

Prairieland Parish

*As we unite in worship today, we extend a warm welcome to each one present.
May we together experience the presence of God*

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We Gather to Prepare Our Hearts to Meet Our Lord



Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Opening Meditation Prayer

Sisters and Brothers, we are launching ourselves on the grand Ordinary Time journey. These Sundays after Pentecost will carry the story of the church at work in the world, the church guided by the Spirit and infused with the presence of Christ. We don't make this journey alone but surrounded by God in all the ways we experience that loving presence. Today on this Trinity Sunday is an acknowledgement of the mysterious and wondrous God we worship.

So, let our voices be heard and we proclaim we are here in His presence to worship Him who has given us life. Let us unite in our call to worship.

A Call to Worship

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!

Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!

Though we were as good as dead, God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

**O give thanks to God for such unswerving love,
for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.**

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God give us a renewed assurance of your steadfast love—your love that will never leave us, never forsake us, and never let us go. Your love that seeks us and draws us closer into your holiness. Grant us a holiness of heart and life that we might glorify you in all we do and say. Amen.

Praise Hymn #2070

“He is Exalted“ (Sing Twice)

Author: Twila Paris

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**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.**

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

**He is the Lord,
Forever his truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.**

We Hear God’s Word

Gospel Reading..... John 3:1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus[a] by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” 3 Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”[b] 4 Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You[c] must be born from above.’[d] 8 The wind[e] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

11 “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you[f] do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.[g] 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.[h]

16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The word of God for the People of God, **Thanks Be to God**

Children’s Message

Faith Hymn # 347

'Spirit Song'

Author: John Wimber (1979)

Publication Date: 1989

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**1 O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your
soul.**

**O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make
you whole.**

**Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
come and fill your lambs.**

**2 O come and sing this song with
gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to
his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
Jesus, O Jesus,
come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,**

Message

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Joys/Concerns

Memorial Day Prayer

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage,
Whose lives that have empowered us,
Whose influence is a healing grace,

We lift up thankful hearts.
For dear friends and family members
Whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever...

We lift up thankful hearts.
For teachers and companions of our childhood and youth,
And for the members of our household of faith
Who worship you now in heaven...

We lift up thankful hearts.
For those who sacrificed themselves,
Our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others.....
That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you
in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night...

We pray that we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one.

O Lord, save your people and bless your heritage.

Day by day we magnify you,

And worship your name, as we join together in the beautiful prayer your son our Savior taught us.....

Offertory/Doxology/Prayer

Holy God, above us, among us, within us: we rejoice this day that while you might have chosen to be unknown to us, you have revealed yourself in many ways. Each encounter with you calls us to return blessings with worship, compassion, and service. So, when we give this day, we do so in gratitude for all your parental care for us through your creation. When we give this day, we give because, in love, you gave us Christ, that through him we might find eternal life. When we give this day, your Spirit leads your church to reach out in compassion, mercy, and grace to all your children everywhere. In gratitude, we celebrate you, three and yet one. Amen. (John 3:1-17)

Departing Hymn #2241 "The Spirit Send Us Forth To Serve"

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**1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

**3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**

**2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**

**4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

BENEDICTION: Let us go forth into the new seasons of our lives with caring awareness for the world and all that is in it. Let us go forth in peace and be led with the power to love and the strength to serve. Amen.

Postlude