



to live, speak, and serve as the very presence of Jesus
for Collingswood and its surrounding boroughs.

Gathering Before God

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God Is Good

Even when it seems the answer's no
The promises of God all find their yes
In Christ who worked the Father's will below
That all who run to him would find their rest

And even when it seems he hides his face
And darkness seems to be our only friend
We look to Christ who suffered in our place
That one day all our suffering would end

*God is good, all of the time
All of the time, God is good
God is good, all of the time
God is good*

And even when it seems he pays no mind
We have a guarantee of his great love
In Christ who came and left his crown behind
That one day we would reign with him above

Lord we believe, but help our unbelief
Lord we believe, but help our hearts to sing

*That you are good, all of the time
All of the time, you are good
You are good, all of the time
You are good*

Lord You are good

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Leader: Oh taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!

People: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

Leader: The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, and his ears toward their cry.

People: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Leader: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

People: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

(from Psalm 34)

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Grace Alone

I was an orphan, lost at the fall; Running away when I'd hear you call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own, I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father you loved me still.

*And in love, before you laid the world's foundation,
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station;
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.*

You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone; Nothing I did could ever atone,
Jesus, you paid my debt.

*By Your blood I have redemption and salvation.
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new creation.
I am born again by grace and grace alone.*

I was in darkness all of my life, I never knew the day from the night,
But Spirit you made me see.
I swore I knew the way on my own; Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me.

*And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken;
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.
So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone.*

Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through Him we would now come near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, delighting in your Word, and leaning on your arm. We joyfully seek your face.

Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF PARDON

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

(Psalm 40:1-3)

PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Word of God

SCRIPTURE READING - John 14:1-14

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And you know the way to where I am going." **5** Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" **6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." **9** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. **11** Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. **13** Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Speaker: Scott Rambo

Title: "I Am the Way, the Truth, the Life"

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Leader: Let us say what we believe.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
whence He shall 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 life everlasting.
Amen.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Table

MEANING OF THE SACRAMENT

Leader: Beloved in the Lord Jesus, the meal which we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, communion, and hope.

We come to remember that Jesus was sent into the world to assume our flesh and blood, to become God with us, that we might be redeemed.

We come to have communion with this same Christ who has promised to be with us even to the end of the world.

We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and a foretaste of a new heaven and a new earth, where we shall behold God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Here is the bread of life given for us;

Let all who hunger come and eat.

Here is the fruit of the vine, poured out for us;

Let all who thirst come and drink.

Liberti Collingswood offers the Lord's Supper (or Communion) every Sunday at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. We encourage you to join us for this sacrament whenever you can. Alternatively, if you are local to Collingswood and unable to be present with us on Sunday mornings, feel free to reach out to Jim (jim@liberti.org) in order to have a conversation about how you otherwise might receive Communion.

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church. If you are unable to receive Communion, we invite you to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me
His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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The Sending

BENEDICTION

Leader: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Now and forevermore, go in peace.

(2 Cor 13:14)

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!