

**Worship at Trinity Lutheran Church (online edition)**  
**May 3, 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/UCBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBfzqqPTuf8fe3PjPr21gA?view_as=subscriber))*

If you know of others who are in need of signs of God's love and grace, who are curious and/or questioning, who would like to experience the peace of Christ – please invite them to join us “live” and/or to visit our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

If anyone needs to talk to someone amidst this time of anxiety, please feel free to contact Pastor Jen via the church office and/or her personal email (see end of document for emails).

*Our weekly emails are also posted on our website <http://trinitybrewsterny.org/wordpress/>.*

*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.*

*Congregational responses are in **bold** that you are invited 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** Paul and Silas were busy building a healthy church community. But others were not as excited to hear their truth.

## 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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (ELW 883)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaLAGT9YJi0>

- 1) *All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice  
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell  
Come ye before him and rejoice*
  
- 2) *Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for this sheep he doth us take*
  
- 4) *For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure.*

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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**

Loving Lord, Your followers were faithful even in the face of strong opposition. Give us their courage and conviction to be worthy proclaimers of the Gospel of grace, in Jesus' name, **amen.**

## **READING: Acts 17:1-9**

After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, 'This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you.' <sup>4</sup>Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. <sup>5</sup>But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the market-places they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. <sup>6</sup>When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, 'These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus.' <sup>8</sup>The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, <sup>9</sup>and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

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

## READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup> We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

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## HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:9-11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>TH</sup> chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>9</sup> As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. <sup>10</sup>And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY "Earth and All Stars!" ( ELW 731)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EnurwNllk10>

- 1) *Earth and all stars! Loud clashing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Hail, wind and rain! Loud blowing snowstorms!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

*Refrain: God has done marvelous things.  
I too sing praises with a new song!*

- 4) *Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! (refrain)*
- 5) *Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! (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.*

We are quick to take offense, O Lord, and slow to listen when our assumptions are questioned. Open our minds to the transforming power of your word, new to us each day. Empowering God, **Hear our prayer.**

Too often we use the resources of this planet for our own enjoyment, entertainment, and convenience, without thought of the damage we might be doing. Forgive us and turn us back to the one who created all things, that we might responsibly resume the role of your faithful stewards. Empowering God, **Hear our prayer.**

Your early disciples relied heavily on the Spirit's power to guide them through every obstacle they faced. Give us a faith like theirs, which enables us to take bold risks for the sake of spreading the gospel. Empowering God, **Hear our prayer.**

Give your tender care and healing to all who need it this day, particularly as the effects of this pandemic are felt. Bring strength and patience to all those who provide us with essential services in this time. We lift up today all those we name before you now....**John, Michael and Robert, and for all those who have no one to name them.** Empowering God, **Hear our prayer.**

We stand in a long line of saints who dedicated their lives to spreading your truth and standing for mercy and grace. Inspire us by their witness and make us the kind of followers who encourage others to embrace your mission. Empowering God, **Hear our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered (including those listed at the end of the bulletin).*

We offer these prayers to your safekeeping, and trust that you have heard us, for the sake of our risen savior 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/sending a message of peace 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](http://www.trinitybrewsterny.org) )*

**ANTHEM:** “We Are More Than Conquerors” The Rend Collective  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p8\\_4NbrckA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p8_4NbrckA)

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

We offer these gifts to your kingdom, and our lives to your service. Bless them and use us where we are most needed, as co-creators of your world made new by Christ, in whose name we pray, **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** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" (ELW 385)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aidD18jhDmY>

- 1) *Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world good news we bring*

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- 2) *The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Death's mighty stone is rolled away  
Let all the earth rejoice and say: (refrain)*

- 4) *Your name we bless, O risen Lord  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored*



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## DISMISSAL

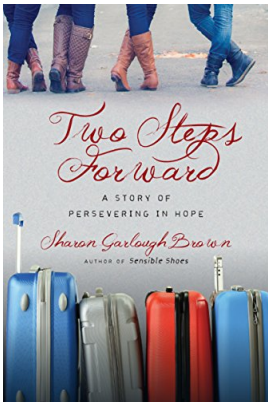
Go, in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

*(The worship has ended, let the service begin)*

**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 staff 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 ([trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:trinlutheranoffice@yahoo.com)) and/or Pastor Jen ([revjdyer1@yahoo.com](mailto:revjdyer1@yahoo.com))

**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:** Each of the gatherings use the same meeting IDs as well as password. *If you do not have the link, please contact Pastor Jen ([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** 10:30am Sunday School

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

12:00noon Coffee Hour/Fellowship

### **Offering**

*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)*

### **Additional Resources**

[www.mnys.org](http://www.mnys.org) The Metro NY Synod office will be offering weekly worship opportunities

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

### **In Our Prayers**

We are particularly mindful of so many who are in need of prayers during this time. You are invited to contact Pastor Jen to add specific names to this list:

#### **Prayers of Healing**

John Reed (friend of Doris O'Toole)

Michael Masucci (Lauren Baldanza's youngest son)

Robert Peters (father of Stephen Peters)

Kathi Gibbs (Jeanette Baldanza's sister in law)

Lynne Caruso (Good friend of Holly Larocchia)

#### **Prayers for those serving in the medical community**

Jeannette Baldanza (Dept. of Health)

Lauren Icken (EMT)

Lisa Schuldt (Westchester Medical)

Jeff Von Bargaen (Putnam Hospital)

Laurie Bell-

Lynne heuschkel, sister

Nicole kosminsky, daughter

Dawn eckwerth, neice

Michael nash, friend

#### **Prayers for essential workers**

Justin Larocchia (Corrections)

**Prayers of the Wider Church**

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (Presiding Bishop of the ELCA) and ELCA staff  
Bishop Paul Egensteiner (Bishop of Metro NY Synod) and synod staff  
Mother Gladys Diaz (asst. to Bishop, deployed to our area)

**Prayers for families who have had loved ones die*****Families of***

Mary (Muller) Rosen

**Additional Prayers**

For college students and professors as their semesters draw to a close