

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PART 1: THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION



We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness).

Call to Worship • *Lent 1*

[Psalm 91:14–16 (EHV)]

PASTOR *Today we pray to the God of mercy who suffered through the challenges of human life for us and forgives us all our sins. Because He endured severe temptations just like we do, He understands us when we call to Him for help. May we be strengthened through our own temptations by turning to His Word for comfort.*

O Lord, “the one who clings to You will call on You, and You will answer him. You will be with him in distress.

CONGREGATION **You will deliver him and You will honor him. With long life You will satisfy him, and You will let him see Your salvation.”**

First Hymn • *“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”*

[ELH 253]

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;
From thy sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o’ertaken.
For the foe, Well we know,
Oft his harvest reapeth
While the Christian sleepeth.

2. Watch against the devil's snares

Lest asleep he find thee;
 For indeed no pains he spares
 To deceive and blind thee.
 Satan's prey Oft are they
 Who secure are sleeping
 And no watch are keeping.

6. Therefore let us watch and pray,

Knowing He will hear us
 As we see from day to day
 Dangers ever near us,
 And the end Doth impend
 Our redemption neareth
 When the Lord appeareth.

-Stand-

Confession of Sins

[ELH p 41, alt]

¶ Let us confess our sins to God and pray:

We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed. In Your perfect justice, You should reject and condemn us for all eternity.

¶ Therefore we come before You with sorrowful hearts, dreading Your holy justice and terrorized by everlasting death. Our sins are a great enemy and we should hate them in every way as long as we live.

¶ But merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we run to You—our infinitely merciful God—for refuge. We pray to You for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. We beg You,

dearest Father, to forgive our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts so we are fully assured of Your grace.

☩ We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Mercy ~ Kyrie Eleison

[ELH p. 42; Mark 10:47]



☩ O God the Fa-ther in heav - en, have mer-cy up-on us.

O God the Son, Re - deem-er of the world, have mercy upon us.

O God the Ho-ly Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mercy upon us.

Forgiveness of Sin ~ Absolution

☐ Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

He says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Indeed, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PART 2: THE SERVICE OF THE WORD



After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thank God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He then increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the *Lessons* and the *Psalms*, and especially through the *Sermon* where God's Word is applied to our lives today.

Lenten Office Hymn

[TEXT: "New Office Hymn Book" (1908) alt; TUNE: ELH 323]



1. O mer - ci - ful Cre - a - tor, hear! Ac - cept the pray'r and
2. The num - ber of our sins is great, But pi - ty us in
3. Blest Three- in- One, and One- in- Three, We pray to You, blest



see the tear, Which toward Your Mer - cy Seat is sent
 our poor state. And, for Your name's sake, Lord, make whole
 Trin - i - ty, That in this time of for - ty days,



In this most ho - ly time of Lent.
 The faint - ing and the wea - ry soul.
 We med - i - tate and sing Your praise.

Prayer of the Day ~ Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you, His people.

G And with your spirit as You minister to us.

P Let us pray:

O Lord God, because we often fall into temptation and sin against You, You do not need to hear our prayers. Yet in Your grace You sent Jesus to be our substitute. He did not sin even when He was severely tempted. Now, because Jesus died and rose in our place, we ask You to strengthen us to resist temptation in our own lives and grow closer to You through Your Word.

A We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

-Be seated-

Lesson • Genesis 3:1–5

Giving into temptations to sin is one of great challenges in our lives. This has been a challenge to Christians from the very beginning!

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’”

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸They heard the voice of the Lord God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The Lord God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,

you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.

You shall crawl on your belly,
 and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.
¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
 and between your seed and her seed.
 He will crush your head,
 and you will crush his heel. (EHV)

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation • Lent 1

[Psalm 91:1, 4 (EHV)]


☞ *One who lives in the shelter of the Most High*

☞ **Will stay in the shadow of the Almighty.**

☞ *With his feathers he will cover you,*

☞ **And under his wings you will find refuge.**

Gospel • Matthew 4:1–11

 Jesus went through everything we go through in life. He was even severely tempted to sin. Unlike us, however, He resisted temptation perfectly!

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”

⁴But Jesus answered, “It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you.
 And they will lift you up in their hands,
 so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written:

You shall not test the Lord your God.”

⁸Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written:

Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

¹¹Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him. (EHV)

☐ *Here ends the Gospel.*

📌 **God be praised for His glad tidings!**

-Be seated-

Chief Hymn • *"I Walk in Danger All the Way"*

[ELH 252]

1. I walk in danger all the way;
The thought shall never leave me
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.
2. I pass through trials all the way,
With sin and ills contending;
In patience I must bear each day
The cross of God's own sending.
Oft in adversity
I know not where to flee,
When storms of woe my soul dismay;
I pass through trials all the way.

**5. I walk with Jesus all the way;
His guidance never fails me.
Within His wounds I find a stay
When Satan's pow'r assails me,
And, by His footsteps led,
My path I safely tread.
In spite of ills that threaten may,
I walk with Jesus all the way.**

Sermon • “I Am Sure”

Romans 8:31–39

What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies!

³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.

We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. (*Psalms 44:22*)

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (EHV)

Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

P *Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:*

A **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Reception of Offerings and Prayer



Offerings are brought by those who are thankful to God for saving them through Jesus. Before the service starts we collect the offering in the designated areas in the entryway and Gathering Room.

