



The Good News of Jesus Christ

A Study through the Gospel of Luke

'Come; for everything is ready now.'

~ Luke 14:17

Trinity United Methodist Church
Alexandria, Virginia

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

Eleven o'clock in the morning



TRINITY
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

CONNECTING
GROWING
SERVING
CELEBRATING

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Please stand in body and/or spirit.*

*Out of reverence for God and respect for fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.
Childcare for preschool aged children (birth-preK) is available in our nursery (downstairs, room 105).
Children's Worship (for elementary aged children) meets immediately following Children's Time
upstairs in room 206. Please see an usher for more information.*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Grace Hann

*Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God's love be in us and among us as we greet all who enter our doors as children of God.
Please take a moment to complete the Connection Card and prepare to place it in the offering plate later in the service.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg

INTROIT

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Marianne Vannatta

To those who are hungry, Jesus says:

“Come and eat! There's more than enough for all!”

To those who are thirsty, he says:

“Come and drink! It's free for the taking!

Stop wasting your money on food that doesn't satisfy.

Come to Me, and you will find everything you need!”

*HYMN

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Hymnal no. 616

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor Grace Han

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for Silence and Prayer.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please exchange signs and words of reconciliation and love.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Carrie Pritts

*Immediately following Children's Time, elementary aged children are welcome to participate in Children's Worship upstairs in room 206.
Children will return to worship after the sermon.*

Holly Stowell, soprano

Come Sunday, that's the day. I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky, I don't mind the gray skies 'cause they're just clouds passing by. Lord, dear Lord above, God Almighty Lord of Love, please look down and see my people through. I believe God is now, was then, and always will be; with God's blessing, we can make it through eternity.

PSALTER

Psalm 36:5-10

Hymnal no. 771

Please sing Response after the choir introduces it. Then sing the response, without introduction, at each bold R.

Response



Taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, for with you is the foun-tain of life.

R

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ **Your righteousness is like the might mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
O Lord, humans and animals you save!**
- ⁷ O God, how precious is your steadfast love!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ **They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights/**
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.
- ¹⁰ O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart! R

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please sing before and after the Gospel Lesson.*)



Bless-ed Je-sus, at thy-word we are gath-ered all to hear thee.



let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee.



by thy teach-ing sweet and ho-ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole-ly.

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 14:15-24

Pew Bible, NT, Page 77

Pastor Grace Han

¹⁵ One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" ¹⁶ Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷ At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' ¹⁹ Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' ²⁰ Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the

lame.’²² And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’²³ Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.’²⁴ For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Someone Gave a Great Dinner”

Pastor Grace Han

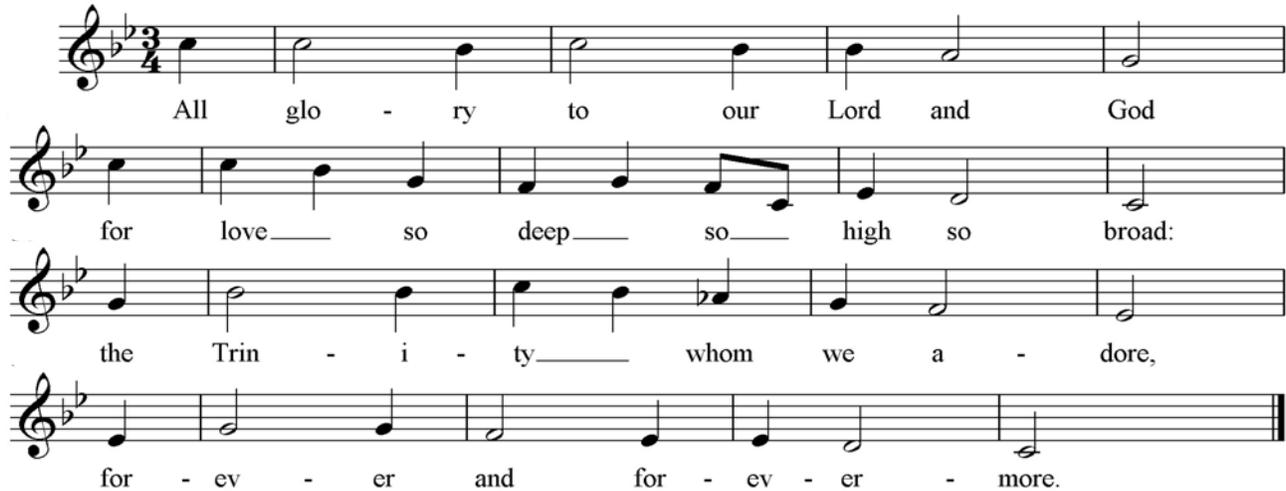
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Johannes Brahms

