

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude *Temperance* ("All who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster, Let them in constancy follow the Master.") Tune: ST. DUNSTAN'S
Fruits of the Spirit series by David Evan Thomas

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *We, Though Many, Are One Body* (Trinity 75th Anniversary Hymn)

- 1 We, though many, are one body: Formed by God, the loving One; Fed by Christ, the gentle Servant; Led by Spirit's guiding Sun; For in Christ we are one body: Ev'ry one belongs to all.
- 2 In this place, let kindness flourish; In these walls, let joy reside; From these doors, let hope encourage; Here may harmony abide; For in Christ we are one body: Ev'ry one belongs to all.
- 3 May the healing hands have blessing; Hearts have courage to console; Eyes to see the soul's unresting; Ears to hear the sighing soul; For in Christ we are one body: Ev'ry one belongs to all.
- 4 We, though many, are one body, Sharing God's transforming love; May our praise rise pure and godly As one voice, blest and beloved; For in Christ we are one body: Ev'ry one belongs to all.

Apostolic Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always!

C: And also with you!

Hymn of Praise #728 *Blest Are They*

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you. Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. **C: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Story/Children's Message

Alleluia Verse #174 *Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Matthew 18: 5-20 L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel is heard L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message Song #603 *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken (Tune: RESTORATION)*

- 1 God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.
- 2 Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.
- 3 You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.
- 4 Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.
- 5 Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true, give us love to go on learning; God, encourage and renew!



Sermon

Pastor Bobbie Blackburn

Apostles' Creed

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

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.

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.

Prayers of Intercession *Each portion of the prayers concludes with words: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.*

Lord's Prayer

Song of Peace #646 *The Peace of the Lord (La Paz del señor)*

- 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me, and also for all of God's children. *(repeat second line)*
 - 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is among us right now, so open yourselves to receive it. *(repeat second line)*
 - 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord kept within cannot live, so open yourselves now to share it. *(repeat second line)*
- 1 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor, la paz del Resucitado:
la paz del Señor a ti y a mí, a todos alcanzará; la paz del Señor a ti y a mí, a todos alcanzará.*
 - 2 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor, la paz del Resucitado:
se hace presente ahora y aquí apréstate a recibirla; se hace presente ahora y aquí apréstate a recibirla.*
 - 3 *La paz del Señor, la paz del Señor, la paz del Resucitado:
no puede vivir encerrada en sí, apréstate a compartirla; no puede vivir encerrada en sí, apréstate a compartirla.*

A Time of Offering *You are invited to respond to God's love through giving to the ministry of Trinity using E-Giving linked on our website, www.TLCbradenton.com or sending a contribution through the mail to the church office.*

Offertory Prayer L: Let us pray. C: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you continually feed us with Your holy Word. Lead us from this time of worship, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction L: Nurturing God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life. C: Amen.

Sending Song #872, v. 1, 2, 4 *Praise Ye the Lord*

Refrain Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Ev'rybody praise the Lord. *(sing twice)*

- 1 Praise God with the sound of the trumpet; praise God with the lute and the harp;
praise God with the timbrel and dancing; praise God wherever you are. **Refrain**
- 2 Praise God with holy cymbals; praise God with strings and with pipes;
praise God with clashing cymbals; praise God with all of your might. **Refrain**
- 4 Praise God on top of the mountains; praise God both day and night;
praise God down in the low valleys; praise God because it's all right. **Refrain**

Dismissal L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *I Know That My Redeemer Lives (Folk Tune ANTIOCH, by F. C. Wood), arr. Dale Wood*