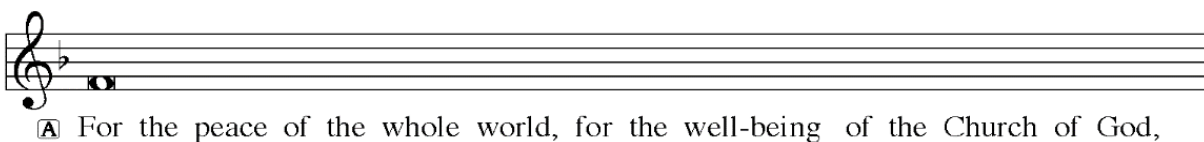
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



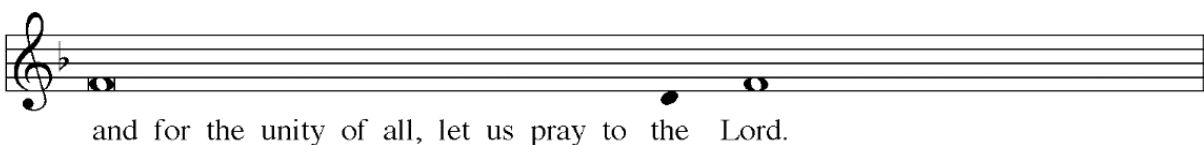
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



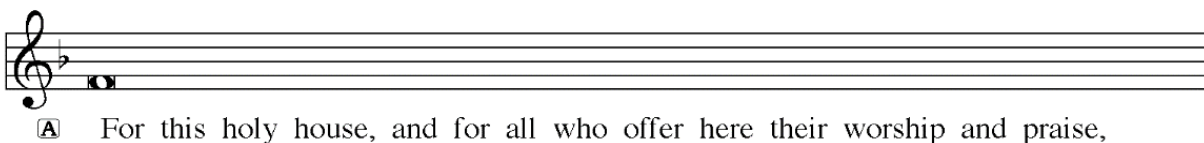
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



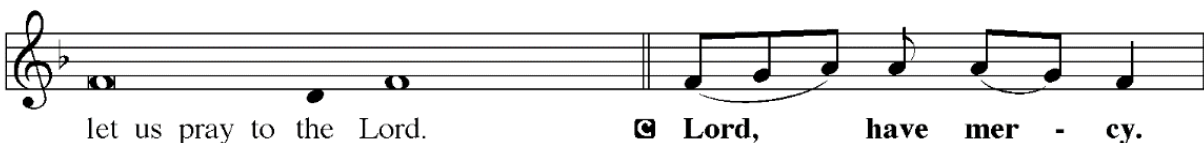
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



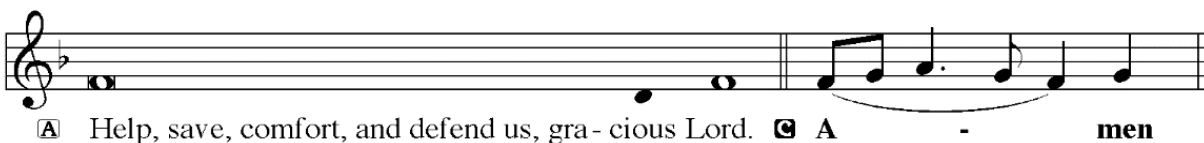
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

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* **HYMN OF PRAISE**



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, you created all that is, and everything is indelibly stamped with your holy signature. Make us to be careful stewards of all you entrust to us, that we might return it to you joyfully, knowing we have done our best to care for and keep it out of love for you. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

• **A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:1-17**

R: Our scripture reading is from the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 12.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased

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it to tenants and went to another country. ² When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵ Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' ⁸ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this scripture:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

¹¹ this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

¹² When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

[¹³ Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." ¹⁶ And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.]

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)

- **SERMON**

Pr. Mel Musser

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the beloved Son of

God who came to give His life for you. Amen.

