

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
January 21, 2024 A.D.
The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Rev. Dr. Murray Joseph Thompson - Pastor

Gathering Music
Welcome & Announcements
Prelude

L: God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord is faithful.

P: He is a faithful Lord, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

L: His faithfulness reaches to the skies and continues throughout all generations into eternity.

P: We therefore praise the faithfulness of our Lord, Jesus Christ in this assembly, saying, "Great is your faithfulness!"

L: We will exalt and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, O Lord.

P: Great is your faithfulness to us, O Lord, our God. Amen and Amen.

Call to Confession

L: Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the highest heaven, Jesus, the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with the fullest of confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help us in the hour of need. In strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

In Unison: ***Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in***

wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: The Good News of Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given the grace to grow and the courage to continue our life's journey. In Jesus Christ 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!***

The Children's Moment

*Hymn - ***To God Be the Glory #485***

The Morning Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 102:12-22 & Luke 4:14-21**

- ¹² But you, LORD, sit enthroned forever;
your renown endures through all generations.
- ¹³ You will arise and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to show favor to her;
the appointed time has come.
- ¹⁴ For her stones are dear to your servants;
her very dust moves them to pity.
- ¹⁵ The nations will fear the name of the LORD,
all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.
- ¹⁶ For the LORD will rebuild Zion
and appear in his glory.
- ¹⁷ He will respond to the prayer of the destitute;
he will not despise their plea.

¹⁸ Let this be written for a future generation,
that a people not yet created may praise the LORD:
¹⁹ “The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high,
from heaven he viewed the earth,
²⁰ to hear the groans of the prisoners
and release those condemned to death.”
²¹ So the name of the LORD will be declared in Zion
and his praise in Jerusalem
²² when the peoples and the kingdoms
assemble to worship the LORD.

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”^[a]

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Sermon: ***What on Earth has gotten into Jesus?***

*Hymn - ***God of Grace and God of Glory #420***

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 counsel 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: Barb Rinker

Head Deacons: Beth Davis & Josh Coy

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Music Director: Pamela Carroll

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