

“Sundays and Seasons”

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days* ELW 319

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.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Love One Another

Brad Mix

“Love is humble, Love is strong. Love is such a joyous song.”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A reading from Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*

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

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 10:8b-13

A reading from Romans.

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us

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(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:1-13

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

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 always.
And also with you.

OFFERING*Refuge**Darrell Evans*

Your call comes
Like the morning breeze
You spread Your wings
And cover me
Underneath Your shadow
I will hide away
There I've found
Your shelter
And there I'd like to stay

Chorus
Refuge You're my refuge
When the world is shaken
And nothing stands
I will hold on to Your hand
Refuge

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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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

As The Deer

Martin J. Nystrom

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Chorus

Verse 2

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Chorus

Verse 3

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye

Chorus

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

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SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

Child of the Water

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*****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 12 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Faithfulness
 - March 19 - Holden Evening Prayer - Theme: Mercy
 - 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)
- **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 first soup supper is Ash Wednesday, March 5th and the last 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.*
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The TLC Education Committee will host its first **TLC Friends and Family gathering on March 9th from 5pm-7pm** in the basement of the Education Building. This is a casual gathering for adults and youth to socialize and enjoy pizza and games. If you plan to eat with us please email Suzannah at suzannah@trinitylutheranottawa.com by Sunday, March 9th at 3pm. If you don't plan on dining with us, feel free to stop by. All are welcome so bring a friend!
- 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.
- Come to **Trivia Night at Reddick Mansion** on Saturday, February 22nd and Saturday, March 22nd at 7pm. Call or email Reddick (815-433-6100/ contact@reddickmansion.org) if you'd like to reserve a table. See Darlene Halm for more information.
- **MOST WANTED:** Mission and Outreach Committees are starting up the **Giving Tree** again and will be **collecting non-food items for the community basket**. Items needed:
 - Can openers
 - Hand soap, bar soap, dish soap
 - Toilet paper
 - Kleenex
 - Toothpaste and toothbrushes
 - Household cleaners
 - Body wash, Shampoo, Conditioner
 - Paper plates and paper towels

● **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 (3/10):** 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
10a Drum Fit (Lounge)
6p LaSalle County NOW Meeting (Lounge)
- **Tuesday (3/11):** 10a Sit Fit (Lounge)
7p Finance Committee
- **Wednesday (3/12):** 1p Bible Study (Lounge)
6p Choir Rehearsal
7p Holden Evening Prayer
- **Thursday (3/13):** 10a Sit Fit (Lounge)
1p Trinity Stitches
- **Friday (3/14):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (3/15):** *National Napping Day!*
- **Sunday (3/16)** 9a Sunday Session (Education Building)
9a Affirmation Class (Conference Room)
10a Holy Communion

*****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 16, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Madi Perino*
Ushers:
Lector: *Shannon Matteson*
Communion Assistants: *Mike Matteson &*
Altar Guild: *Debbie Guenther & Sue Williamson*
Video Tech: *Keith Goetz*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte: *Pearl Manning*
Ushers:
Lector: *Justin Reed*
Communion Assistants:
Altar Guild: *Jan Beckman & Diane Wahl*
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*