Today we have just heard the last parable Jesus told. This story about the Vineyard is often called the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. (SLIDE) The truth is

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this story is actually an allegory rather than a Parable. In an allegory all the characters and places stand for or represent something else. Most scholars say that the Vineyard represents Israel. God is the owner and creator of the Vineyard and the religious leaders are the wicked tenants. The prophets are the Servants sent by the owner to collect the owner's portion of the profit from the crops. Of course, Jesus is the Son of the owner. In this allegory, Jesus says the wicked tenants killed the servants and ultimately the owner's son as well. I had never studied the fates of the major prophets from the Old Testament. Some of their fates are recorded in the Bible, while others are written down in other ancient documents. For example, several sources record that Isaiah was tied up and put into a hollow tree. Once inside the tree the evil King Manasseh ordered the tree to be sawed in half, with Isaiah inside. Jeremiah, who regularly called the religious leaders to give up their idols, stop catering to the King, and return the temple to worship only the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For his efforts the priests sought to kill him many times. Once they threw him into a huge sewer to die. (SLIDE) His death is not recorded in the Bible, but the 1st Century Church Father named Tertullian, recorded that Jeremiah was eventually stoned to death. I could go on, but I think you get the point. God's people have rejected the messengers God sent for a very long time.

This story takes place, as best we can tell, on Wednesday of the first Holy Week. As we read through the Gospel of Mark during this Lenten Season we're a

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bit out of order. (SLIDE) By the time Jesus sits down and has this conversation with the religious leaders, He's already made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on the 1st Palm Sunday. On the following Monday Jesus condemned the Fig Tree because it had no fruit as another allegory against the Temple System in Jerusalem. (SLIDE) Then Jesus went to the Temple and found all the corrupt money changers selling animals for the people to purchase and then offer as their sacrifice for their sins. Jesus famously overturned the tables, chased the merchants out, and rebuked them for failing to use God's House as a House for Prayer. The next day as they passed by that same tree, it was dead. (SLIDE)

After all that activity Jesus tells this allegory and the religious leaders get his point. They're infuriated and want to kill him right then and there, but of course they fear the crowds who haven't yet turned on Jesus. So, instead, they try one last time to trip Jesus up. They ask him a question they think has no good answer. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? (SLIDE) In their minds, it's a yes or no answer. It's black and white and there's no room for any gray area. If Jesus says no, then he'll be in trouble with the Roman Tax Man. If he says yes, then he's in cahoots with the Romans and they can use that against him with the people who despise the Roman Rulers. How foolish we are when we try to outsmart The Lord.

The Lord sent many prophets to the leaders and the people of Israel. The prophets call the people to repentance and a restored relationship with God. The

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leaders and the people refused the prophets' call to repentance. This happened over and over again in the history of God's Chosen people. We're no different today. We're not perfect people. Martin Luther said we are "at the same time sinners and saints." (SLIDE) We're afflicted by greed, lust, hate, and hardened hearts, because it is part of our human nature, but at the same time, we have the invitation and the opportunity to confess our sin, turn from our evil ways, and receive God's forgiveness. Jesus said he came to call sinners to repent. After telling them this story about the wicked tenants, He asked the chief priests what they thought the landowner would do when he returned. It was the common consensus that he would destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Yes, the temple was destroyed, just as Jesus had condemned that fig tree for not producing any fruit, the Temple was destroyed in the year 70 AD for the exact same reason. The religious leaders hoarded the blessings of God for themselves. They grew rich on the backs of widows and orphans. Yet, instead of the annihilation of the tenants, God the Father sent his Son. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection he offers to all people the forgiveness of sin, a new life, and a new relationship with God, making us both sinners and saints at the same time.

Today we got to witness the Holy Spirit moving in the lives of both Reece and Lylah as they received all the riches of God's Grace and Mercy. Because God loved each of them, and all of us who are Baptized, we're now able to walk as new

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creatures. Because the Holy Spirit is poured out onto the Baptized and now lives inside of us, our sin is constantly being forgiven, every nano-second of every day. In “Church” talk we call that Sanctification. It means the Baptized are covered with a sort of Holy Spirit Teflon that coats us so that our sin doesn’t stick to us. We are free from the bondage to sin, death, and the devil!

What does that mean in real life? Saint Paul famously asked if we’re now free to sin even more because we know it doesn’t stick. He simply answered No way! But let’s think this through. If the wages of sin is death, then we all must still die, but when we receive the gift of Baptism we die right then and there to sin. We’re reborn, children of God. What a great gift! I told Reece this week that even if he believes he made the decision to be Baptized, the truth is that he finally caught on to what the Holy Spirit had been doing and working in his life. His “decision” to be Baptized is his response to the Holy Spirit’s movement and calling in his life. The question for all of us as we consider our own Baptism is what difference does it make in our lives. Do we leave the font and return to our old ways or do we respond to God’s love with repentance and continue to repent each and every day. When Jesus called sinners to repent, he meant for our whole lives to be lived in repentance, not just a one time occurrence.

