

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**  
**Third Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

To you, O Lord, we cry. And to the Lord we offer our prayers.

**What profit is there in my death if I go down to the pit?**

Will the dust praise the Lord? Will it tell of God's faithfulness?

**Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to us! O Lord, be our helper!**

You turn our mourning into dancing. You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy.

**May our souls praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to the Lord forever! Let us worship God!**

**Hymn 363 All hail the power of Jesus' name**

**1. All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem to  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

**2. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call;  
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

**3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

**4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go, spread your trophies at his feet, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,  
crown him Lord of all.**

**5. Let every tribe and every tongue,  
responsive to the call,  
lift high the universal song, and  
crown him, crown him, crown him,**

**crown him Lord of all.**

**Prayer of Praise and Confession**      *(minister)*

**Assurance of Pardon**                      *(minister)*

**Hymn 410 Joyful, joyful we adore you**

**1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.**

**Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!**

**2. All your works with joy surround you;  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
join to praise you joyfully.**

**3. You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blessed,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
God Creator, Christ our Saviour,  
all are yours who live in love.  
Teach us how to love our neighbour,  
Lift us to your joy above.**

**4. Morning stars, awake the chorus,  
mortals join in every part,  
for what joy is set before us  
as Christ's love joins heart to heart!  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.**

## Prayer for illumination

### Responsive Reading      Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, Lord, for you rescued me.

You refused to let my enemies triumph over me.

**<sup>2</sup>O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you restored my health.**

<sup>3</sup>You brought me up from the grave, O Lord.

You kept me from falling into the pit of death.

**<sup>4</sup>Sing to the Lord, all you godly ones!  
Praise his holy name.**

<sup>5</sup>For his anger lasts only a moment,

but his favor lasts a lifetime!

Weeping may last through the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

**<sup>6</sup>When I was prosperous, I said,  
"Nothing can stop me now!"**

<sup>7</sup>Your favor, O Lord, made me as secure as a mountain.

Then you turned away from me, and I was shattered.

**<sup>8</sup>I cried out to you, O Lord.  
I begged the Lord for mercy, saying,**

<sup>9</sup>"What will you gain if I die,

if I sink into the grave?

Can my dust praise you?

Can it tell of your faithfulness?

**<sup>10</sup>Hear me, Lord, and have mercy on me.  
Help me, O Lord."**

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing.

You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me  
with joy,

**<sup>12</sup>that I might sing praises to you and not be silent.  
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever!**

New Living Translation (NLT)

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## Scripture Lessons

### Acts 9:1-20 NLT

9 <sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. <sup>2</sup> He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he

found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

<sup>3</sup> As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?”

<sup>5</sup> “Who are you, lord?” Saul asked.

And the voice replied, “I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! <sup>6</sup> Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

### **Revelation 5:11-14 NLT**

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked again, and I heard the voices of thousands and millions of angels around the throne and of the living beings and the elders. <sup>12</sup> And they sang in a mighty chorus:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered—  
to receive power and riches  
and wisdom and strength  
and honor and glory and blessing.”

<sup>13</sup> And then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea. They sang:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power  
belong to the one sitting on the throne  
and to the Lamb forever and ever.”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living beings said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped the Lamb.

### **John 21:1-19 NLT**

<sup>21</sup> Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. <sup>2</sup> Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

<sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.”

“We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

<sup>4</sup> At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. <sup>5</sup> He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?”

“No,” they replied.

<sup>6</sup> Then he said, "Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you'll get some!" So they did, and they couldn't haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. <sup>8</sup> The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. <sup>9</sup> When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

<sup>10</sup> "Bring some of the fish you've just caught," Jesus said. <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn't torn.

<sup>12</sup> "Now come and have some breakfast!" Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "you know I love you."

"Then feed my lambs," Jesus told him.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

"Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."

"Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

<sup>17</sup> A third time he asked him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep.

<sup>18</sup> "I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go." <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, "Follow me."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Sermon Three times**

**Prayers of the People (minister)**

**Hymn 767 Lord, speak to me**

**1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let me seek  
your erring children lost and lone.**

**2. Oh lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
the wandering and the wavering feet;  
oh feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
your hungering ones with manna sweet.**

**3. Oh teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious truths that you impart,  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**4. Oh fill me with your fullness, Lord,  
until my heart shall overflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

**5. Oh use me, Lord, use even me  
just as you will, and when, and where,  
until at last your face I see,  
your rest, your joy, your glory share.**

**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 490 God of grace and God of glory**

**1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.**

**3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.**

**4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
gird our lives that they may be  
armoured with all Christlike graces,  
pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
that we fail not them nor thee,  
that we fail not them nor thee!**

**5. Save us from weak resignation**

**to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.**

### **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.**