

**Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (online edition)**

**April 26, 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](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. We 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** Peter and John healed a disabled man, who then entered the temple leaping and praising God. But they gave him more than his legs—they saw him and gave him a community.

## **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 FOR WORSHIP**

This new day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

**With bright eyes, let us search.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to understand the Living Christ.

**With engaged minds, let us ponder.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the Living Christ.

**With compassionate hearts, let us feel.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to respond to the Living Christ.

**With solid devotion, let us follow.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to serve the Living Christ.

**With humble intention, let us act.**

This new day is fresh with possibility to praise the Living Christ.

**With strong voices, let us sing.**

With each new day, we are called to draw closer to the Living Christ, yet, we find ourselves lost and searching and so we pause in silence and self-examination, preparing our hearts to confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Risen Lord, **We see the miracle of your resurrection, yet so often live as though we are still lost in our sins. We rely on our own feeble will, we stay mired in the past, and we refuse that which is too uncomfortable or unfamiliar. Forgive us, and open our hearts again to your freedom. Amen.**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow—Christ is arisen! We have a new life, and the old has fallen away. Rejoice that we are truly forgiven, and go out and proclaim the grace that is free and given to all, in the name of the Father, and of the Risen Son and of the Holy Spirit, **amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*O Christ the Healer, We Have Come* (ELW 610)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D32bulfCs-l>

- 1) *O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that ever ends?*
- 2) *From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;  
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.*
- 3) *In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease;  
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?*
- 4) *Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.*

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## GREETING

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, You gather us into your community, regardless of our imperfections. May we be so gracious with one another, showing all your heart of mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, **amen.**

## READING: Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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

*If you have instruments (or pots & pans), you are invited to play them during this song.*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - iah. Hal - le. hal - le. hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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### **HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:53-56**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

### **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

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

*Refrain: Healer of our every will, light of each tomorrow*

*Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow*

- 1) *You who know our fears and sadness,  
Grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. (Refrain)*

- 2) *In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding  
give us all your vision, God of love (refrain)*
- 3) *Give us strength to love each other  
every sister, every brother  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide (refrain)*
- 4) *You who know each thought and feeling  
teach us all your way of healing  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart (refrain)*

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### **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(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.*

Forgive us, Lord, when we perpetuate systems of exclusion and make others feel as though they don't belong. Teach us the way of your kingdom, where no one is left out, all are seen as your beloved children and all are one in Christ. God of wholeness, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the work of those who rescue and rehabilitate animals who suffer from harm, injury and neglect. Strengthen the sacred connections between us and your natural world, of which we are an inescapable part. God of wholeness, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who cannot let go of the past, we pray, O Lord. Ground us in the here and now, neither vilifying nor glorifying what has gone before, and help us to move forward in faith. God of wholeness, **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who feel excluded, ignored or minimized, we ask your presence and strength. Open our eyes to the ones right in front of us whom we have been passing over. We lift up today all those we name before you now....**and for all those who have no one to name them.** God of wholeness, **Hear our prayer.**

Your saints were often persecuted and despised, O Lord, but still they persisted. May their faith and determination inspire us always to do whatever we can, wherever we are, God of wholeness, **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence for additional prayers*

For these things and whatever else you see that we need, we pray, O God. You know our hearts and you hold us all within yours, in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, **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 by mailing them to the church office or by donating online via our website: [www.trinitybrewsterny.org](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org) )*

**ANTHEM:** “I Am the God That Healeth Thee” Don Moen  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0H2PxM4LmnM>

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Accept these gifts we offer up to You, O Lord, and bless the gift we are to one another. May we truly look to see what we may offer our sisters and brothers, without judgment or avoidance, and thus be your hands at work in the world. In Jesus’ name, **amen.**

## **INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

We may not be able to touch each other during the peace, but we are still called to bring the peace of Christ to the world.

We may not share a common cup, but we are filled to the brim with the Spirit of God.