*THE DOXOLOGY



All glo - ry to our Lord and God
for love — so deep — so high so broad:
the Trin - i - ty — whom we a - dore,
for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor Grace Han

**Lord we thank you for your faithfulness.
You are an abundant God and
out of your great mercy you have given us so much.
We give you this offering today and
with it we worship you and give our whole selves to you.
We pray that it will be used for your kingdom and your glory.
Extend and multiply its reach and influence and
may it be a great blessing to many.
We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus, Amen.**

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical Setting B

Leader: Tom Tyler

Hymnal no. 18

THE 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We invite all persons to the Lord's Table. This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love Him and for those who want to love Him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the Communion station nearest you. The center station is for those who require gluten-free bread. We serve Holy Communion by intinction. Please extend your hands to receive the bread and then dip the bread into the cup as it is offered to you. After you partake, you also may kneel at the rail for prayer and meditation.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Adoramus Te, No. 1

Antonio Lotti

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. For by your holy cross and passion you have redeemed the world.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Gordon Johnson, piano

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Grace Han

Eternal god,

**we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

Hymnal no. 623

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Grace Han

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott

Johannes Brahms

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT TRINITY

Those Assisting in Worship Today

Acolyte: Eliza Costle Tyler

Communion Servers: Ellan and Pat Moore, Jill Robinson

Crucifer: Tyler Williams

Liturgist & Gluten Free Communion Server: Marianne Vannatta

Greeters: Lynn & Ted Clark

Ushers: Bryce Benson, Verna Lomax, Lucelle O'Flaherty (Head Usher), George Pinn, Eric Schilling

Today's Anthem: In 1942 Ellington and His Orchestra were engaged for a special performance at Carnegie Hall, and for the event Ellington composed an extended piece entitled "Black, Brown and Beige," each color denoting a section of the piece corresponding to a period of time in the history of African-Americans in America. "Come Sunday" is what is now known as the 32-bar, AABA-form song (which Ellington wrote for alto saxophonist Johnny Hodges), but originally it was part of a 12-minute portion of the first section, "Black." Today's arrangement is by Alice Parker, composer, arranger and conductor.

Today's communion anthem is a setting from the Liber Usualis by Antonio Lotti (c. 1667-1740), a Venetian organist and maestro de cappella at St. Mark's. The Cathedral assumed a leading place in European music during the 16th and 17th centuries. Lotti's works include operas and madrigals, as well as church music in the traditional classic contrapuntal style. His expressive harmonies were noted by a critic in 1770, who wrote of its "grace and pathos." (notes by Percy M. Young)

Nursery (9:45 AM - 12:15 PM): For children birth-preK (Room 105, downstairs, around the corner to the left, first door on the right). Led by Luz Reyes and Helen Simms.

Children's Worship: During the 11 AM worship, elementary aged children (K-5) are invited to participate in an age appropriate time of worship. After Children's Time, join Carrie Pritts upstairs in room 206 for Children's Worship. Children will return to the Sanctuary at the end of service, during the last hymn.

