



making change

exploring the changes
faced by Jesus' disciples
and in our daily lives...

**Lenten Vespers at Trinity
Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm**

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Making Change

Change is a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight or winter turns to spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into “before” and “after”. We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while others are forced upon us.

In the weeks, days, and hours before Jesus’ crucifixion, the disciples also experienced change: a change of venue as the gates of Jerusalem approached; a change of plans as their long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried; a change of circumstance as the crowds shouted “Crucify!”

Change is hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. We cannot predict how things will turn out. The hymnwriter Joachim Neander proclaimed God’s steadfast love in the midst of life’s inevitable changes: “All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew, who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true. God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own” (ELW 757).

There is a link with this theme to Sunday worship as well! The gospel readings for the Sundays in Lent for year A are filled with stories where Jesus creates the possibility of change and new life.

- He challenges Nicodemus to be born from above (the Second Sunday in Lent, John 3:1-17).
- He offers the Samaritan woman the living water that quenches all thirst (Third Sunday in Lent, John 4:5-42).
- Jesus gives sight to the blind man (Fourth Sunday in Lent, John 9:1-41)
- and raises Lazarus from the grave (Fifth Sunday in Lent, John 11:1-45)

A Few Notes on the Service

This year, Trinity is experiencing our own unexpected change with the injury of our dear Mrs. Morley. We will plan to speak the sung liturgy unless otherwise directed by the pastors.

Each week you will find a bulletin insert with our prayers and readings for the week’s theme. It is noted here in the bulletin when we will turn to the insert.

(In silence, we gather. Please stand at end of bell toll. A lighted candle is carried to its place.)

▲ Opening Dialogue

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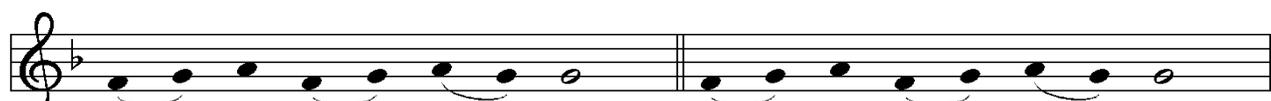
▲ Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

▲ Prayer of the Day

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▲ Thanksgiving for Light



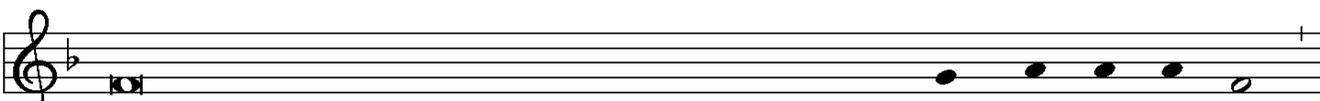
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



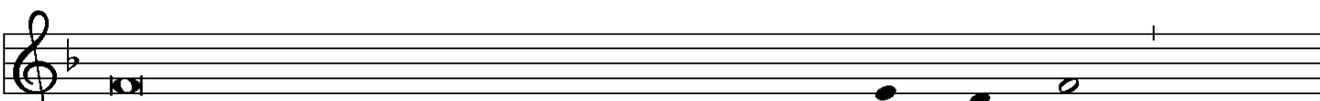
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



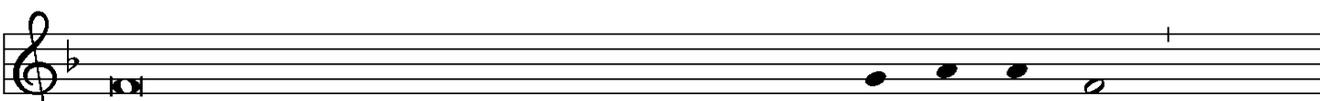
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light in - to being,



and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.



In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night

you led your peo - ple in - to freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be

a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer-ci - ful,

and you love your whole cre-a-tion, and with all your crea-tures we give you glory,

through your Son Je - sus Christ, in the unity of the Ho - ly Spirit,

now and for - ev - er. A - men.

▼ *Psalmody (Psalm 141, a song of forgiveness and protection.)*

All

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

Group One or All

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when

All

I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;

the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac - ri - fice.

Group Two or All

Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

Group One or All

Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -

Group Two or All

do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;

in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.

All

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Psalmody (cont.)



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

(silence for reflection)

▼Psalm (Leader/Assembly)

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Psalm Prayer

Hymn

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▼Reading

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▲Gospel Response

Pastor: How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
Pulpit Side: **to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,**
Font Side: **that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.**

Pastor: In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,
Pulpit Side: **in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you**
Font Side: **the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done.**

▲Gospel Reading

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▼Reflection

▼Prayers

O God our help,
you walk with us through all of life's changes.
Grant us strength, patience, wisdom, and understanding.

O God our hope,
you come to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.
Show us your salvation, and lead us in the way of the cross.

O God our shelter,
you enfold us like a mother hen gathering her chicks.
Watch over all who are sick, grieving, lonely, and in need this day.

O God our home,
you claim us as your beloved children.
Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

All this we ask through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

▼ Lord's Prayer

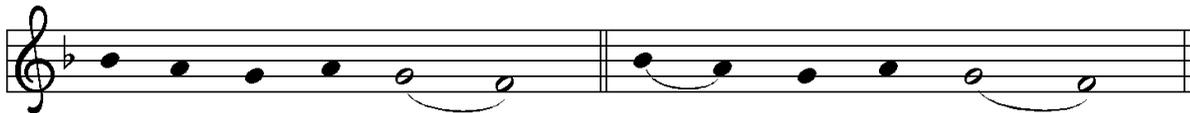
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

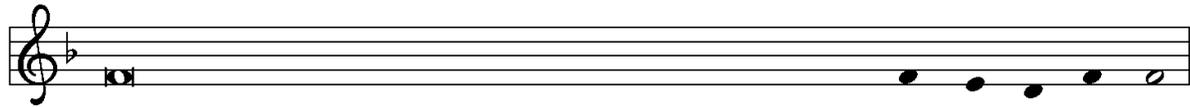
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

▲ Blessing



Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Almighty God, the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

▲ Sending Hymn

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The greeting of peace may be shared by all.