

February 14, 2024



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Ash Wednesday

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Greet one another with the Peace of Christ

“The Peace of Christ be with you.”

“And also with you.”

Preparation for Worship

Pope Francis

“God never tires of forgiving us: we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

Prelude

Little Prelude in Gm

J.S.Bach

Call to Worship

One: If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

All: **Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.**

One: Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

All: When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

One: For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

All: And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. Let us Worship God.

***Hymn of Praise #376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Call to Confession

One: Today is Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day. People share their hearts and risk everything for love. God's heart is shared with us through Jesus Christ. God risked even the loss of Jesus for our sakes. There are always limits to human love; there are no limits to the love of God for us. Knowing this, let us come with courage and confess from our hearts the limits of our love.

***Hymn of Confession #370**

Just As I Am, Without on Plea

Take time to offer silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Christ who is immortal became as a mortal so that we could experience immortality by believing in him. Tonight we reflect on our mortality with the imposition of ashes, yet as we know, Christ was buried in the dust of the earth and rose again. We shall rise with him, forgiven and loved.

All: Hear the Good News: in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Prayer for Illumination

In Lent we pilgrim through a dark night of our souls. We walk through the valley of the shadow of death believing that we will come out in the light. Tonight and throughout Lent may the light of God's word and the comfort of God's presence direct our paths.

Scripture Reading

Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

One: 20 So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 6:1 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 3 are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4 as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7 truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

All: The Word of the Lord.

One: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Traveling Reconciliation's Rocky Road Larry Vilaro

Imposition of Ashes

Prayers of the People

*After each petition please say, "God of Life and Hope"
and all respond, "Hear our Prayer."*

Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Offering

***Closing Hymn #85**

What Wondrous Love is This

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love

H. J. Gauntlett

**We invite all to stand in body or in spirit.*

THANK YOU

Pastor: Larry Vilaro
Music Director: Nicki Kerns
Lector: Jeff Lawton
Greeter: Bob Scott

Announcements

Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church!

We look forward to getting to know you better. Please fill out a visitor welcome card found in the pew pockets in front of you. We are glad you are here!

Online Church Service

Experience our live services or explore past ones on YouTube. If you want edited sermons complete with date, sermon titles, bulletin covers, and volume enhancement, check out our Vimeo website. Both platforms can be accessed through our website: <https://www.trinitypressc.org>

Happy Hour, Tomorrow, February 15th, 4pm

Happy Hour will be held at The Crepe Place at 4 PM. Please note that there will be no Happy Hour in March to accommodate the Lenten suppers.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

St Andrew Men's Fellowship has invited our men's fellowship for a delightful breakfast gathering this Saturday, February 17th, at 9:00 AM. For those in need of transportation, a convenient carpool will depart from the Trinity parking lot at 8:45 AM. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow members and share in a morning of camaraderie.

Sue Yeaney Memorial, February 17, 1pm

Join us as we commemorate the life of Sue Yeaney in a heartfelt memorial service on February 17th at 1pm. Together, we will celebrate the lasting impact she made on our lives and give thanks for the cherished memories we hold dear.

Lenten Study Dinners, 5:30pm

We will have three Lenten Study Dinners taking place in the Fireside Room on Thursdays: March 7th, 14th, and 21st, all beginning at 5:30 PM. This series delves into Jesus's interactions with women, offering rich insights and meaningful discussions. Mark your calendar and join us for an enlightening journey!

Trinity Library Celebrates Black History Month

Our library proudly presents a diverse collection of books available for checkout, highlighting the lives and contributions of notable Black intellectuals, leaders, athletes, and poets. Among the luminaries featured are Cornel West, Maya Angelou, Bayard Rustin, Bishop Desmond Tutu, James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, John Lewis, Martin Luther King Jr., Denzel Washington, and the Tuskegee Airmen. Visit us during coffee hour or drop by on Thursday mornings to explore our collection.