When Jesus says to give to Caesar that which belongs to Caesar, but give to God what belongs to God, it’s a reminder to all of us, whose we are. Jesus

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redeemed us when he paid the price for human sin. The wages of sin is and always will be death, but the good news for us is that Jesus opened the graves of all the saints and we need not fear the day of judgment. Forgiveness of sin isn't a license to continue living in sin, but a chance to change, to remember that we are each created in the image of God.

This Lenten season is a time for us to become aware of our sin, but also aware of God's forgiveness and his invitation to walk in a new life. May we all remember that we are Baptized saints and children of our heavenly Father. Amen.

Silence may be kept for meditation...

* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: As we walk together through this season of contemplation and preparation, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Holy God, you have entrusted us with the care of all that you have made. Keep us ever mindful that nothing we have is our own, that we might be wise and loving stewards of your creation. God of the journey,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Every hill and valley, every plant and tree, every bird and fish belong to you, O God. May we work diligently for the protection and preservation of the awesome natural world you created. God of the journey,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Remind leaders at every level that they are to be careful stewards of the people and resources under their authority, and hold them accountable to those they serve. God of the journey,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: We are all charged with the loving care of those in our lives who face physical or emotional challenges (*especially...*) Make our arms extensions of your own, and bring healing and wholeness through us and all those who provide professional care. God of the journey,

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C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: We each play a role in the global systems that can either create staggering injustices or work for lasting, cooperative change for the better. Keep us mindful of how our individual actions can have far-reaching effects, that we might make wise and loving choices in all we do. God of the journey,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: We praise you for all the good stewards who have come before us, caring deeply for us, for your church, their communities, and the world. Inspire us to do likewise, that your church might flourish in the world until the end of time. God of the journey,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

P: Confident that you walk alongside us in our need, we lift to you all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

• **OFFERING**

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet may go to our website located at www.pitsburgtlc.org where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...Loving God, we give to the emperor the things that are the emperors, and to you the things that are yours—which is everything. Accept these gifts as a sign of our commitment to the work of bringing the reign of God near in our communities and the world.


C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING


* **DIALOGUE**



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* **THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

* **THE SANCTUS**



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the dessert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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 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 life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: United into one through this heavenly food, we pray as Jesus taught...

C: 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**

P: The vineyard owner's son, our savior Jesus Christ, invites you now to this feast of bread and wine in remembrance of his sacrifice for the sake of the world. Come and meet him at this table and be strengthened by his presence with you.

• COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is at the rail. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they may say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

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*** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Ho - O - Sa - Na Ho - O - Sa - A - Na

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen

SENDING

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SENDING BLESSING**

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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* **SENDING HYMN** “The Church’s One Foundation”

LBW 369



1 The church’s one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ’ry na - tion, yet one o’er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav’n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: “How long?”
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav’n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - ’ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook and other social media viewers for joining us as well. We’re glad you’re with us today. Until the next time we gather together as God’s people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ’s Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

* **POSTLUDE**

Pam Sherman

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Scripture readings for next Sunday, March 10th
Mark 12:28-44

Health Tips for the Week

MIND: Put a jigsaw puzzle together.

BODY: Be sure to visit the dentist for cleaning and checkup.

SPIRIT: Send a “thinking of you card” to someone.

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This Week @ Trinity – March 3 thru March 10:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, March 3	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Wed, March 6	11:30 am	WELCA Meeting
	6:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper/Devotion
Thurs, March 7	10:00 am	Youth & Family Ministry Team Meeting
Fri, March 8	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, March 10	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion

Save The Date!

Lent Midweek Soup Supper/Devotion	Mar 6, 13, 20 @ 6:30 pm
Palm/Passion Sunday	Mar 24 @ 10:30 am
Maundy Thursday Seder Meal	Mar 28 @ 6:00 pm
Good Friday	Mar 29 @ 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday Worship, Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt	Mar 31 @ 8:00 am & 10:30 am



Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100.

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