ADVENT CHRISTMAS EPIPHANY **LENT** EASTER PENTECOST ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preparation for Worship

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

"It is not the level of prosperity that makes for peace, but the kind of relationship that people have with God. Peace, real peace, is found in reconciliation with Him."

— Alexander Solzhenitsyn, *Warning to the West*

"Jesus Christ is the peace-maker, first between us and God, and then between us and our fellow human beings. We cannot preach the gospel of peace without striving for peace in our relationships."

— John Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*.

God Calls Us to Worship | 1 CHRONICLES 29:11-13

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,

for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.

Yours is the Kingdom, O LORD,

and You are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from You,

and You rule over all.

In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious Name.

Jesus I Come

Text: William True Sleeper | Music: Greg Thompson, © 2000 Greg Thompson Music. CCLI#11123140

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

We Listen to God's Word | ISAIAH 53:4–6

[4] Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
[6] All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

We Confess Our Sins

O God, we praise You that You have given all authority
to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
He is the King of kings,
and Lord of lords,
and worthy of all of our honor and service.
Yet, our Father,
we confess that we are often timid stewards of Your Kingdom:
we are sometimes fearful to utter Your name;

slow to follow where You would lead us;
doubtful that You will sustain Your Church
amidst the onslaught of the world.
Father, be merciful to us in our frailty and failure,
in our fear and our doubt.
May we rest in Your forgiving love,
Your omnipotent sovereignty,
Your omniscient wisdom.
Give us grace to rely wholly on You,
trusting that in our weakness is Your strength.

SILENT CONFESSION *Please pause for a moment of silent confession.*

We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | PSALM 103:10-12

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

There Is A Fountain

Text: William Cowper, 1771 | Music: CLEANSING FOUNTAIN; Lowell Mason, 1830

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more
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Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save
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We Ask for God's Help

Children's Sermon

We Confess Our Faith | APOSTLES' CREED (4TH CENTURY)

Christian, what do you believe?

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

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

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.

** The word catholic (little "c") means universal and refers to the church throughout time and space; it is not referring to the Roman Catholic Church.*

We Greet Others with Peace

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you!

> ***TrinityKids:*** *During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Nursing Mothers' room at the back of Trinity Hall, where the service can be viewed on the monitor, or they are welcome to use the rockers in the Nursery in the TrinityKids area.*

We Are Changed By God's Word | EPHESIANS 2:14–18

[14] For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility [15] by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. [17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

“Christ is our Peace” | REV. DR. BLAKE ALTMAN

Sermon in a Sentence: Christ is our peace.

I. Christ _____ is Our Peace.

II. He Abolishes the _____'s Barrier.

III. The _____ is the Means of Reconciliation.

IV. The Gospel is for _____.

We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

Lead On O King Eternal, arr. Lloyd Larson

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> ***If you have children in TrinityKids, please go pick them up at this time.***

We Celebrate Holy Communion

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

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Praying together: ***We do not presume to come to this Your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. But You are the same Lord; You ever love to show mercy. Grant us therefore, Gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His cup, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.***

He Will Hold Me Fast

Text: Ada Ruth Habershon | Music: Matthew Merker, © 2013 Getty Music Publishing | Matthew Merker Music CCLI#11112410

When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold;
He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight,
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His Promises shall last,
Bought by Him at such a cost,
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last!

Lead On O King Eternal 544

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888 | Music: LANCASHIRE; Henry Thomas Smart, 1836

Lead on O King Eternal,
The day of march has come.
Henceforth in fields of conquest,
Thy tents shall be our home.
Thro' days of preparation,
Thy grace has made us strong.
And now O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on O King Eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease.
And holiness shall whisper,
The sweet Amen of peace.

For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums.
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

Lead on O King Eternal,
We follow not with fears.
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest,
Lead on O God of might.

God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth in joyful service to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we love our neighbors, our city and the world.

Thanks be to God!

Questions for Family Worship and Community Groups

1. *Paul says Christ broke down the walls of hostility. What divisions or walls do you see most clearly in your own heart or in our church community? How might trusting more deeply in Christ as your peace help you dismantle these walls?*
2. *Pastor Blake said that Paul's words in Ephesians 2:14-18 mean that our primary identity in Christ transcends politics, nationality, race, and social status. Practically speaking, how does your identity as part of Christ's "new humanity" change the way you interact with people who are different from you? Can you share an example of how your identity in Christ has changed the way you view or treat others?*
3. *If the cross calls us to be active agents of reconciliation, what specific relationship or situation is God prompting you to address this week? What practical step can you take toward reconciliation or deeper peace?*

CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS:

1. *Why do we sometimes fight or argue with our friends or siblings? How can Jesus help us be friends again when we are upset with each other?*
2. *The Bible says everyone who trusts in Jesus is part of one big family. How do you treat someone who is part of your family? How does knowing we're all part of God's family change how we treat others?*
3. *Jesus forgave us, even when we didn't deserve it. Is there someone you need to forgive or say sorry to this week? What can you do to show them Jesus' love and kindness?*

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