



TRINITY

EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 29, 2020

Liturgy

March 29, 2020
5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements

- Subscribe to the weekly email [HERE](#).
- Lind Slatt (Communications Director) will answer the church office phone Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (724.935.2746).
- Use the [Contact form](#) to reach the church office or [Contact Me](#) form to reach Pastor Doug Gebhard for special communications.
- Pastor Doug Gebhard will host a “coffee klatsch” (group meeting, discussion, mutual support) Mondays and Thursdays at 11:00 am. Join by going [HERE](#). Instructions for joining are [in this file](#).
- The Pastor’s (P) parts in the liturgy are in normal text. The congregation’s (C) response is in **bold** text.

GATHERING

Prelude

Centering ourselves in God’s presence through music and Light

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Like tightly wound grave clothes, sin strangles our spirits and shrouds our lives. But Christ summons us to new and abundant life. Trusting the Spirit to unbind us, let us confess the ways sin deadens our lives.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, we have set our minds on wrong things,

C: on selfish gain, not generous service; on pursuits that distract, not inspire; on tasks that diminish, rather than give, life. We long to set our minds on eternal things—on your way of mercy and compassion; on paths that lead to justice and peace; on living as people of hope. Spirit of God, dwell in us. Give us grace when we fall short, transform our hearts and renew our minds, and set us free to follow you faithfully. Amen.

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you..

C: Amen.

Hymn “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #886 vs. 1-2

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

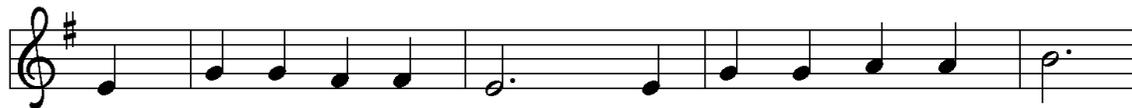
My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Apostolic Greeting

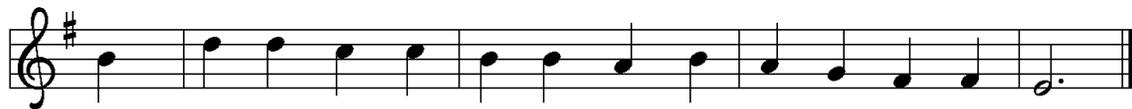
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie p. 186



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones

live?’ I answered, ‘O Lord God, you know.’ Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.’ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation** p. 142

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P: The gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel John 11:17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon “Easter Everyday” Pastor Doug Gebhard

Hymn “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712 vs. 1-2

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose

ev'ry gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People of God

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

After the final petition, the prayers conclude with:

P: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL**Invitation to Offering**

This is a very difficult time for many with some losing their jobs and others being temporality laid off. For many others, there's a sense of uncertainty about the future. Making an offering isn't compulsory; we give what we can... if we can. For those who can continue financial support, please consider increasing your donations offsetting those who are unable to donate at this time.

Trinity Church provides easy convenient ways for people to make an offering.

- *Electronic Giving:* A link can be found on the church website under the [eGiving section](#). If you need assistance setting this up, please let the church office know.
- *US Mail:* Your offering can be mailed to the church office at 2500 Brandt School Road / Wexford, PA / 15090.

Meditative Song for Offering**Offering Song** "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God / and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence / and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation / and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

P: God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: From the valley of dry bones you raise us up, giving us the flesh of your Word and the breath of your Spirit. Jesus is the resurrection and the life..

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy p.144

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: Those who believe in him, even though they die, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in him will never die.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. Set our minds on your Holy Spirit, in whom we find our life and

peace. Let the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwell in us always, giving life to our mortal bodies and light to our souls.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.

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 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.**

Song "Lamb of God" p. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Holy Communion

Use bread, biscuits, or crackers and wine or grape juice as Communion elements. Follow the lead of the Pastor.

Blessing After Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel on through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: May God bless you and keep you. May God be kind and gracious to you. May God's face be lifted up, shine upon you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn "On Eagle's Wings" #787 vs. 1-2

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand

Dismissal

P: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "If any wish to be my disciples, let them take up the cross and follow me."

C: Amen.