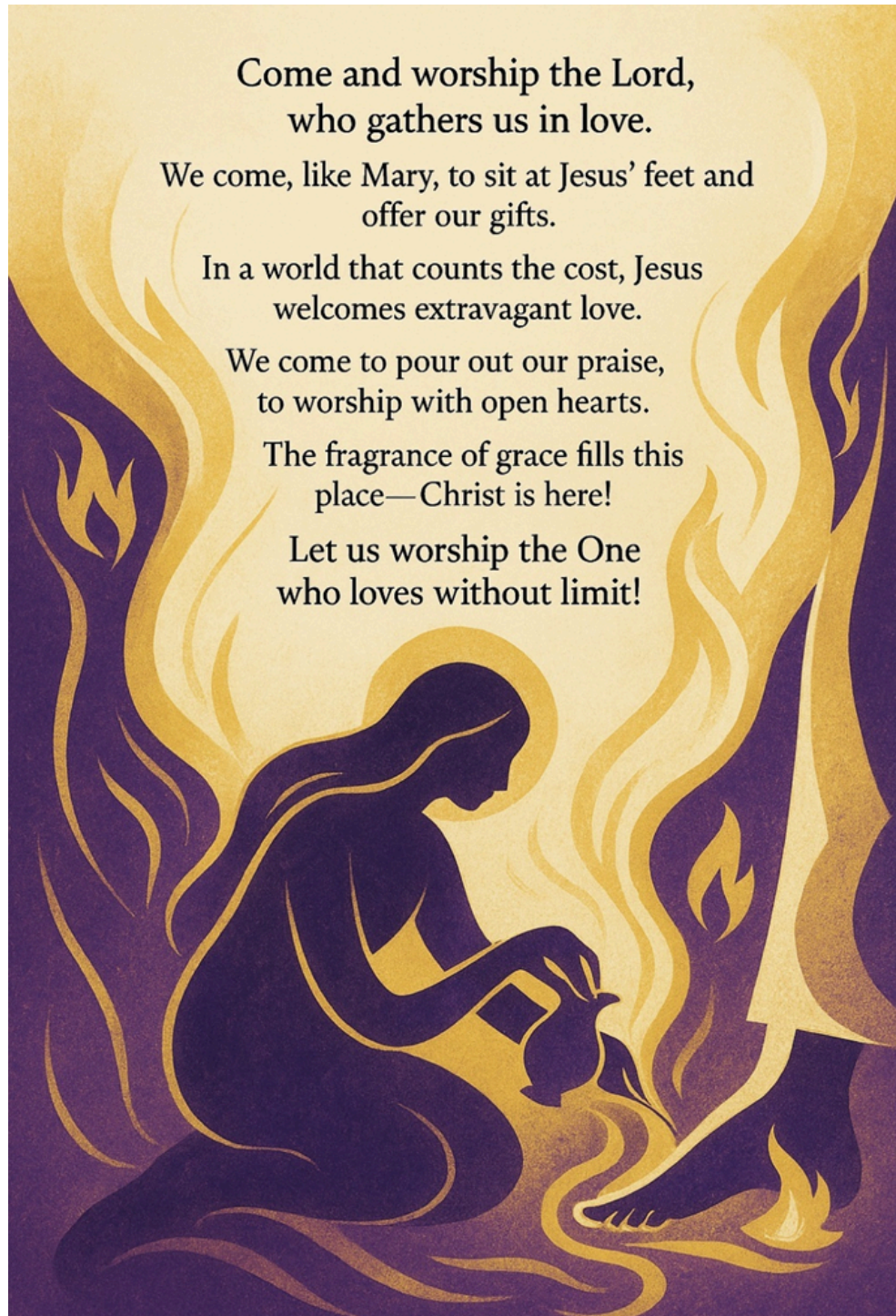


**April 6, 2025 ~ 10:30 a.m.**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ Communion*



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## Prelude and Procession

Nicki Kerns

*Center of Grace/Amazing Grace*, by Heather Sorenson

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Diane Ford

## Preparation for Worship

Our season of Wilderness continues as we look at one of the most beloved and remarkable scenes in the Gospels. Lazarus, who has been raised from the dead, Mary and Martha are hosting another gathering, and Mary takes on the role of prophet, priest, and disciple as she pours expensive perfume on Jesus' feet, wiping them with her hair. Jesus declares her act as a preparation for his burial as Judas leers and complains.