Sunday School (10-10:45 AM):

- ◆ Children (K-5) - Room 206
- ◆ Youth (6-12) - Chapel
- ◆ Adult Forum - Fellowship Hall

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

Celebrate Easter at Trinity! Next Sunday begins Holy Week, the most important week in the life of Jesus Christ. Sunday, April 14th is Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem. We invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments at 10 AM, the live donkey processional at 10³⁰ AM and worship at 11 AM. Then we join Jesus for the Last Supper at the Maundy Thursday service at 7³⁰ PM. On Good Friday we will hold a Service of Tenebrae at 7³⁰ PM. Then on Sunday, April 21st, join us at 10⁴⁵ AM for special music and communion on Easter Sunday! Childcare is available at all services.

Trinity United Methodist Women – All women are welcome, membership not required! The second Tuesday of each month from 7 PM to 9 PM; we gather at someone's home for light snacks, dessert and a short devotional. This is a time to relax together, to enjoy, inspire and support one another on our faith journeys. Tuesday, April 9th we are gathering at Alva Smircina's apartment; 801 S. Pitt Street, #420, Alexandria, 22314. Free parking on the street. Our current Mission Effort is to support the Alexandria Domestic Violence Shelter. Please bring a donation for the shelter to our monthly meeting. A list of on going needs for the shelter can be found on the flyer in the Narthex, on the announcement slides on Sunday and by contacting the Church Office. If you aren't able to make the meeting but want to donate, items can be dropped off in the Church Office. For details about Trinity's UMW or to RSVP for our meeting contact Linda Pitts at ihcpitts@aol.com or Alva at asmircina@gmail.com.

New To Trinity? Welcome and Join us for Lunch! Are you new to the church? We invite you to Lunch with Pastor Grace on Sunday, May 5th, immediately following worship, at the Parsonage. It will be an opportunity to eat, chat, ask questions, and learn more about Trinity UMC. Contact the church office at office@trinityalexandria.org.

Disciple's Path Class, a class for Newcomers: Calling newcomers at Trinity! Pastor Grace invites you to join her for a 6 week class about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. This class will run from Sunday, May 5th-June 9th, on Sunday mornings from 9³⁰-10⁴⁵ AM. Childcare is available. Contact Pastor Grace at pastor@trinityalexandria.org with additional questions or concerns.

Join us for Trinity Preschool Family Night at Trinity's Table, Wednesday, April 24th - 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. All proceeds will help support the purchase of scooters and other equipment for the black top and playground. Trinity's Table that night is sponsored by the Trinity Preschool Advisory Board and Guest Chef will be Pat Moore.

Last Sunday the congregation honored UMCOR Sunday by participating in our Changing the World through Sandwiches mission project. Together we put together 189 sandwiches! Along with the sandwiches, we delivered a box full of turkey, ham, and cheese to Martha's Table where they will help provide food security to our homeless brothers and sisters in D.C. Thanks to all for making this mission project such a success. We'd like to ask the congregation if this is a mission project you'd like us to do more frequently than once a year. Please reach out to Mary Gillman, either in person or at marygillman@gmail.com, and let us know your thoughts. We'd love to hear from you!

2019 Lenten-Easter Offering – You can help Trinity Church reach its Lenten-Easter giving goal of \$5,000 with \$1,000 designated for Community Lodgings, \$1,000 for ALIVE!, \$1,000 for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Disaster Relief Fund, and \$2,000 for Rising Hope's Capital Campaign. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC and note "2019 Lenten-Easter Offering" on the memo line. Or give online through Trinity's Online Giving. Visit us at www.trinitalexandria.org and click the "♥Giving" button in the top right hand corner. Locate the Missions Fund line and specify an amount and indicate "2019 Lenten-Easter Offering" in the memo box. We are accepting donations through the end of May.



Trinity's Table

**Wednesday, April 10th
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

All Proceeds to Benefit the Lawn Mower Fund.

Menu ~ Let's Play Ball!

Hot Dogs/Corn Dogs/Bratwursts
Assorted Chips
Pork & Beans
Caramel Popcorn
Potato Salad/Spring Salad
Ice Cream Sandwiches

\$8 per Adult meal/\$5 per Child meal
\$25 per family of 4 (2 Adults/2 Children)
Children are ages 3-12 years old.

Children 2 and under are free.

RSVP on the Connection Card or by sending an email to office@trinityalexandria.org.

