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

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

TRINITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Preparation for Worship

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. The practice of a forty-day preparation period began in the Christian church during the third and fourth centuries. The number forty carries biblical significance based on the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness and Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness.

As a period of preparation, Lent has historically included the instruction of persons for baptism and profession of faith; the calling back of those who have become estranged from the church; and efforts by all Christians to deepen their piety, devotion, and readiness to mark the death and resurrection of their Savior.

## God Calls Us to Worship | ISAIAH 50:7-9

But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
***therefore I have set my face like a flint,***
***and I know that I shall not be put to shame.***
***He who vindicates me is near.***
Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
***Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.***
Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?
***Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;***
***the moth will eat them up.***

## God, Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)

Text: *The Psalter, 1912* | Music: Christopher Miner, ©1997 Christopher Miner Music, CCLI#11123140

God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgement just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

## We Listen to God's Word | EZEKIEL 36:25–27

[25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. [26] And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. [27] And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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

## We Confess Our Sins

***Lord Jesus Christ,***
***surely You have borne my griefs and carried my sorrows;***
***yet I have considered You stricken by God, and afflicted.***
***But You were pierced through for my transgressions,***
***You were crushed for my iniquities;***
***the chastening for my well-being was upon You,***
***and by Your scourging I am healed.***
***Like a sheep I have gone astray,***
***I have turned to my own way;***
***but the Lord has caused my iniquity to fall on You, my blessed Savior.***

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

## We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | ISAIAH 25:9B

Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

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

***Thanks be to God!***

## Before the Throne of God Above 277

Text: Charity Bancroft, 1863 | Music: Vikki Cook, ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship, CCLI#11123140

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there,
who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Savior and my God,
with Christ, my Savior and my God.

## We Ask for God's Help

## Children's Sermon

## We Confess Our Faith | HEIDELBERG CATECHISM NO. 37

What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

***That during His whole life on earth,***
***but especially at the end,***
***Christ sustained in body and soul***
***the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race.***
***This He did in order that,***
***by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice,***
***He might deliver us, body and soul,***
***from eternal condemnation,***
***and gain for us***
***God's grace,***
***righteousness,***
***and eternal life.***

## We Greet Others with Peace | JOHN 20:19

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

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.*

## We Are Changed By God's Word | EPHESIANS 2:4–7

[4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—[6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

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

## Questions for Family Worship and Community Groups

*The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Remember, these questions are just a starting point. Feel free to adapt them to the specific needs and interests of your family worship times and/or community group.*

***1.*** *Reflecting on the reality of being "more than alive," how does knowing you've been spiritually raised and seated with Christ change your view of your identity and worth?*

***2.*** *Paul says God made us alive even when we were dead in sin. How should this truth shape our attitude toward people who seem spiritually resistant or lost?*

***3.*** *What practical steps can you take this week to live confidently from your heavenly position (raised and seated with Christ), rather than striving anxiously in your own strength?*

**CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS:**

***1.*** *What does it mean that God made us "alive" with Jesus? Can we do this by ourselves?*

***2.*** *The Bible says God "raised us up" with Jesus. How does knowing God loves you this much make you feel?*

***3.*** *Jesus has guaranteed that we will be with Him forever. Why is He so kind to us?*

## “More than Alive” | REV. DR. BLAKE ALTMAN

*Sermon in a Sentence: “In Christ, you're more than alive—you're raised from death, seated in victory, and secure forever by God's grace.”*

I. The _____ of Grace (v. 4).

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II. The _____ of Grace (v. 5-6a).

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III. The _____ of Grace (v. 6b).

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IV. The _____ of Grace (v. 7).

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## We Give Regularly, Joyfully, and Sacrificially

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah* (CWM RHONDDA), arr. Lloyd Larson

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## 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 saying:

***Holy, holy holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.***
***Hosanna in the highest!***
***Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord***
***Hosanna in the highest!***

Let us also pray 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.***

## What Wondrous Love Is This 343

Text: American folk hymn | Music: William Walker, *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul,
for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down,
sinking down;
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul,
for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb,
I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on,
I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

## Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah 524

Text: William Williams, transl. Peter Williams, 1771 |. Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1905

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

## 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!***

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