**Introit**      *While We Are Waiting, Come*, by Cason/Cloninger      Trinity Choir

**Call to Worship** (Responsively)      Jeff Lawton

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\***Hymn:** PH #310      *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*      ST. AGNES

**Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing** (Unison)      Jeff

**Holy and loving God, you invite us to love with open hands and generous hearts, yet we cling to what is familiar and safe. Like Judas, we sometimes question acts of devotion instead of embracing them. Like the disciples, we struggle to understand the depth of your grace. Forgive us when we hold back our love, when we fail to see your presence in our midst, and when we let fear keep us from following you fully. Cleanse us, renew us, and lead us in your way of extravagant grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Time for silent prayer.)**

**Assurance of Forgiveness** (Responsively)

Jeff

In the name of Jesus Christ, all people are called to repentance, forgiveness, and healing.

**Forgiveness is God's gift to us,  
one we can never earn but are welcome to accept.**

When we agree to God's freeing offer,  
we are also agreeing to let God's love change us.

**We are transformed by this opportunity for newness of life. Amen.**

*- adapted from Taught by Love by Lavon Bayler*

**\*Gloria** (Pg. 8)

*Gloria*, by Nicki Kerns

***Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in one.***

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And to the Holy Spirit, Three in one.***

***As it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen.***

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

"The Peace of Christ be with you." **"And also with you."**

**Prayers of the People - God of Life and Hope, Hear our Prayer**

**Presbytery's Unity Candle:** Presbyterian Church of San Martin

**Lord's Prayer** (unison)

**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, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*Lead Me, Lord*, by Samuel Wesley

Trinity Choir

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,  
make Thy way plain before Thy face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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## **Prayer for Illumination**

Jeff

God of new things, you make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. As we turn to your Word, open our hearts and minds to perceive your truth. Clear away the distractions that keep us from seeing your grace at work. By your Spirit, may we hear your voice calling us into new life. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**      Isaiah 43:16-21

Jeff

This is what the Lord says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

## **Gospel Reading**      John 12:1-8

Diane

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, “Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.” He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

Sermon

Rev. Diane Ford

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Holy Gifts We Offer*, by James Southbridge

Nicki Kerns

\*Doxology PH #591

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Diane

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

\*Communion Hymn, PH #513

African American Spiritual

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Table**

*The outer ring is wine; the inner rings are grape juice.  
Gluten-free bread is made available.*

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Words of Institution**

## Communion of the People

### Prayer after Communion

#### \*Blessing and Charge

#### \*Amen

Trinity Choir

#### \*Postlude

*I Am Thine, O Lord*, by Joel Raney

Nicki Kerns

Image on front cover: AI-generated abstract figure of Mary at the center, radiating with light, symbolizing her prophetic insight, priestly offering, and devoted discipleship

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

*PH - Presbyterian Hymnal; GH - Gather Hymnal;*

*GTG - Glory to God Hymnal*

### **Special Thanks to Our “Sunday Saints”**

Pastor, Rev. Diane Ford; Music Director, Nicki Kerns

Lector, Jeff Lawton; Usher, Pete Halper

Greeters, Elizabeth and George Bunch

Coffee Hour, Kim Johnston; Flowers, Ed Sams

Audio/Video/Zoom Tech, Chad Bell and Chuck Cobery

## Announcements

### Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church

Are you new today? We look forward to getting to know you. Please fill out a visitor welcome card and place it in the offering plate during the Call to Offering. After worship, join us for coffee/refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. We're glad you're here!



## One Great Hour of Sharing

Donations are divided between three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Please use the provided special envelopes. We will collect until Easter Sunday.