For those who wish to give digitally, please use the link to our digital giving platform to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

Prayer of the Church

[ELH p 48-49, alt]

P *Heavenly Father, may Your will be done in this world.*

G **May the governments You have established run well for the benefit of Your people.**

P *May Your pure Word which is taught by Your holy Church be preserved in every place.*

G **May many more people enter into Your kingdom by faith.**

☞ *Keep us, who are gathered here, in the true faith.*

☞ **As You re-created us in our Baptisms, we pray that You continue to enlighten us through Your Word, and strengthen us through Your holy Supper.**

☞ *In Your mercy... [special petitions]... In Christ's name we pray.*

☞ **Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.**

☞ *We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ.*

☞ **Amen.**

PART 3: THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION



Following Christ's command, we receive His grace to us in the special meal He instituted for the forgiveness of our sins. Here, He feeds us with His true body and His true blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. This is the same body which was born of the Virgin Mary, and the same blood which dripped down the wooden cross. This part of the liturgy is one of the oldest parts, dating back to at least the third century AD.

Questions and prayers for preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38–40.



FOR OUR GUESTS: Please note that Trinity practices "Close Communion" (or "Membership Communion"). This means we only Commune with people who believe and teach the same doctrine which we do (ELS or WELS). This is necessary because Christ commands us to be unified as a congregation (Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17). He warns that—much like abusing a powerful medicine—those who improperly receive Holy Communion receive Divine judgment rather than blessing (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29). And, contrary to the way many congregations practice today, "Close Communion" is the ancient practice of the Christian church (Acts 2:42). Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, please speak with the pastor BEFORE the service to find out how our "Close Communion" practice affects you.

Great Thanksgiving

[2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136]

P *The Lord be with you, His people.*

G **And with your spirit as you minister to us.**

P *Lift up your hearts in joy.*

G **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P *It is truly good and right... evermore singing Your praise:*

Song of Saints and Angels ~ Sanctus

[Is 6:3, Mt 21:9 • text: Rev. Arden Mead • tune: CW 492]



Lord's Prayer

[Lk 11:2-4; Mt 6:9-13]

A 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

[Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25;
Through these words, the presence of Our Lord's Body and Blood is effected in our midst.]

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night... in remembrance of me.

Song to the Lamb ~ Agnus Dei

[Jn 1:29 • ELH p. 55]

G O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You
take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - men.

-Be seated-

Distribution

*[Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers.
During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn(s)]*

291, "Lord Jesus Christ My Life My Light"

1. Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On earth I'm but a passing guest
And sorely by my sins oppressed.
2. Far off I see my fatherland,
Where through Thy blood I hope to stand.
But ere I reach that Paradise
A weary way before me lies.
3. My heart sinks at the journey's length,
My wasted flesh has little strength;
My soul alone still cries in me:
"Lord, take me home, take me to Thee!"
4. O let Thy suff'rings give me pow'r
To meet the last and darkest hour!
Thy blood refresh and comfort me;
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.
5. The blows and stripes that fell on Thee
Heal up the wounds of sin in me;
Thy crown of thorns, Thy foes' mad spite,
Let be my glory and delight.
6. That thirst and bitter draught of Thine
Cause me to bear with patience mine;
Thy piercing cry uphold my soul
When floods of anguish o'er me roll!

7. Thy Spirit cry within me still
When here my lips grow white and chill
And help my soul Thy heav'n to find
When these poor eyes grow dark and blind!
8. Thy dying words let be my light
When death approaches as dark night;
Defend me in my dying breath
When then I bow my head in death.
9. Thy cross let be my staff in life,
Thy holy grave my rest from strife;
The winding sheet that covered Thee,
O let it be a shroud for me.
10. Lord, in Thy nail prints let me read
That Thou to save me hast decreed
And grant that in Thine opened side
My troubled soul may ever hide.
11. Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just,
I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of heav'n, Lord, open wide
When here I may no more abide.
12. And when the last Great Day shall come
And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the doom,
Let me with joy behold the light
And set me then upon Thy right.
13. Renew this wasted flesh of mine
That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright,
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

**14. Ah, then shall I most joyful be
And with the angels sing to Thee
And with Thy blessed, chosen fold
Fore'er Thy gracious face behold.**

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[ELH p. 56, alt.]

☞ *Let us give thanks and pray:*

We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Supper. We pray that through it, You would mercifully strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another.

☞ **We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

God's Final Blessing ~ Benediction

[ELH p. 57; Num 6:24–26]

☞ *The Lord bless you and keep you... and give you peace ☩ .*

☞ **Amen.**

Closing Hymn • 307, "I Know Thee Savior"

[TUNE: 197, "My Hope is Built"]

- 1. I know Thee, Savior! God Thou art,
Jesus, the feeble sinner's Friend;
Lord, do not now from me depart,
But stay, and love me to the end.
The mercies never shall remove;
Thy nature and Thy name is Love.**
- 2. 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me,
By grace Thou livest in my heart;
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
Pure universal love Thou art.
To me, to all, Thy mercies move,
Thy nature and Thy name is Love.**

-Be seated-

Worship Notes

- Preacher: Pastor Daniel J. Hartwig & Vicar Seth Krueger
- Organist: Donna Moll
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- February Altar Committee: Janelle Brei



Thanks for Worshiping with us today!