

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PART 1: THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION



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

Call to Worship • Lent 3

[Psalm 25:15–16 (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. May we always be thankful for Jesus' work of clearing the devil out of the spiritual houses of our hearts, and may we fill our hearts with His Word so that our enemy has no opportunity to move back in.*

"My eyes are always on the LORD, because he frees my feet from the net.

CONGREGATION **Turn toward me and be gracious to me, because I am lonely and afflicted."**

First Hymn • "Now Let Triumphant Faith Dispel"

[text: ELH 260 • tune: CW 441]

1. Now let tri-umph-ant faith dis-pel Our fears of guilt and woe! If
 2. He who His on-ly Son gave up To death, that we might live, Shall
 3. And He who died has ris'n a-gain Tri-umph-ant from the grave; At

God be for us— God the Lord— Who dares to be our foe?
 He not all things free-ly grant His bound-less love can give?
 God's right hand for us He pleads, E-ter-nal-ly to save.

-Stand-

Confession of Sins

[ELH p 41, alt]

P 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.

G 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.

P 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.

G 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

[Mark 10:47]



G 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: CW 125]



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

Which toward Your Mer - cy Seat is sent In this most ho - ly time of Lent.
 And, for Your name's sake, Lord, make whole The faint - ing and the wea - ry soul.
 That in this time of for - ty days, We med - i - tate and sing Your praise.

Prayer of the Day ~ Salutation and Collect

☞ The Lord be with you, His people.

☞ And with your spirit as You minister to us.

☞ *Let us pray:*

O Lord God, You sent Your Son Jesus to die for us so He would overcome the devil, forcing him out of the spiritual houses of our hearts. We pray that we do not get too comfortable in this world and let our spiritual houses remain empty, so that the devil can move back in and rip our faith away. Instead, fill our spiritual houses with Your Word through Your Holy Spirit.

☞ **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 • Ephesians 5:1–9



It's easy to say we are Christians, if our words and actions don't reflect Christian love, then we may not be in danger of falling away. Jesus alone is the one who gives His light to us through His Word.

Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. ²And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But do not let sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed even be mentioned among you, as is proper for saints. ⁴Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are also out of place. Instead, give thanks. ⁵Certainly you are aware of this: No immoral, impure, or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, who is God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. ⁷So do not share in what they do.

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. (EHV)

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation • Lent 3

[Psalm 123:1, 2b, 3a (EHV)]

☞ *To you I lift up my eyes,*

☞ **To you who are seated in heaven.**

☞ *Our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he shows us his grace.*

☞ **Show grace to us, O LORD.**

Gospel • Luke 11:14–28

Jesus shows how real the devil's attacks are on us. Even though Jesus has already cleared out our spiritual house, our enemy is still trying to tear us away from God. The solution is clear: Keep God's Word!

Jesus drove out a demon, which was mute. After the demon had gone out, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He drives out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.” ¹⁶Others were testing him by demanding of him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is destroyed. And a house divided against itself falls. ¹⁸If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? You say that I drive out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹But if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons drive them out? So they will be your judges. ²⁰Yet if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

²¹“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. ²²But when someone stronger attacks him and defeats him, he takes away that man’s full armor, in which he had trusted, and divides up his plunder.

²³“The one who is not with me is against me. The one who does not gather with me scatters. ²⁴When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, but does not find any. Then it says, ‘I will return to my house, the one I left.’ ²⁵When it returns, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and dwell there. The last condition of that man becomes worse than the first.”

²⁷While he was saying these things, a woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that carried you, and the breasts at which you nursed!”

²⁸But he said, “Even more blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (EHV)

☐ *Here ends the Gospel.*

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

-Be seated-

Chief Hymn • “Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”

[CW 447]



1. Who trusts in God, A strong a-bode In heav'n and earth pos-sess-es; Who
 2. In all our strife Of mor-tal life Our feet will stand se-cure-ly. Temp-

looks in love To Christ a-bove—No fear his heart op-press-es. In
 ta-tion's hour Will lose its pow'r, For You will guard us sure-ly. O

You a-lone, Dear Lord, we own Sweet hope and con-so-la-tion, Our
 God, re-new, With heav'n-ly dew Our bod-y, soul, and spir-it Un-

shield from foes, Our balm for woes, Our great and sure sal-va-tion.
 til we stand At Your right hand Through Je-sus' sav-ing mer-it.

Sermon • Luke 11:14–28

It's Time To Clean House

1. Examining The _____

2. Getting a _____

3. Doing Regular _____

-Stand-

Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

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

☛ 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]

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

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

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

☞ **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.**

☞ *Hear us, Lord, as we give You our private petitions.*

-Silence for private 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]

 *The Lord be with you, His people.*


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

 *Lift up your hearts in joy.*

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

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

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

 *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]



 **Lo, the heav'n-ly host re - joic-es: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord!"**

Lo, God's peo-ple join their voic-es: "God of hosts, by all a-dored,

Heav'n and earth pro - claim Your glo - ry!" Blest is He who comes our King!

Let hosan-nas spread the stor - y, Heav-en's prais-es ech-o-ing.

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.

