Trinity Presbyterian Church LORD's Day -- 3/29/2020

Good morning House of God! Greetings in the name of our risen Lord & Savior!

Entrance -- God Calls Us; We gather together & praise Him

*Call to Worship: Psalm 61:1-5, 8

Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah

For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those Who fear Your name...So I will sing praise to Your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.

Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. Amen!
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth!

*Hymn of Praise: Psalm 100 (tune is same as Doxology)

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell, come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid He did us make; We are his folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. YES!

OT Lesson: Lamentations 2:1, 5-7, 11-15, 18-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Purification -- God Cleanses us; We confess our sins & are forgiven in Christ

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us kneel before the Lord our God.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have transgressed Your holy laws and left undone what we should have done, and we have done things we should not have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us; spare those who confess their faults; restore those who repent, according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen! (Silent prayer)

Now lift up your heads, and hear the good news from John 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. Our sins are forgiven and our lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe this and rejoice! And we say...

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

<u>Ascension -- God Consecrates us; We listen to Him & offer our works & lives to Him</u>

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is proper and right to do so!

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!

Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of

The Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!

Prayer: Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant Your people grace to love what You command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 3:18-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus. **Praise to You. O Christ!**

Sermon: "The Help of Man is Useless but Under His Wings is Refuge"

*Hymn of Consecration: Psalm 46C to tune, "A Mighty Fortress is our God"
God is our refuge and our strength, A present help in our distress.

We will not therefore be afraid Tho, all the earth should be removed.

Tho mountains great be hurled Into the ocean's depths, Tho seas may roar and foam And billows shake the shore, Tho' mountains tremble at their power.

A river brings refreshing streams To cheer the city of our God, The Most High's holy dwelling place, God is in her; she won't be moved; At dawn will God help her. The heathen rage; realms quake; He lifts His voice; earth melts. The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God.

O come, see what the LORD has done: He desolations brought on earth; On earth He puts an end to wars, Breaks bow and spear, and chariots burns. Be still! Know I am God. Exalted o'er all men, Exalted o'er all earth.

The LORD of hosts with us! Our fortress strong is Jacob's God. "YES!"

Prayers of the Church (specific requests & the Lord's Prayer) suggested use of Psalm 91

We confess our faith in the Triune, Incarnate God (recite the Creed or use "Patrick's Lorica" (sent in email March 17)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: Psalm 91A to tune, "Come, thou long expected Jesus"
Who with God Most High finds shelter. In the Almighty's shadow hides,
To the LORD I'll say, "My Refuge!" In my God my trust abides.
From the fowler's snare He'll save you, From the deadly pestilence;
Cover you with outspread pinions, Make His wings your confidence.

God's own truth, your shield and buckler: You will fear no ill by night, Nor the shafts in daylight flying, Nor disease that shuns the light, Nor the plague that wastes at noonday, At your side ten thousand fall; You will only see this judgment Which rewards the wicked all.

You have made the LORD your refuge, God Most High your dwelling place; Nothing evil shall befall you; In your tent no scourge you'll face. He will angels charge to keep you, Guard you well in all your ways. In their hands they will uphold you Lest your foot a stone should graze. "YES!"

Benediction -- God Commissions & Blesses us; we march out to serve Him

*The Lord's Commission of us: 1 Peter 5:b-9

*We receive God's blessing, His good Word to us: 1 Peter 5:10-11

*We bless the Lord, lifting our hands and voices to Him: Gloria Patri