

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
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Responsive Call to Worship



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One: Anointed before his death by a faithful
woman disciple,

**All: but betrayed by a self-serving disciple,
Jesus confronted death.**

One: But through his death on the cross and the
power of the resurrection,

**All: in faith we believe that Christ has made us
his own.**

One: And so with shouts of joy we declare
God's praise

All: for the Lord has done great things for us.



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Hymn 81 Unto the hills

**1. Unto the hills around do I lift up
my longing eyes:
oh whence for me shall my salvation come,
from whence arise?
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
from God the Lord who heaven and earth hath made.**

**2. He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:
safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall his eyelids close,
who keepeth thee.
Behold, he sleepeth not, he slumbereth ne'er,
who keepeth Israel in his holy care.**

**3. Jehovah is himself thy keeper true,
thy changeless shade;
Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand
himself hath made,
and thee no sun by day shall ever smite;
no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.**

**4. From every evil shall he keep thy soul,
from every sin:
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,
thy coming in.
Above thee watching, he whom we adore
shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.**

Prayer of Praise and Confession *(minister)*

Assurance of Pardon *(minister)*

Hymn 231 When I survey the wondrous cross

**1. 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.**

**2. 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 to his blood.**

**3. 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?**

**4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Prayer for illumination

Responsive Reading **Psalm 126**

¹When the Lord brought back his exiles to Jerusalem,
it was like a dream!

**²We were filled with laughter,
and we sang for joy.**

And the other nations said,

“What amazing things the Lord has done for them.”

³Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us!

What joy!

**⁴Restore our fortunes, Lord,
as streams renew the desert.**

⁵Those who plant in tears
will harvest with shouts of joy.

**⁶They weep as they go to plant their seed,
but they sing as they return with the harvest.**

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Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 43:16-21 NLT

¹⁶I am the Lord, who opened a way through the waters,
making a dry path through the sea.

¹⁷I called forth the mighty army of Egypt
with all its chariots and horses.

I drew them beneath the waves, and they drowned,
their lives snuffed out like a smoldering candlewick.

¹⁸“But forget all that—
it is nothing compared to what I am going to do.

¹⁹For I am about to do something new.

See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.

I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

²⁰The wild animals in the fields will thank me,
the jackals and owls, too,
for giving them water in the desert.

Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland
so my chosen people can be refreshed.

²¹I have made Israel for myself,
and they will someday honor me before the whole world.

Philippians 3:4b-14 NLT

⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

John 12:1-8 NLT

¹² ¹ Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead.

² A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. ³ Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

⁴ But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said,

⁵ "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold

and the money given to the poor.”⁶ Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself.

⁷ Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial.”⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Do we really know?

Prayers of the People (minister)

Hymn 677 My faith looks up to thee

**1. My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
now hear me when I pray;
take all my guilt away;
oh let me from this day
be wholly thine.**

**2. May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart;
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh may my love to thee
pure, warm and changeless be,
a living fire.**

**3. While life’s dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness tum to day,
wipe sorrow’s tears away,**

**nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.**

**4. When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then, in love,
fear and distrust remove;
oh bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.**

The offering

***Doxology 830 Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Prayer of Dedication (congregation)

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 374 O for a thousand tongues to sing

**1. Oh for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,**

the triumphs of God's grace.

**2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
and bids our sorrows cease:**

'tis music in the sinner's ears;

'tis life and health and peace.

3. He speaks, and listening to his voice

new life the dead receive;

the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;

the humble poor believe.

4. Hear him, you deaf; you voiceless ones,

your tongues again employ;

you blind, behold your Saviour comes,

and leap, you lame, for joy.

5. My gracious Master and my God,

assist me to proclaim,

and spread through all the earth abroad

the honours of thy name.

Choral Blessing

Go now in peace, never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see---.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.