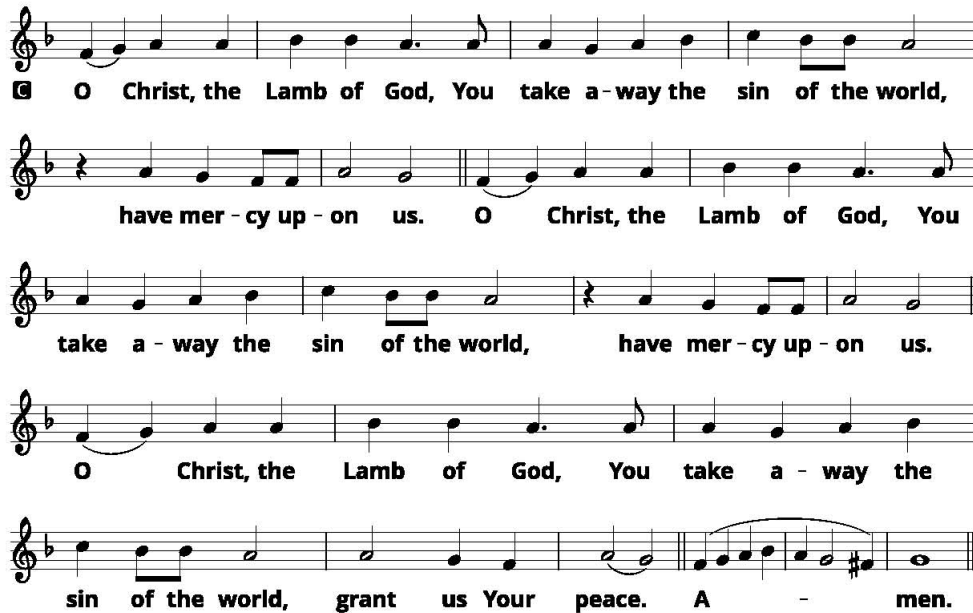
Words of Institution

[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)]*

“Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

[ELH 328]

1. Soul, a - dorn thy-self with glad - ness, Leave be - hind all gloom and sad - ness.
2. Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him,

Come in - to the day-light's splen - dor; There with joy thy prais - es ren - der
For with words of life im - mor - tal Now He knocketh at thy por - tal.

Un - to Him whose grace unbound - ed Has this won - drous Sup - per found - ed.
Haste to ope' the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, while thou dost a - dore Him:

High o'er all the heav'ns He reign - eth, Yet to dwell with us He deign - eth.
Suf - fer, Lord, that I re - ceive Thee, And I nev - er - more will leave Thee.

3. He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us hath freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were
proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for thee riven,
And His blood, for thee once given.
4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit
For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted,
For this cup of life have thirsted.
For the Friend who here invites us
And to God Himself unites us.
5. In my heart I find ascending
Holy awe, with rapture blending,
As this mystery I ponder,
Filling all my soul with wonder,
Bearing witness at this hour
Of the greatness of God's power;
Far beyond all human telling
Is the pow'r within Him dwelling.
6. Human reason, though it ponder,
Cannot fathom this great wonder,
That Christ's body e'er remaineth
Though it countless souls sustaineth,
And that He His blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.
7. Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker:
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven
For our good, Thy glory, given.
8. Lord, by love and mercy driven,
Thou hast left Thy throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Thy blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.
9. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,
Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited;
Be Thy love with love requited.
From this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me
As Thy guest in heav'n receive me.

ELH 320, "Lord Jesus Christ You Have Bestowed"

1. Lord Jesus Christ, You have bestowed
For our weak souls' true feeding
This Meal, Your body and Your blood,
To it as guests us bidding.
We, pressed with sin's load burdensome,
Thus as Your chosen guests here come
And seek Your help and counsel.
2. Though visibly from earth You've gone,
Already now ascended,
And here to us remain unseen
Till this brief time is ended,
Until the Judgment shall begin
When we will stand before Your throne
And joyfully behold You.
3. Still You are here, as says Your Word,
With us, Your congregation,
With now Your flesh and bones, O Lord,
Not bound to one location.
Your Word stands as a tower sure,
None can o'erthrow its truth secure,
Be he most shrewd and subtle.
4. "This is My body," thus You say,
"Eat orally, so take Me;
All drink My blood; by you I stay,
And you shall not forsake Me."
Thus You have spoken, so 'tis true;
Naught is impossible with You,
For You, Lord, are almighty.
5. And though my mind here does not see
How in so many places
Your body at one time can be,
Yet faith Your Word embraces.
I leave to You how this can be,
Your Word, O Lord, suffices me;
Faith stands upon it solely.
6. Lord, I believe, dear Lord, I trust;
Help for faith's weakness give me!
See, I but ashes am and dust;
Ne'er of Your Word deprive me!
Your Baptism, Supper, and Your Word
My comfort here below afford;
Here lies my heart's true treasure.
7. O help, Lord, that we worthily
Go to Your holy Table,
Our sins lamenting heartily,
And with Your merits noble
And Your great kindness us refresh;
Then surely e'er we'll strive afresh
Thereby our life to better.
8. Lord Christ, to You be highest praise
For this blest Supper given!
While 'gainst it men bold falsehood raise,
Keep it for us from heaven!
Help that Your body and Your blood
May be my soul's consoling food
In my last moments! Amen.

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 • “God of Mercy, God of Grace”

[ELH 582]

1. God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright - ness of Your face.
 2. Let the peo - ple praise You, Lord! Earth shall then her fruits af - ford.

Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine; Fill Your Church with light di - vine,
 God to us His bless - ing give, We to God de - vot - ed live;

And Your sav - ing health ex - tend To the earth's re - mot - est end.
 All be - low and all a - bove One in joy and light and love.

-Be seated-