We may not be gathered in the same place for worship, but we will pray and praise God wherever we are and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

## **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**Jesus, may all that is you flow into us.  
May your body and blood be our food and drink.  
May your passion and death be our strength and life.  
Jesus, with you by our side enough has been given.  
May the shelter we seek be the shadow of your cross.  
Let us not run from the love which you offer  
but hold us safe from the forces of evil.  
On each of our dyings shed your light and your love.  
Keep calling to us until that day comes  
when, with your saints, we may praise you forever.  
Amen.**

May we find deeper and deeper meaning in becoming the Body of Christ during this extraordinary time.

### **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.**

### **MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

**Sending Hymn *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* (ELW 719)**

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

1) *Where cross the crowded ways of life  
Where sound the cries of race and clan,  
Above the noise of selfish strife,  
We hear your voice, O Son of Man.*

3) *From tender childhood's helplessness  
From human grief and burdened toil  
From famished souls, from sorrows stress  
You heart has never known recoil*

6) *Till all the world shall learn your love,  
And follow where your feet have trod;  
Till glorious from your heav'n above  
Shall come the city of our God.*

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### **Dismissal**

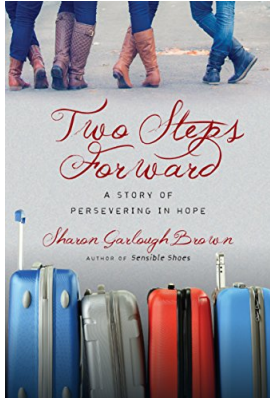
Go, in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

**Worship Notes:** parts of today's worship are adapted from: Gathering litany (Rev. Christine Sobania Johnson, <http://freshlysqueezedliturgy.blogspot.com/>), Confession, Prayer of the Day, Offering Prayer, Prayers of intercession (Clergy stuff resources); Spiritual Communion (Rev. Kim Lille, Rev. Roger Berner, S. African prayer book)



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## **Announcements**



**Faith Book Club** will meet again on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (7pm). The next book is “Two Steps Forward: a story in persevering in hope” by Sharon Garlough Brown. It is the sequel to the previous book we read by her. All are invited to join us.

**Newsletter:** Since we are sending out regular updates, we will not have a newsletter for May. If there is information that you need, please feel free to contact the church office and/or Pastor Jen

**Food Pantry:** As the need grows for those in our community, you are invited to drop off items for Putnam CAP’s food pantry. You may either drop them off here at Trinity or at the CAP office on Main Street in Brewster. You can find an updated list of their current needs on their website: <http://putnamcap.org/index.html>

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

### **Weekly gatherings**

**Monday** (5pm) Praying together (a time of meditation, reflection & prayer)

**Wednesdays** (7pm) Bible study (“Unafraid – words of hope and comfort from scripture)

**Sundays** (noon) Coffee hour/Fellowship

10:30am Sunday School

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

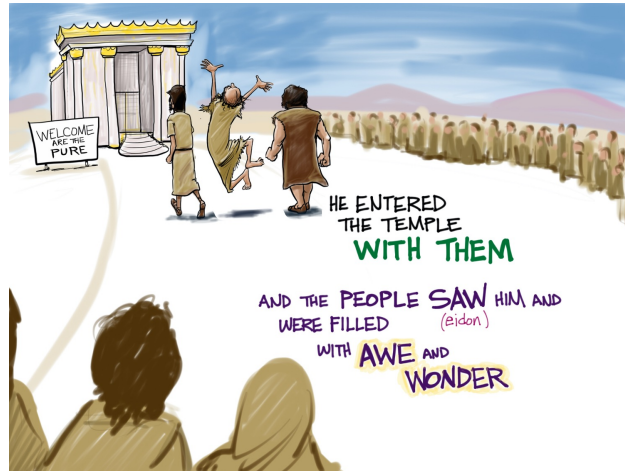
### **Offering**

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## Additional Resources

[www.mnys.org](http://www.mnys.org) The Bishop's office will be offering weekly worship opportunities as well.

[www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) Stay up to date on how the Church continues to serve across the country



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