Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Doug Gebhard, Interim Pastor

Centering Music for Quiet Meditation

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Confession
P: In the name of the Triune God + who creates, redeems and sustains: Let us pray.
C: “If you love me,
you will keep my commandments,” you said.
And, in the same breath,
you promised an Advocate would come to us.
You, Lord, were faithful to your promise.
But we—
we have broken your law of love.
We have hoarded resources,
rather than feeding your sheep.
We have stoked competition,
rather than kneeling at others’ feet.
We have kept silent,
rather than testifying to our belief.
For not showing our love for you
by loving one another, forgive us.
Help us obey your commandments
and keep us ever faithful to your Word
by the power of your Spirit,
who abides with and among us. Amen.

(Silent confession)
P: Lord, in your mercy.
C: Hear our prayer.

Forgiveness
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
C: Thank be to God!

**Hymn** #456 “Baptized in Water” (vs.1-2)
Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

**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.

**WORD**

**First Reading** Psalm 66:8–20
Bless our God, O peoples,  
let the sound of his praise be heard,  
who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.  
For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;  
you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.  
I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,  
those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah  
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.  
I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.  
But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

L: The word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**Gospel** John 14:15–21  
"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Time with the Children**

**Sermon**  
“If You Love Me…”  
Pastor Doug Gebhard

**Musical Meditation**  
*A time to reflect and meditate on the Word.*

**Apostles’ Creed** (Unison)  
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**  
*Each section ends with:*  
P: Lord, in your mercy,  
C: hear our prayer.

**Peace**  
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: And also with you.

**MEAL**

**Offering**  
*What are you thankful for today? What gifts of grace do you want to dedicate to God’s mission? How might you, like the early Church, share what you have “for the goodwill of all the people”? See information at the end of the liturgy on how to make your financial offering.*

**Musical Meditation** “Create in Me A Clean Heart” #185  
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.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Offering Prayer**

**Great Thanksgiving**  
*As we gather as guests at the Lord’s Table to commune with the risen Christ and one another, set aside bread and wine/juice for the Meal and join with brothers and sisters near and far away at the Lord’s Supper.*

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: And also with you.  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *(Spoken in unison)*
Holy, holy, holy Lord
Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

**Words of Institution and Acclamation**
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.

P: Great is the mystery of faith:
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Lord's Prayer** *(Unison)*
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.

**Lamb of God** *(Unison)*
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world
Have mercy upon us
And grant us your peace

Communion of the People of God
P: Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry…”
mThe Bread of Life.
The people eat the bread.

P: Jesus said, “I am the vine and you are the branches. Cut off from me, you can do nothing.”
The cup of the New Covenant.
The people drink of the cup.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Hymn #396 “Spirit of Gentleness” (vs. 1 & 4)

Refrain
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." Refrain

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. Refrain

Blessing & Charge

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Keeping Connected

- **Subscribe** to the weekly email [HERE](#).

- **Contact Us**—Linda 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.

- **Communion**: Prior to worship, light a candle and set a communion table for you and your family–bread and wine (or juice) to share.

- **Time with Children**: Pastor Doug will direct a message to the children who are watching each week. He’d like them to respond to the message in a picture, drawing, poem and email him their creation. These will be shared in worship at Time with the Children. Parents need to download and complete the [photo release](#) form on the [Remote Worship](#) page of the church website. Scan or take a picture of your child’s reflection and email the form with children’s work to office email (office@trinitywexford.org).

- **Justice and the Prophets**: Interim Pastor Doug Gebhard will lead a weekly study at 7:00 PM on Zoom ([https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87026907840](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87026907840)). Each week a new aspect of justice will be examined. A schedule and PDF’s for the studies can be downloaded on the church website: [https://www.trinitywexford.org/wednesday-evening-study/](https://www.trinitywexford.org/wednesday-evening-study/)

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**Giving to the Church**

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.
Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, cleansed by the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal-va-tion, trust-ing his

prom-ise, faith-ful-ly now God’s praise we sing.

2 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, dead in the
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris-ing, freed and for-
given, thank-ful-ly now God’s praise we sing.

3 Bap-tized in wa-ter, sealed by the Spir-it, marked with the
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir-it, we are God’s
children; joy-ful-ly now God’s praise we sing.
Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness calling and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ter, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coax - ed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - do - ls and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings,"
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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