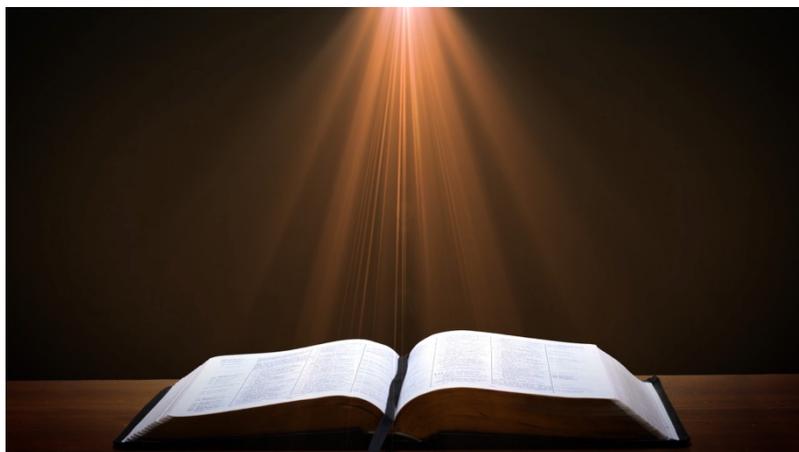


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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Sonata K. 208
by Domenico Scarlatti

Welcome & Announcements

Leader: This is a day that God has made!
All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Time for sharing news of the church.

Introit

For the Life That You Have Given
Glory to God #717, v. 1

* Call to Worship

Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.
People: **We are called to be God's people.**
Leader: The Spirit of God is upon us.
People: **We are called to be the body of Christ.**
Leader: Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

* Gathering Song

God Is Here!
Glory to God #409, v. 1-4

* Invitation to Confession

Leader: When we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
But when we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just, forgives us our sin.
Let us join together in confessing our sin before God and one another.

*** Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

God, you share with us words of hope, words of Good News. But sometimes we are unable to hear them because the source is too familiar. You call us to share the Good News with those around us. But sometimes we are unable to share, because the people know us too well. You encourage us to send messengers to other places where they will be heard better. But we can be jealous, wanting the Good News to be for us, not them.

In the multitude of ways we can and have subverted your message of freedom and healing, in all the ways we have kept the Jubilee year from happening, we have left the path of true wisdom and call upon your Grace to lead us back on track, as we pray through the One upon whom your Spirit fulfilled Scripture. Amen.

*** Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

Leader: God's Spirit is upon us:
that Spirit of forgiveness, that Spirit of grace, that Spirit of unity with all people.

People: **Today, and in all the days to come, God's Spirit is with us.
Thanks be to the One who is our joy, our strength, our hope.
Praise God! We are forgiven! Alleluia!**

*** Passing The Peace**

Leader: Since God in Christ Jesus has forgiven us,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
Please share the peace of Jesus Christ
with those with whom you are joining us for worship.

*** Song of Praise**

For the Beauty of the Earth
Glory to God #14, v. 5

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Bountiful God, you have blessed us with so many gifts. As your Word is read and proclaimed may we be open to receiving these gifts. Anoint us with your Holy Spirit to claim our gifts and use them to bring liberation and justice to a hurting world. May the transforming Spirit of joy and unity bind us together as your body, that we may be your hands and feet and voice in this, your world. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered,

“Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

* **Anthem**

Anthem
by Tom Conry

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

“Being Given Something to Do for God”

Rev. Marilyn Gamm

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* **Song of Response**

Take Us As We Are, O God
Glory to God #312, v. 1-4

Church Officer Ordination and Installation

Sentences of Scripture

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Pastor: We are all . . . of the sacraments.

Clerk of Session Sarah Mayer:

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church,
the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church
now ordains to ministry as Ruling Elders
Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard and Jane Kaiser,
and installs them to active service in this congregation.

Profession of Faith:

Pastor: As God calls . . . holy catholic church.
Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Elders: I do.

Pastor: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

Elders: I do.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Elders: I will, with God's help.

Pastor: With the whole church, let us affirm our faith:
Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Constitutional Questions

Pastor: Diane, Jayne and Jane, . . . to these questions:

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior,
acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church,
and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Elders: I do.

Pastor: Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Elders: I do.

Pastor: Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Elders: I do and I will.

Pastor: Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

Elders: I will.

Pastor: Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Elders: I will.

Pastor: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Elders: I will.

Pastor: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Elders: I do.

Pastor: Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Elders: I will.

Pastor: Will you be a faithful Ruling Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Elders: I will.