## A New Way of Giving

For those who have been contributing monthly through online giving, please note that we have switched to a new system that accepts donations at a lower rate of cost. To continue supporting us, please visit our website at [www.trinitypressc.org](http://www.trinitypressc.org). We appreciate your generosity.

## Donate Used Electronics

The Welcoming Network seeks computers and phones for our neighbors. Donated laptops (PCs up to 10 years old, MacBooks up to 15), iPhones (4G/5G), Androids, iPads, and tablets will be erased, refurbished, and given to those in need. Non-reusable items will be recycled at Grey Bears. If you are able to donate any of these items, contact **Karen Wichelmann** at (831) 588-9240.

**Sacred Pause** Thursday, April 10, 6 PM - 8 PM

*If you plan on coming to this week's (April 10) dinner, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!*



Palm Sunday, **April 13, 10:30 am**

Maundy Thursday, **April 17, 6:00 pm**

Easter Sunday, **April 20, 10:30 am**

Featuring the Easter Section of Handel's Messiah.

This joyous service is followed by an

**Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages!**



## **Graduation Time**

If you have a child or grandchild graduating this spring, please let Elizabeth Bunch (g\_e\_bunch@yahoo.com) know their name and address by **APRIL 13**. The deacons would like to recognize our graduates from middle school, high school, and college. (For college, please give us their home address.)

## **Happy Hour (NEW TIME), Tues., April 15, 5pm**

Back Nine Bar & Grill (555 Hwy. 17 at Pasatiempo Exit) is our location for Trinity's Happy Hour at 5pm. Enjoy Fellowship & Outreach! Bring a friend!

## **Easter Egg Hunt Supplies, April 16**

The yearly Easter egg hunt is coming soon! Children AND adults are welcome to join in. The deacons are soliciting candy donations to be stuffed into the plastic eggs. If you would like to supply a bag or two, please turn them into the office by Wednesday, April 16. Thank you!

## **Teen Tech Assistant Position**

Trinity is seeking teenagers (ages 13-18) to assist with the operation of our computer for filming services, managing audio equipment, and handling handheld microphones, along with a few other minor tasks.

**Hours:** 2 hours per week, Sunday mornings from 10 AM to noon

**Compensation:** \$16.50 per hour or the option to earn volunteer service hours for school requirements.

**Requirements:** Some familiarity with computers, audiovisual, and electronic equipment is preferred; training on our equipment will be provided.

For more information, the listing can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office by the applications.



# Gloria

Nicki Kerns

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Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to the Son, and to the Ho-ly  
10 Spi - rit, Three in one... As it was in the be - gin-ning, now and ev-er  
16 shall be, world with - out\_ end,\_ A - - - men.\_\_\_\_\_

## Presbytery's Unity Candle moves to San Martin!

Today, we remember and pray for the community, ministries, and staff of Presbyterian Church of San Martin, and Rev. Trevor VanLaar.

### Please continue to remember these people and situations in your prayers.

- Jerry Thormann's great great great 10 year-old niece: gratitude that she's asking to be baptized.
- Ed Sams' neighbor: diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Michael Christie's friend Renee: courage and compassion in the face of cancer diagnosis.
- Sandy Thormann's family home: thankful that it remains in the family after being purchased by her great great grandson.
- Thriving arts community in Santa Cruz: grateful that two arts organizations — Santa Cruz Symphony and Santa CruzShakespeare — partnered to create an extraordinary production.
- People in Gaza and Latakia, Syria: strength and faith as they are subjected to ethnic cleansing.
- Ellen Bauerle: swift recovery from her recent surgery.



*If you would like to order an Easter Lily, please fill out this form. Attach your payment of \$10 per lily to the form and drop it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Flower orders are due no later than April 14, 2025. Lilies may be picked up after the Easter Worship Service.*

*In honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Given by:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Total Number of Lilies ordered:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill out the form below. Tear off and put in the offering plate.*

Yes, I/We will be attending the Sacred Pause Lenten Gathering  
Thursday evening, April 10

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Please circle one of the below. No Desserts please.*

I/We will bring: soup   salad   bread