

Whoever and wherever you find yourself on your faith journey,
you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments, which are God's gifts. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty nor earned. It is radical, transformative, and universal. As such, we seek to mirror God's healing love by making this a safe place for skeptics, seekers, those whom the church has wounded, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered away, new believers, and those who never left. As a diverse community in God, we have discovered a unity more significant than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects God's divine completeness. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, God invites you to keep traveling. The Spirit of God drew you here in some subtle or profound way. Our hearts are open to God and to you.



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Prelude

Deb Harstine

Welcome

Angie Pugh

All stand as able

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; *** if anyone hears, listens to, and opens the door, I will come in. *Revelation 3:20a*

So, I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened. The door will be open for everyone who asks, receives, searches, finds, and knocks. *Luke 11:9-10*

Let us pray: God, you have made known your love through Jesus' life and words. Help us receive his teaching, find the fullness of that love, and share it with others. *Amen*

Processional

"The God of Abraham Praise"

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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon me.**

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The Collect of the Day

Hear our cry, O God.

And listen to our prayer.

Let us pray: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Lessons

All be seated

Old Testament

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; * the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Epistles

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who, without works, trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand as able

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"Now Let Us All With One Accord"

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The Gospel

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and

what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

All be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Les Jackson

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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*

The Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, fill all those who lift their hearts to you with a spirit of rebirth, that we might find your joy and pour it out to others in your Name. Answer us as we say,

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all those gathered in your Name, for our understanding of your holy word to increase and our ability to live the life of service you demand of us to be a source of peace and joy.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations that all governments, authorities, and leaders might sacrifice their own desires and power to benefit those who have no power. May we become united in our work towards peace, security, and service to the least of these.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world itself, for this earth and all your creation, that we may all work together to repair the harm we have done and to discover new, more sustainable ways of life.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer, for those in trouble and despair, for those who are ill and frightened, for those who are grieving, anxious, or hopeless. We pray that those in greatest need may feel your presence with them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our own lives and the needs of those we love. We pray for those we do not know and for those we have neglected or harmed. Be mercifully present to us and to all.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the departed, for those who are dying, and for all those who watch and wait with them. May light perpetual and joy unending be theirs to claim.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pray for Trinity Episcopal Church, the Reverend Les Jackson, and our lay leadership.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Right Rev. and Honorable Dame Sarah Mullaly, our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, Father Les, all bishops and ministers, and all God's holy people.

Pray for the search process and election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas.

Pray for South-Central Kansas Minster, the Reverend Kitty Shield, Minster Shepherd; St. Jude, Wellington; St. Andrew's, Derby; Trinity, Arkansas; Epiphany, Sedan; Grace, Winfield; and their clergy and people.

We give thanks for the opportunity to gather as a community of skeptics, seekers, and believers and to support the Family Life Center Safehouse, RISE Meals for the Homeless, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach ministries of Trinity through our outreach efforts.

The Concluding Collect

Lord, like Nicodemus, we do not fully understand the mysteries of your love, and we sometimes willfully ignore the truth of your word. Bring us again into new life lived in you and share with us the joy of your eternal Kingdom. To you, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, we pledge our lives. *Amen*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Instrumental Music

Deb Harstine

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For through your servants Abraham and Sarah, you called us to be your people, sisters and brothers, connected through the promise of your blessing and a faith that you are the God of all.

Therefore, joining together with all those who worship you on earth and in heaven, we lift our voices in praise of your Name:

Sanctus

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

The people stand or kneel as able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ***

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ***

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN* ***

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

This is the banquet of the Lamb. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Receive them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Blessing

Keep your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

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The Dismissal

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Deb Harstine

Ministers of This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson, *Preacher & Celebrant*

Angie Pugh, *Lector*

Iris Schlabach & Erica Russell, *Counter*

Deb Harstine, *Organist*

Glenda Giro & Darlene Andrews, *Hospitality*

Jacob Dennison, *Acolyte*

Carol Turner, *Usher*

Carol Turner, *Altar Guild*

Cherilyn Chiaro, *Flautist*

Join us coffee and fellowship following the service.

*No Alleluias or Sanctus Bells during the Penitential Season of Lent.

*** asterisks represent three loud knocks, reminding us that Jesus stands at our door waiting to be invited in.