

God Invites us to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord, God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name

In earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy,

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

God Feeds us at the Table

We Share Praises and Requests and We Pray Together

We Sing a Song of Response

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

God Sends Us to Join His Mission

God Blesses Us & Sends us to Join His Mission in the World

Our prayer of confession is adapted from *Worship the Lord: The Liturgy of the Reformed Church in America* (Reformed Church Press, 2005). Our call to faithful living is adapted from *Every Moment Holy (Vol. 1)* by Douglas McKelvey (Rabbit Room Press, 2019).

The Early Service at Trinity

March 26, 2023 - 8:15 am

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

God Gathers us for Worship

Candle, Bible, Water, Towel, Bread, and Cup

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

And renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)

Cast me not away from your Presence, O Lord.

And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of your salvation.

And renew a right spirit within me.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. (Ps. 124:8)

Amen.

The LORD is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him;
my father's God, and I will exalt him. (Ex. 15:2)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We Sing a Song of Praise – “Man of Sorrows, What a Name”

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

We Affirm our Faith (Nicene Creed)

**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.**

We Confess our Sins

Loving Lord Jesus Christ,
who came to seek and to save the lost,
who invites the weary and the overburdened to rest,
and who heals the hurting:
we confess that we have lost of our way.
Forgive our wayward and willful disobedience.
Lead us back to you.
Forgive us for every thought, word, or deed
That has brought hurt to others,
harmed ourselves,
or dishonored your name.
Heal the pain we have caused.
Grace us with your Holy Spirit,
and lead us once again in the way that leads to life.

Silent confession

Assurance of Pardon & Call to Faithful Living (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to
our God, for he will freely pardon.

We Share the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Hear God Speak through Word & Community:

“Peter’s Declaration & Jesus’ Command” – Luke 9:18-27

¹⁸ Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” ¹⁹ They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.” ²⁰ Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.”

²¹ He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, ²² saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.”

²³ Then he said to them all, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. ²⁵ For what does it profit them if they gain the whole world but lose or forfeit themselves? ²⁶ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. ²⁷ Indeed, truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”