

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Prelude

Come to the Table of Grace

Come to the table of grace,
Come to the table of grace,
This is God's table it's not yours or mine,
Come to the table of grace.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Creator, Christ, and Holy Comforter, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.

Amen.

In the presence of the living God,

We confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us, O God, and bring about your new life in ourselves, in our community, and in our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit.

Amen.

Dear Friends, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that your sins are forgiven and you are washed anew in his rising. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne,
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay,
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own,
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim in the Eucharistic feast!

Invocation

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Hymn of Praise

Bind Us Together

Chorus:

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one king,
There is only one body, that is why we can sing. *(Chorus)*

You are the family of God, you are the promise divine,
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *(Chorus)*

Prayer of the Day

Jesus our Messiah, your followers established churches in communities near and far. Take us outside of ourselves and teach us to give away what you have given to us. Show us how to witness to your presence in places near and far.

Amen.

Reading

Acts 17:1-9

The Uproar in Thessalonica

After Paul and Silas had passed through several neighboring towns, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a local synagogue. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, 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." 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. But the local religious leaders became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces 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. 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, 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." The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

Message

Hymn of the Day

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty, hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow,
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
Shield me with your mighty arm.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.

Apostles' 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.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

Good and Gracious God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your faithful people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The 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.**

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn***Jesus Shall Reign***

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king,
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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In Our Prayers:

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks
unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

Mary Seifert, Jim Morrow, Stella Halvorson, Leon Fritzke, Dick Erickson,
Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Patty Youmans (friend of Kevin & Mary Beck),
Lisa Diffley (neice of Liz & Kelly Hirsch), our missionary in
Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

***Trinity's Fifth Graders who are receiving their
First Communion today:***

Jaxon Kuffenkam, Jack Herman, Autumn Guetzkow, Mandi Kohls