Church Office Job Opening

If you know of anyone looking for a part time administration job, we have an opening in the church office. Contact Debbie Bates for more info.

Pastor Larry's contact info

Due to technical difficulties, Pastor Larry is using his personal email, lvilardo@earthlink.net, rather than the trinitysecpastor email address.

A Note for the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer

Dear People of God,

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful, were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was reminded of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



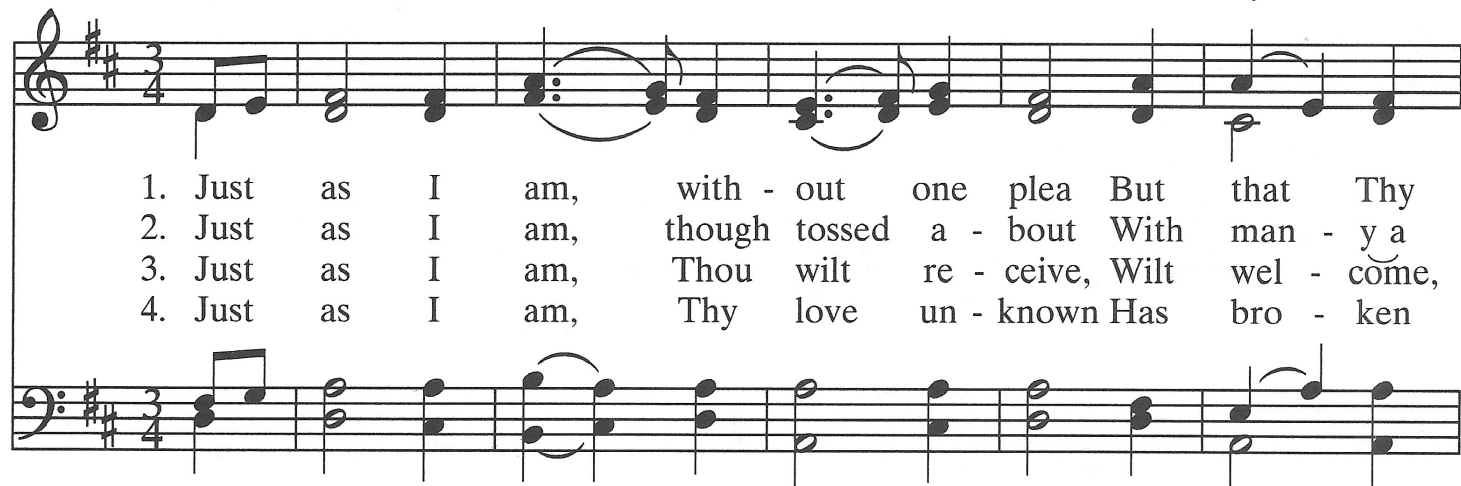
Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

