

Holy Week

WEEK OF PRAYER

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Monday

words in **bold** are read by the congregation

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Let my mouth be full of your praise

And of your glory all the day long

Do not cast me off in my old age

Forsake me not when my strength fails

Psalm 71:8-9

Silence.

(Remain still before the Lord and offer prayers of praise and thanks)

CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE DOXOLOGY

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Amen.

THE READING

29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told

them. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it." 35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Luke 19:29-40

THE MORNING PSALM

Psalm 2

- [1] Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
[2] The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
[3] "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

- [4] He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
[5] Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
[6] "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

- [7] I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
[8] Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
[9] You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

- [10] Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
[11] Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
[12] Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,

for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him. (ESV)

THE INTERCESSION

Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us your salvation. Clothe your people with righteousness; Let us sing with joy. Give peace, O Lord in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety. Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth. Let your way be known upon earth; Your saving health among all nations. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Create in us clean hearts, O God; And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

I will call upon God,

and the Lord will deliver me.

In the evening, in the morning, and at the noonday, I will complain and lament,

and he will hear my voice.

Psalm 55:17

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THE READING

15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. 16 And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. 17 And he was

teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers." 18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching. 19 And when evening came they went out of the city.

Mark 11:15-19

THE MORNING PSALM

Psalms 16

[1] Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

[2] I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

[3] As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

[4] The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

[5] The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

[6] The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

[7] I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

[8] I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

[9] Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

[10] For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

[11] You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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Wednesday

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting and to everlasting;
and let all the people say,
“Amen!”

Psalm 106:48

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It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, 2 for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.” 3 And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she

broke the flask and poured it over his head. 4 There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? 5 For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. 6 But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. 9 And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her." 10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. 11 And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him. – Mark 14:1-11

THE MORNING PSALM

Psalm 22

- [1] My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
- [2] O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
- [3] Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
- [4] In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- [5] To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.
- [6] But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
- [7] All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
- [8] "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"
- [9] Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
- [10] On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
- [11] Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
- [12] Many bulls encompass me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
[13] they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

[14] I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
[15] my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

[16] For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
[17] I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
[18] they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

[19] But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
[20] Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
[21] Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

[22] I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
[23] You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
[24] For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

[25] From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

[26] The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

[27] All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.

[28] For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

[29] All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

[30] Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

[31] they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet
unborn, that he has done it. (ESV)

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Maundy Thursday

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,

which cannot be moved, but stands fast forever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people,

from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 125:1-2

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Amen.

THE READING

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,

4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. – Mark 14:1-11

THE MORNING PSALM

Psalms 91

[1] He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

[2] I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

[3] For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

[4] He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

[5] You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

[6] nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

[7] A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

[8] You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.

[9] Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

[10] no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

- [11] For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- [12] On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- [13] You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- [14] "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- [15] When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
- [16] With long life I will satisfy him
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Good Friday

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THE CALL TO PRAYER

I cry out to you, O Lord; I say,

You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.

Psalms 142:5

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Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. 3 They came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands. 4 Pilate went out again and said to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him." 5 So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" 6 When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has

made himself the Son of God.” 8 When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. 9 He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” 11 Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

12 From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” 13 So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” 15 They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” 16 So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, 17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. 19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” 22 Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, 25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. – John 19:1ff

THE MORNING PSALM

Psalms 41

- [1] Blessed is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- [2] the LORD protects him and keeps him alive;
he is called blessed in the land;

you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
[3] The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.

[4] As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

[5] My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die, and his name perish?"

[6] And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

[7] All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.

[8] They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."

[9] Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

[10] But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!

[11] By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

[12] But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

[13] Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!

Amen and Amen. (ESV)

THE INTERCESSION

Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us your salvation. Clothe your people with righteousness; Let us sing with joy. Give peace, O Lord in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety. Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth. Let your way be known upon earth; Your saving health among all nations. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Create in us clean hearts, O God; And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

[Take the next 5 minutes to pray for the needs of others]

THE PRAYER APPOINTED FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened up to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that I, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 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.**