Clerk of Session Sarah Mayer:

Do we, the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church, accept Diane, Jayne and Jane as Ruling Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Please answer in the comments.

People: We do.

Clerk of Session Sarah Mayer:

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

Please answer in the comments.

People: We do.

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

*Those who have previously ordained and installed
please hold up your hands to represent laying your hands upon Diane, Jayne and Jane.*

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

Welcome

Please clap and offer your Congratulations in the comments.

Prayers of the People

A time for silent prayers will be offered during the Prayers of the People.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Invitation

*** Doxology**

We Praise You, O God
Glory to God #612, v. 1

*** Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Inspiring God, we join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor: Though we offer many different amounts and ways, when gathered up by you, our gifts become a food pantry, a rebuilt life, medicine for children, a caregiver to the lonely – your grace in action. In love we offer these gifts in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

*** Song of Service**

God's Glory Fills the Heavens
Glory to God #690, v. 1-3

*** Commission and Blessing**

Postlude

Visions fugitives, Op. 22: VII. Pittoresco
by Serge Prokofiev

Participants in Today's Worship

Pastor – Marilyn Gamm

Director of Music & Pianist/Organist – Christian Hendricks

Soloist – Evan Babel

Liturgist – Cathy Smith

Children & Youth Minister – Hannah Peters

Communications Coordinator – Katie Gibbons

Technical Support – Dylan Voss and John Roman

The Trinity Choir:

Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)

Alto – Connie Torretta, Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)

Tenor – Brian Schroer, Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)

Bass – George Van Hare, Nigel Holloway, John Galczynski

Contact Trinity's staff and leadership by emailing admin@trinityucity.org or contacting the church office.

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEWS AND NOTES FOR JANUARY 23, 2022**

We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.

We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.

*We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the
Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.*

Adult Education: A Conversation with Mayor Terry Crow

Our first Adult Ed for 2022 will be on January 23 at 7 p.m. The honorable Terry Crow, Mayor of University City and friend of many at Trinity, will talk about the developments in the community and other topics of interest for Trinity members with lots of time for Q&A.

An attorney, Terry Crow is also a businessman, an active community participant, and the father of William & Grace. Please join this zoom gathering prepared with your questions for Terry on Sunday, January 23 at 7 pm.

Memorial Service for Sally Dunn Postponed Due to Omicron

The memorial service for Sally Ann Dunn, a long-time Trinity member before she moved to Atlanta, has been postponed due to the Omicron Covid-19 outbreak. The service had been set for January 22. A new date has been scheduled for March 19.

During her time at Trinity, Sally was a key figure for the Winger Food Pantry, a Sunday School teacher and she specialized in organizing large events for church celebrations. She died in November.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Trinity Soprano Section Leader and Soloist Madeline Black, her spouse, Niels, and daughter Nerys on the birth of baby Milo, December 24! Madeline says Christmas Eve was an eventful night for her. She reports they are all doing really well, hibernating at home and bonding with Milo. Madeline says she misses us and depending on when the latest COVID surge peaks she hopes to be back at Trinity in mid-to-late February.

CATCH THE VISION 2022

Financial Pledge Update

Our 2022 financial pledge stewardship campaign continues!

Stewardship is a time to rededicate ourselves to the mission and ministry of Trinity Church.

In the words of our stewardship hymn, God “[empowers] us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!”

For those of you who have submitted your “Catch the Vision” 2022 financial pledge to Trinity’s mission and ministry, Thank You!

As of January 11, 2022 Trinity’s 2022 Financial Pledges were:

51 households \$ 217,616.64

This compares with total financial pledges for the past two years as follows:

2021: 53 households \$210,290

2020: 60 households \$254,750

If you have not yet made a financial pledge, please join me in prayerfully considering what you can give in 2022.

Each of us is important, and every gift is a blessing.

- Jenn Clodi

The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry. We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

Trinity is “broadcasting” our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on Sundays. Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us. Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Transitional Pastor the Reverend Marilyn Gamm. You also can email her directly at Marilyn.gamm@trinityucity.org

Supporting the church through your financial gifts continues to be encouraged! Please mail your contributions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Att'n: Linde, 6800 Washington Ave., University City, MO 63130, or check out the online giving instructions below.

1) Text the code TPCDONATE \$[your gift] to 73256. You'll receive a text back with a link that lets you complete your online donation.

2) Log in to your Onrealm account (onrealm.org) and click on the "Giving" tab.

Session

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith,
Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

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Anna Gardner-Andrews, DeAnne Brown, Stacey Carman, Cricket Gordon, Jennifer Higginbotham,
Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Diana Regan, Joanne Roman, Christy Schindler