At Trinity Church, we believe God’s love is expansive and unconditional and that through Christ, God has called us to love one another as God loves us. We welcome all people regardless of gender, race, age, culture, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic circumstances, family configuration, or difference of ability. We celebrate the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a child of God.

**Prelude**

**Thou Art My Refuge**

Antonin Dvorak

**The Word of God**

**Hymn 376**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

*Hymn to Joy*

The liturgy begins with a congregational hymn for the purpose of procession and to foster a sense of unity among those assembled.
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Christ, have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Christ, have mercy

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy

The Collect for Purity is a preparatory prayer of priest and people for God to cleanse our hearts and prepare us for worship. It has been used at the opening of the Anglican eucharist since 1549.

The Collect of the Day concludes the entrance rite and introduces the Liturgy of the Word. These prayers are usually related in a thematic way to the Gospel or the observance of the day.

The public reading of scripture is a part of our inheritance from Judaism, and the adoption of the practice by the early church is attested to in the New Testament. The Liturgy of the Word includes a reading from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), a Psalm, an Epistle, a Gospel lesson and sermon. It concludes with the recitation of the Nicene Creed, Prayers of the People, the Confession, the Absolution, and the Peace.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
PSALM 103:1-8
Said in unison.

1 Bless the L ORD, O my soul, *
   and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
2 Bless the L ORD, O my soul, *
   and forget not all his benefits.
3 He forgives all your sins *
   and heals all your infirmities;
4 He redeems your life from the grave *
   and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 He satisfies you with good things, *
   and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6 The L ORD executes righteousness *
   and judgment for all who are oppressed.
7 He made his ways known to Moses *
   and his works to the children of Israel.
8 The L ORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
   slow to anger and of great kindness.

SECOND LESSON Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
   and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
ALLELUIA VERSE:
Cantor: The Lord is faithful in all his works, and merciful in all his deeds.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35
Gospel: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON
The Rev. Paul Jeanes

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

Response: Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

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.

Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Heart to Change the World
Retting, arr. Linn

You and I've got to have a heart to change the world. Let the song start to sing in every boy and girl. Start to share, start to care from a heart of love. Let the world know that Jesus loves them. How will the people know unless we show them? Jesus told us to go and share in every land. Over seas, through the hills, across the desert sand. By God's grace, in God's strength, we can change the world. Let the world knows that Jesus loves them.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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 for ever. AMEN.

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,
gthy 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread is primarily a utilitarian act. Bread is broken in order to be shared. Symbolically Christians have seen in the breaking of the bread a reminder of the Lord’s body broken on the cross and of our own need to be broken in order both to share in the life of Christ and to share that life with others.

Agnus Dei – Latin for “Lamb of God.” The fraction anthem is based on John 1:29 and is commonly used at the Breaking of the Bread. The text of the Agnus Dei is also used in the Great Litany.

Agnus Dei
Jesus, Lamb of God
William Mathias
THE PRESENTATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Gracious and Risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love You above all things and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You and unite ourselves wholly to You. Never may we be separated from You. Amen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION  I Will Lift Mine Eyes  Antonin Dvorak

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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
**Hymn 400 VV. 1, 4, 5, 7**  
**All creatures of our God and King**  
*Lasst uns erfreuen*

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing.  
2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens afar.  
3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord today.  
4. Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our land.  
5. All you with mercy in your heart, for giving others, take your breath.  
6. And you, most gentle death, waiting to hush our final breath.  
7. Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humble praise.

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**The Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Postlude**

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Hugo Distler

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