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MARCH 3, 2019 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Welcome to Trinity and this service of worship where we hear God's word and receive the gifts of forgiveness and assurance of God's love for us and all creation. Visitors are invited to complete a visitor's card. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor. Following worship, we gather in the parish hall for coffee and other refreshments. Please join us.



WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fail Me Not, O Holy Christ Samuel Scheidt (1587-1614)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✝** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

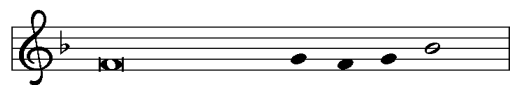
HYMN *ELW 314*

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

GREETING

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

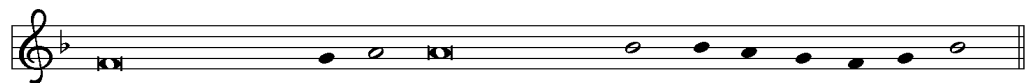
KYRIE *the congregation sings portion in bold*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of
 God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and
 praise, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.
 A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
Refrain
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Sims

Following the children's message, as children leave for Children's Church (to return at The Eucharist) the congregation sings:
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

FIRST READING

See Insert

Closing response: Thanks be to God

PSALM REFRAIN *Congregation sings refrain:*

Pro - claim the great - ness of the LORD our God, who is the Ho - ly One.

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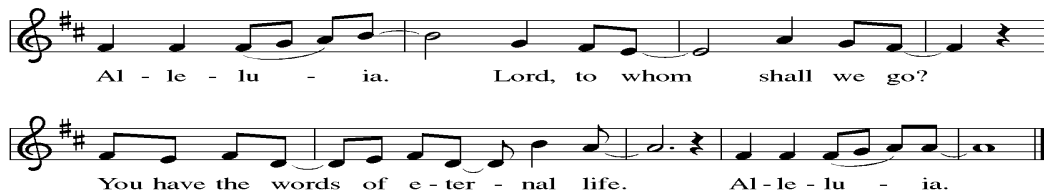
SECOND READING

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Closing response: Thanks be to God

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

See Insert

The Gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Sit

SERMON

Pastor Sims

Stand

HYMN *ELW 834*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

Sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Mighty and merciful, Lord, we give thanks for your love of creation, for the gift of the church and your word made known to us in the faithful witness passed to us through the ages. Continue to inspire and guide us so that your will for us and all people prevails by paths of faithful service that reflect your holy will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shine the light of truth among nations, especially those hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. We pray for the dignity and respect of all people. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who struggle spiritually, especially those whose lives are clouded by guilt, shame, or regret. Bring

them to a point of clarity, to the peace and wellness that comes through the gift of forgiveness of self and from others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deepen our faith and understanding of your word through hearing, reading, study, reflection and conversation so that your grace and goodness may continually enrich our lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made. May we be sources of light and hope each day of our lives. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant mercy and healing to those who face surgery, require frequent medical assistance, or are finding increased dependency upon others for daily care. We especially pray for: Katty Claytor, Robert Carbaugh, Carlton & Virginia Snapp, Cathy Lovett, Pauline Fretz, Michelle Pendelton, Rodney Hockenberry, Keith Fairly, Chelsea Keller, Rodney Rager, Sonny Neff. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Accept these prayers and all else you see that we need in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And, also with you.** *The congregation greets one another.*

Stand

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem

Shine on Me Traditional Spiritual

Trinity Choir

Stand

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION **verses 1 and 3**

1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

† The Holy Eucharist †

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table. All is now ready.

Sit

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

You are invited to share the Eucharist (Holy Communion). This is the Lord's Table. All are welcomed. Please follow the usber's direction. Persons who do not commune may cross their arms to receive a blessing.

Congregational Hymns Sung at The Communion – ELW 810/306

When all have communed the Eucharist Ministers are invited to the table for the blessing and sending prayer.

Stand

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION & SENDING OF EUCHARIST MINISTERS

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people, especially those to whom these Eucharistic Ministers visit, extending your table to their homes. As we have been fed with these gifts, so may they, in receiving them, be uplifted and encouraged by these messengers of your grace with the prayers of this congregation. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence in the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN ELW 318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

R. Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

TRENDING @ TRINITY

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be served in the parish hall beginning at 5:30PM on Tuesday, March 5. All are welcome to attend. A free-will offering will help defray the costs of the meal. Your contribution is appreciated. Thank you.

There will be a service of **Imposition of Ashes** at 7PM at Trinity on Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday.

The Weekly Bible Study begins today at 11:30. Participants are invited to gather in room 204 accessible by elevator or stairs. Bring a second cup of coffee from the fellowship time, if desired.

The Congregation Council will meet next Saturday, March 9, from 9:00AM-2:00PM in the fellow hall combining a planning session and the monthly meeting.

New members will be received next Sunday, March 10.

Last call for directory update information. The new telephone directory is going to press. Submissions are required by Wednesday, March 6 to be included in this printing.

The Red Wagon is coming. The Red Wagon Ministry collected its first diaper donation (approx. 10,000 diapers) for Congregational Community Action Project [CCAP] in 2008. Each year the ministry distributes nearly 21,000 disposable diapers, adult underwear, briefs, and incontinence pads, for both adults and babies, to FISH of Clarke County, the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging in Clarke County, and Congregational Community Action Project in Winchester. By providing diapers our hope is to decrease the chance of abuse and neglect resulting from a child remaining in a soiled or reused disposable diaper.

This LCW sponsored donation drive will begin next Sunday and run through Lent, so your gifts of diapers, wipes, adult incontinence briefs and pads may be placed in the red wagon throughout the season.

The canned good collection for CCAP (Congregational Community Action Program) provides food for persons in Winchester and Frederick County. The donation bin is in the front stairwell.

Trinity has an **on-going collection of canned and staple goods** for the Thanksgiving and Christmas basket distributions. There is a designated item each month. **March is green beans.** A bin in the Narthex (entry area) is available for these gifts. Please check expiration dates of items donated to this appeal; any item with an expiration date before November 2019 will be given to CCAP.

Email changes. Please make note: the church office has changed/added email addresses.

Going forward use the following addresses for all communications:

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Ricky Gearhart: music@trinitychurchvirginia.org

Outreach Ministry Team: outreach@trinitychurchvirginia.org

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeter	Maxine Rogers	Mistic & Bill McPadalin
Lector	Darla Wolf	Anne Vermillion
Eucharistic Assts.	Mary Anderson, Darla Wolf	Mary Anderson, Anne Vermillion
Acolyte/Crucifer	Will Wolf	Sarah Downs

2/24/2018

Attendance: 67 General Fund: \$3239.79