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RINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

810 FAIRFAX STREET STEPHENS CITY, VA **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

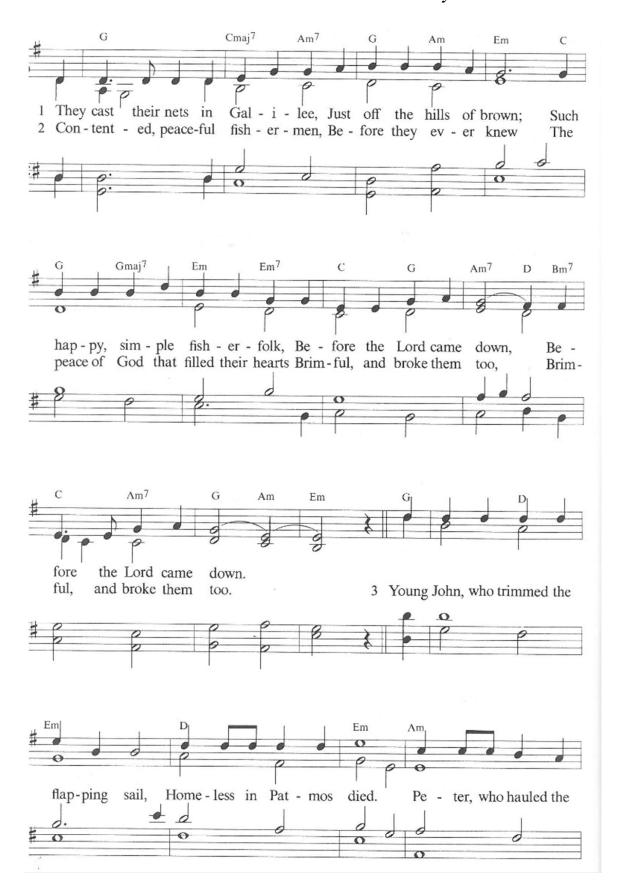
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

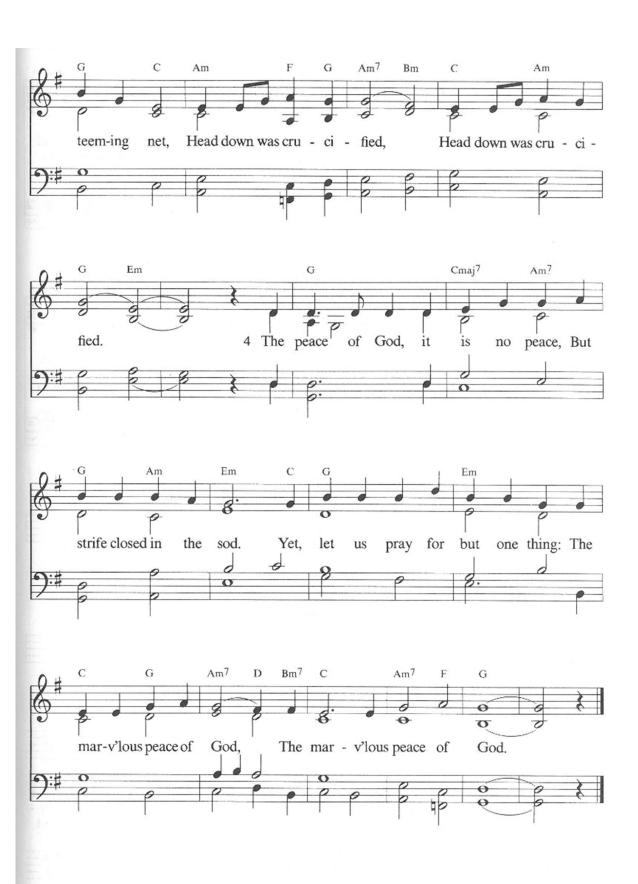
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**







GREETING

The grace of our 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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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A reading from Jonah.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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

SERMON

Pastor JMe Lowden

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

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief especially Ricky, Theresa, Pauline, Charlotte, Louise, Rodney, Yvonne, Carroll, Edwin, Ruby, that amid suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the efforts of teachers, healthcare professionals, first responders and all those who find themselves in harm's way, especially, John, Stacy, Mike, Liz, Dixie, David, Evan, Bill and James let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

VIRTUAL OFFERING

If you have not already prepared your offering to mail to the church, please take a moment now to do so.

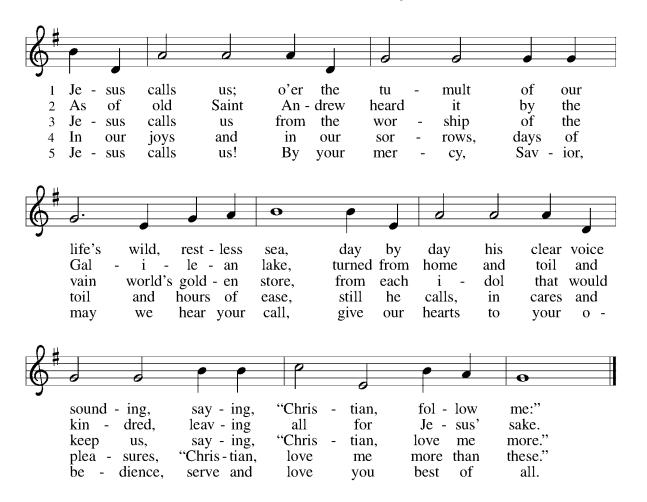
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG v. 1,2,5

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

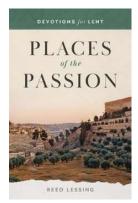
Toccata

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Reminder: Coffee Chat is back. If you Zoom to Worship, stick around a few minutes after the Postlude and visit with your church family and check in with Pastor.

All those wishing to commune on Sunday, February 7, please call the church office and arrange a time during office hours (Mon-Thu. 8AM-1PM) the week of Jan. 25-28 to stop by and pick up the elements. Please let Brenda know if you would also like to have a small container of ashes for the Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) service. Please give us at least a two hour heads up so we can have your package ready for you.



Pastor will be offering a Lenten Study entitled "The Bible Journey." In which we will look at the geographical, historical, religious contexts of the New Testament. (Day and time to be announced next week.) Trinity will also have available soon "Places of the Passion" Devotions for Lent. These short daily devotions follow the entire Gospel of Matthew with an eye toward the places where Jesus suffered, died, and rose again. Anyone wishing to participate in the study, virtually or in person, as well as those wishing a copy of the devotional booklet "Places of the Passion" please contact the church office by **February 8**.

A note: "Thank you to the wonderful people of Trinity. It was so heart-warming to receive all the cards with thoughts and prayers. Thank you also to Pastor JMe and the Council for the wonderful fruit basket. We were so surprised. Thanks to all of you for helping make my recovery more hopeful and bright. Ricky"

Zoom to Worship, 9:30AM

NEW YEAR NEW LINK. to 9:30am worship.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Dial +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

at the prompt, enter the Meeting ID number and Password listed above.

Facebook Live: you must have internet, but you do not need to have a Facebook account https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranchurchstephenscityva/live/

Call to Worship, Every Sunday 11AM Phone # 1-712-832-8330 Participant PIN 3504615

Videos of the service are uploaded each week to Trinity's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIYPLbYZ1RE_IZGJ9GDakIw

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