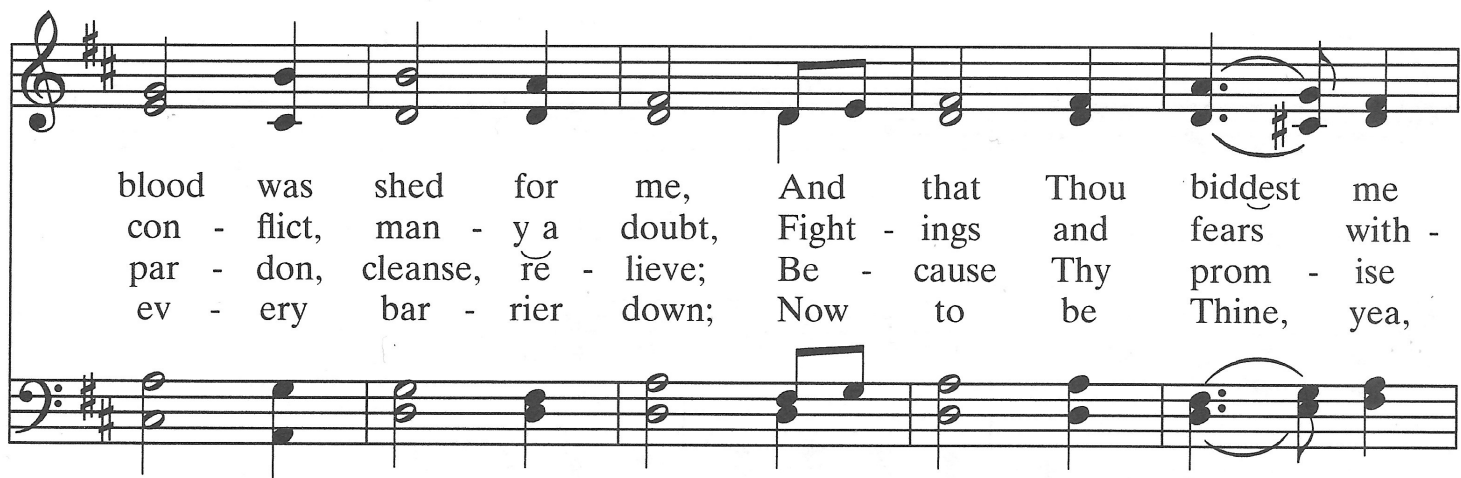
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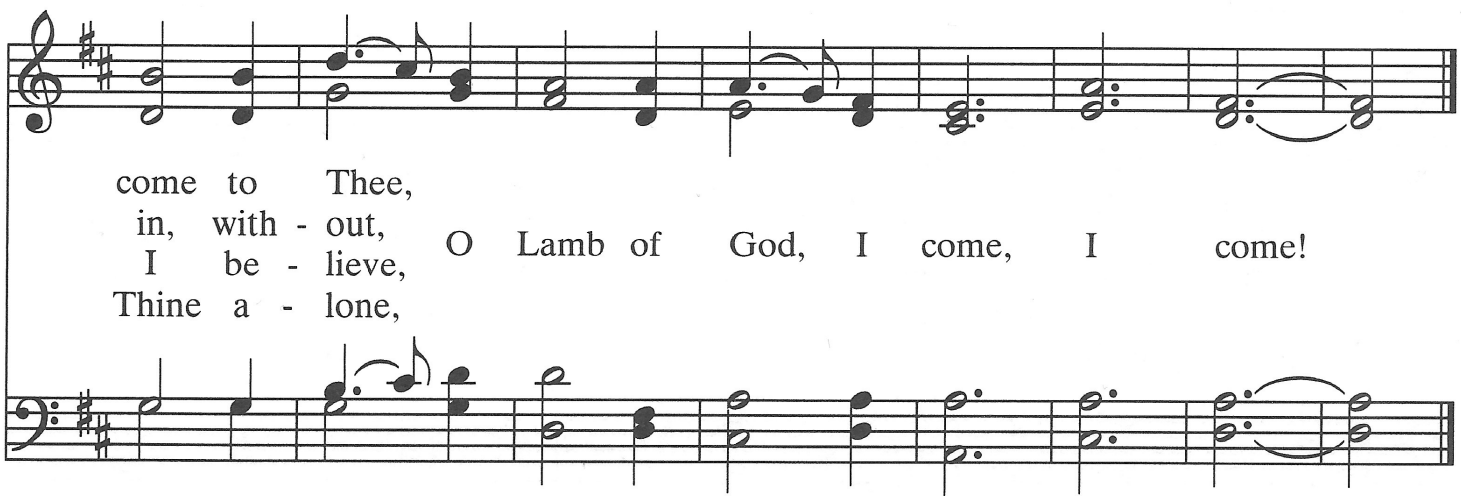
Charlotte Elliott, 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955


1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
 4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,



come to Thee,
 in, with - out,
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 Thine a - lone,

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

American folk hymn, c. 1811

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,

To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul!
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

*Or "dreadful curse" (as original text).