

“SoulShine Liturgy for Sundays and Seasons”

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025



PRELUDE *Your Grace is Enough* _____ **Matt Maher**

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Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I’m covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

WELCOME STATEMENT

Verse 1

Be still there is a healer
His love is deeper than the sea
His mercy is unfailing
His arms a fortress for the weak
Let faith arise
Let faith arise

Chorus

I lift my hands to believe again
You are my refuge
You are my strength
As I pour out my heart
These things I remember
You are faithful God (You're faithful God)
Forever

Verse 2

Be still there is a river
That flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty
Your grace that washes over me
Let faith arise
Let faith arise

Bridge

Let faith arise let faith arise
Open my eyes open my eyes
Let faith arise let faith arise
Open my eyes open my eyes

Ending

Let faith arise
Let faith arise

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin and whose Mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One, **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
 call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
 and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
 nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

A reading from First Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9

The gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

Call It Grace

Unspoken

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Verse 1

It's the light that pierces through you
To the darkest hidden place
It knows your deepest secrets
But it never looks away
It's the gentle hand that pulls you
From the judgment of the crowd
When you stand before them guilty
And you've got no way out

Chorus 1

Some may call it foolish and impossible
But for every heart it rescues it's miracle
It's nothing less than scandalous
This love that took our place
Just call it what it is
Call it grace

Verse 2

It's the breath that's breathing new life
Into what we thought was dead
It's the favor that takes orphans
Placing crowns upon their heads
It's the hope for our tomorrows
The rock on which we stand
It's a strong and mighty fortress
Even hell can't stand against

Bridge

Amazing unshaking this is grace this is grace
Unchanging unfailing this is grace this is grace

Chorus 2

Some may call it foolish and impossible
But for every heart it rescues it's a miracle
It's nothing less than scandalous
That Jesus took our place
Call it what it is
Just call it what it is
Call it grace

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

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

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**
... Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN

One More Day

Sons of Sunday

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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... 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, saying together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe ... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on † us
and on these † gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Wonderful Cross

Chris Tomlin

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Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 2

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Chorus

O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live
O the wonderful cross
O the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus 1

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on earth

Chorus 2

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me
You keep on runnin' and You never let go
Singin'

Bridge

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You
(REPEAT)

SENDING

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now, it must be lived.**
Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

*****Trinity at a Glance*****

Our office is currently in transition. We apologize if we missed any important announcements this week. Please reach out to Pastor Phil if you want something published (pastorphil@trinitylutheranottawa.com). Your grace and support are very much appreciated!

- **Lenten Worship Schedule:** All are welcome to Trinity's Midweek Lenten services at **7pm**.
 - March 26 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Compassion
 - April 2 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Forgiveness
 - April 9 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Love
 - April 17 (Holy Week: Maundy Thursday) - Holy Communion
 - April 18 (Holy Week: Good Friday) - Service of Word and Prayer
 - April 20 (Easter Sunday) - Holy Communion is at **10 am**
- **Lenten Soup Suppers are back!** Gather with us in the fellowship hall **before Wednesday worship** services during Lent from **6pm-7pm** to share a simple soup meal. If you would like to bring a soup to share, please see the sign up sheet at Java Junction. The last soup supper is April 9th. Looking forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please contact Suzannah at suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com. Thank you!
- **Easter Breakfast** will be served again this year, thanks to the Enkes and volunteers. All are welcome in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning, Sunday, **April 20**, 8am-9:30am. Clean-up begins promptly at 9:30am, so be sure to get to church on time for this delicious meal and fun fellowship opportunity. *Sunday Session, Affirmation students, and First Communion class will not be meeting that day.*
- Individuals in second grade or older are invited to **First Communion Class, starting on Sunday, March 30th at 9:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. The class will meet for three sessions: March 30, April 6, and April 13. Please note that there will be no class on April 20 due to Easter. The First Communion service will take place on Sunday, April 27 at 10:00 AM. Students are asked to arrive at 9:30 AM that day in order to run through the service together, as well as take photos with Pastor and loved ones. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you! *Please* email Pastor Phil to sign up for class: pastorphil@trinitylutheranottawa.com.
- **Sunday, March 30th** TLC is hosting the 5th Sunday **Community Meal**, Noon- 1 pm at Open Table.
- Applications are available near the West Entry for the **Alice Guenther Memorial Scholarship** for any current high school senior involved with music. See the application for more information.
- **NOTE:** Pastor Phil will **not be available** the week of *March 24* due to surgery. Thank you!
- Join Infinity Premier Innovations at Trinity Lutheran Church for an **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th from 10am-12pm**. *It is free to attend*. There will be egg hunts, activities, food, and prizes! Egg hunts will be divided into age groups, and the schedules will be posted on TLC's Facebook page, so be on the lookout for those start times. Save the date for a beautiful morning of outdoor activities!
- The **TLC Rummage Sale** will be held on Fri May 2nd Noon-6pm & Sat May 3rd 9am-1pm, with special discount hours 1-3pm. We are looking for donations, so for spring cleaning start cleaning out those closets & garages! **Donations will be accepted until Wed April 30th**. Please drop off items at the church office during office hours (M-Th, 9a-2p). Proceeds will be donated. The beneficiary is to be determined.
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - February income = \$26,790.19 (Income YTD = \$48,177.83)
 - February expense = \$23,776.43 (Expense YTD = \$43,891.47)
 - Income Less Expense = \$3,013.76 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$4,286.36)
 - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
 - Left on Loan = \$30,367.09

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (3/24):** 10a Drum Fit (Lounge)
- **Tuesday (3/25):** 10a Sit Fit (Lounge)
- **Wednesday (3/26):** *There will be no Bible Study this week*
6p Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall)
6p Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7p Holden Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)
- **Thursday (3/27):** 10a Sit Fit (Lounge)
1p Trinity Stitchers (TLC Sewing Room)
- **Friday (3/28):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (3/29):** *Brothers' and Sisters' Day, National Lemon Chiffon Cake Day & there will be a partial solar eclipse!*
- **Sunday (3/30)** 9a Sunday Session (Education Building)
9a First Communion Class (Fellowship Hall)
There will be no Affirmation Class this week
10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
Noon 5th Sunday Community Meal (Open Table UCC)

*****IF YOU (or someone you know) IS INTERESTED IN A PART-TIME, CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER POSITION, PLEASE EMAIL PASTOR PHIL FOR MORE INFORMATION.*****

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Anna*
Ushers:
Lector: *Sue Williamson*
Communion Assistants:
Altar Guild: *Anne Lauterjung & Diane Wahl*
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Elle McGrath*
Ushers:
Lector: *Shannon Matteson*
Communion Assistants: *Shannon Matteson & Mike Matteson*
Altar Guild: *Becky Glasser & Annette Bruce*
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*