

Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (online edition)

March 29, 2020

Welcome to this new way of gathering together! While we cannot be physically present with one another, we know that as we gather in God's name, Christ is truly present.

Each Sunday, we will gather at 9:30am via Facebook Live. It will later be posted on our YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber) and our website <http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/>.

You may join us live (and comment below the feed to let them know you're there) or worship at whatever time works best for you. Invite others to join us as well!

Listed here is the basic order of worship so that you are able to follow along. We have included links to the hymns picked by Franklyn that you may either listen to now or later. I will sing (at least) the first verse of each hymn which are printed in the order of worship if you would like to sing along.

Congregational responses are in bold, which I will still read, but invite you to read aloud wherever you may be worshipping. Though I cannot hear you, we know that we are speaking together from where we all are for God's ears and attention.

At the end of this document, you will find additional links for other service opportunities and brief announcements.

Setting up: Set aside some sacred space where you are to worship and prayer. Light a candle (or more), set out your Bible and/or a cross. Spend a few moments in silence before you begin.

Introduction: Jesus taught the disciples about the end of all things. But in his words, they learned about the things of now. Be awake and watchful. Life is happening all around us.

Welcome

You are invited to comment below the video if there are particular prayers that you would like to lift up and have others pray about during the week.

Preparing ourselves for worship

We gather in various places

Separated by space, but gathered in the Spirit

We gather in these moments,

bringing our joys and challenges

Our hearts and minds overwhelmed

Filled with much uncertainty

We come to lay before you, O Lord

Our whole lives, our whole selves

Naming our hurts and anger

Lamenting our frustrations, anxieties and tears

Offering up all that we are

Giving ourselves fully into your care

We gather together in this new kind of Lenten journey
That we may never lack your grace

We pause in these gathering moments to confess our sins before God and one another, naming all those times we have turned elsewhere to find life and yet found all else to be lacking. We take a breath to remember that only one thing is necessary – you, the Lord our God.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God, **Forgive us, for we have fallen short of your vision for humanity. We have put ourselves before others, ignored the vulnerable, and forgotten you altogether. We have missed the point of your kingdom. Have mercy on us, for Jesus' sake, amen.**

Children, God has not forgotten us. Jesus knows our weakness and sees through our pretense. Christ knows our suffering and our trials. You are made whole through the mercy and forgiveness given through Jesus Christ. Receive the Lord's everlasting grace and believe that it is most certainly true this day and always in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past ELW 632
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKP_XxCBDZY

Verse #1

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home*

Verse #6

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come
Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.*

Time with kids: *Peace Cranes*

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, **No one on earth knows the hour of your return. Only keep us watchful and awake, that we might always be at work in your kingdom, for the sake of Jesus, amen.**

Readings:

Psalm 102:12-17

¹² But you, O LORD, are enthroned forever;
your name endures to all generations.

¹³ You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to favor it;
the appointed time has come.

¹⁴ For your servants hold its stones dear,
and have pity on its dust.

¹⁵ The nations will fear the name of the LORD,
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

¹⁶ For the LORD will build up Zion;
he will appear in his glory.

¹⁷ He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and will not despise their prayer.

Word of God, Word of life **Thanks be to God!**

Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ ²Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴**‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’** ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. **This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.**

²⁴ ‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

³² ‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵**Therefore, keep awake**—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷**And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Oh, Worship the King ELW 842
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0a1Pq9avbg>

Verse #1

*Oh, worship the King, all glorious above,
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

Apostle's Creed

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 Intercession

(In this time of prayer, I will lift up prayers for those things that are listed below. You are invited to share in the comments, in your own gatherings and in your thoughts additional prayers)

We pause in this time of prayer and humbly place before you all that is in our hearts and minds as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need

A brief silence.

For our Church and all faith communities....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For our communities and our leaders.....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For all those in the medical, and caring professions, fire, police and other service professionalsLord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For those unable to work....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For those who are isolated....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For those who are homeless, hungry, or without access to medical help....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For the sick, hospitalized, suffering....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For teachers and students...Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

For those who have no one to name them....Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Silence for additional prayers

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting always in your mercy and compassion given us through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace

The Peace of the Christ be with you always **And also with you**

(you are invited to share the peace with those who are with you, by commenting below as well as by calling or sending a message later to someone)

Offering *(You are invited to listen to this song as our “anthem” for this week. You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity be mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org)*

Anthem: “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” by Brian Doerksen
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03PfluDIJis>

Lord’s Prayer

We let these familiar words sink into our hearts and rise before us as we pause after each phrase.

Our Father, who art in heaven, (pause)
hallowed be Thy name, (pause)
Thy kingdom come, (pause)
Thy will be done (pause)
on earth as it is in heaven. (pause)
Give us this day our daily bread; (pause)
and forgive us our trespasses (pause)
as we forgive those who trespass against us; (pause)
and lead us not into temptation, (pause)
but deliver us from evil. (pause)
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory (pause)
forever and ever. (pause)
Amen.

Mission & Ministry announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i6NrQcFLTs>

Verse #1

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus, thou art all compassion
Pure, unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart.*

Verse #2

*Breathe, oh, breathe they loving Spirit
into every troubled breast
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest
take away the love of sinning
Alpha and Omega be
end of faith, as its beginning
set our hearts at liberty*

Dismissal

Go, in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

Peace Cranes link: <https://youtu.be/bd9UIOveEYA>

Zoom Gatherings (contact Pastor Jen to be sent the specific links for the gathering(s) you'd like to attend (revjedyer1@yahoo.com or call/text 518-231-4633):

Monday (5pm) Praying together

Wednesdays (7pm) Bible study

Sundays (noon & 7pm) Coffee hour/Fellowship

10:15am Sunday School

10:30am Affirmation (contact Charlie Germain for link)

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You are also encouraged to continue to share your offering with Trinity by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: www.trinitybrewsterny.org

Additional Resources

www.mnys.org The Bishop's office will be offering weekly worship opportunities as well.

www.elca.org Stay up to date on how the Church continues to serve across the country