MORNING OF GIVING | APRIL 27TH | 8³⁰-NOON

Sign Up For Trinity's Semi-Annual Community Blood Drive. Trinity's Semi-Annual Blood Drive will be held Saturday, April 27th from 8 to 11³⁰ AM. We will also be having a pancake breakfast that morning. The pancakes are great, so come and bring your friends and neighbors for a good pancake breakfast before donating blood!

To make an appointment, visit www.inovabloodsaves.org, click Locate a Blood Drive and use sponsor code 3515 under Search by Sponsor. For those with questions or concerns, contact Carol Bowers at carol_bowers@cox.net or 703-534-5230.

Volunteers are needed for signing up donors by phone and after the church service, reminder calls, registration the day of the drive, and to provide baked goods for the event. To volunteer please visit www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48ADAF2FA3FB6-blood4 or mark the Connection Card and place in the offering plate.

April is Trinity's Month to Collect Food for ALIVE! Alexandria's Food Center serves as a collection/storage point for many of our City's food pantries. ALIVE! manages the Center. One in five Alexandrians suffers from food deprivation. For our city's children, the stats are even more troubling. In some Alexandria City schools, over 80% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price breakfasts/lunches. Please help ALIVE! continue

to provide thousands of Alexandrians each month with food. The greatest need is for canned meat items, tuna, pasta sauce, mac and cheese, soups, canned veggies and fruit, boxed or bagged rice, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, and crackers. And please don't forget, for a mere 19¢ a pound, Capital Area Food Bank can supply ALIVE! with meat, canned goods, pasta and more. So, for only \$20, 105 pounds of the aforementioned items can be purchased. Nonperishable donations can be left in the closet off the Narthex.

Bikes for the World Bike Collection - Have you been looking for a mission opportunity to invite your neighbors to so they can experience Trinity UMC in action? Let them know they can donate bikes they're not using at our annual Bikes for the World event this Saturday, April 27th from 9AM to Noon. Reuse of bikes is a really green way to provide much needed, reliable and easy-to-maintain transportation in many developing countries - Ghana, Panama, Costa Rica, Barbados and Uganda are a few. What condition? "Serviceable" is good enough! If your bike is gathering dust, bring it in too. We also need a few folks either to greet donors and fill in donation receipts or to do a bit of light wrench-turning. Mark your Connection Card or contact Gordon Johnson at gfbj_va@yahoo.com or 703.520.3534 if you can volunteer.

The Welcome Statement of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Matthew 10:40

Trinity United Methodist Church is committed to be a congregation of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God's love extends to all, we welcome everyone without exception, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history or life experience. We recognize that we are all different, and those differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is:

Building a strong Christian community to find, share, and celebrate the love of Christ in our hearts, neighbors and our world.

TRINITY CHURCH'S WEEKLY NEWS

THINGS TO KNOW THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 04/07/2019 - 5th Sunday in Lent

5:30 PM Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 PM Lenten Suppers (Off-Site)

Tuesday, 04/09/2019

7:00 PM Della Somerville Circle (Off -Site)
7:00 PM Finance Meeting (Parlor)
8:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, 04/10/2019

5:30 PM Trinity's Table ~ *Let's Play Ball!* (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM Centering Prayer (Chapel)
6:15 PM Choristers Rehearsal (Music Suite)

Thursday, 04/11/2019

6:15 PM Trinity Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 14th: Palm Sunday - Breakfast & Annual processional with donkey at 10 AM. Worship to follow at 11 AM.

Thursday, April 18th: Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 PM with special music accompanied by cello.

Friday, April 19th: Good Friday Service of Tenebrae at 7:30 PM

Sunday, April 21st: Easter Sunday - Worship begins at 10:45 AM with a choral prelude. The Festive Easter Service continues with all choirs participating, accompanied by strings, organ and trumpet. The service concludes with the congregation and choir singing the Hallelujah Chorus.

Saturday, April 27th: Morning of Giving: Inova Bi-Annual Blood Drive; Bikes for the World Event; Pancake Breakfast; Food Donation Drive



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