

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
April 30, 2023 A.D.
Eastertide**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

Call to worship

L: Hosanna! Blessed be the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst!

L: He comes bringing joy and hope.

P: He comes to set us free from fear.

L: Hosanna!

P: Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest heaven! Amen.

Call to Confession

L: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us; because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

In Unison: **Compassionate God, we come before you this day as limited people, bound and reined in by choices we have made and by the evil and injustice in this world. Forgive us for not opening our minds and hearts to truly understand the health, wholeness, beauty, and shalom you intend for this world. Forgive us for glibly saying, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" and then not pouring our energy into showing divine love in action. For our neglect, our ignorance, and our**

willful dodging of the tasks and life you have shown as the Way, we ask for your forgiveness . . . Amen.

Pastor: “Since then, we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession . . . Let us therefore approach the throne of grace to help in time of need, knowing that we are all forgiven. Amen.

*Our Response ***What a Friend We have in Jesus***

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what
peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because
we do not carry everything to God in prayer!***

Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

*Hymn - ***When Morning Gilds the Skies #487***

The Morning Scripture Lessons:

Leviticus 6:1-7

6 The LORD said to Moses: ²“If anyone sins and is unfaithful to the LORD by deceiving a neighbor about something entrusted to them or left in their care or about something stolen, or if they cheat their neighbor, ³or if they find lost property and lie about it, or if they swear falsely about any such sin that people may commit— ⁴when they sin in any of these ways and realize their guilt, they must return what they have stolen or taken by extortion, or what was entrusted to them, or the lost property they found, ⁵or whatever it was they swore falsely about. They must make restitution in full, add a fifth of the value to it and give it all to the owner on the day they present their guilt offering. ⁶And as a penalty they must bring to the priest, that is, to the LORD, their guilt offering, a ram from the flock, one without defect and of

the proper value. ⁷ In this way the priest will make atonement for them before the LORD, and they will be forgiven for any of the things they did that made them guilty.”

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Sermon: **Sight Lines**

*Hymn - ***Take My Life #391***

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn #592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Sending forth and Benediction

*Choral response

God be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you, God be with you till we meet again. Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

Liturgist: Karin Thompson

Head Deacons: Chuck Borland & Nancy Thomas

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson

Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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The flowers today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Ann Thomas. Given by: Diane, Carol and Nancy.
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*Thank you, Matthew Blom, for sharing your musical talents with us today.



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