

# TRINITY CONGREGATION

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Please remember to silence your smartphone and other devices during the worship service! Thank you!

The actual Worship Bulletin used in the service is on a single sheet of A3 paper and in tri-fold form. The bulletin is presented here in one column for ease of reading online.

# THE GUIDE TO MORNING WORSHIP

*\*All who are able may rise to praise God.*

<b>Prelude:</b>	“Blest Are They” (David Haas)	Sara Preus
<b>*Processional Hymn:</b>	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	No. 158
<b>*Invocation</b>		Stephen Minister Judy Kim
<b>*Sharing the Peace</b>		

## Welcome and Announcements

### Old Testament Reading: *Exodus 1:8-2:10*

David Allen, *Reader*

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, ‘Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.’ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. ... But the more they were oppress-ed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ...

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, ‘Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.’ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daugh-ter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm Reading: Psalm 124 with sung responses

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### \*Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16:13-20*

Pastor Timothy, *Reader*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jere-miah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Christ.**

<b>Sermon</b>	“Sometimes, Things Don’t Always Go Wrong!”	Pastor John
	“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”	No. 382 (vv. 1, 4 only)

<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer</b>	No. 895
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<b>Offering and Offertory</b>	Sara Preus
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### \*Hymn before Communion: “As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain

*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;  
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*To refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God—

**\*People: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and united of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you;

**\*People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts;

**\*People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God;

**\*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

*Celebrant:* It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer ... [*Celebrant continues*] ... and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*People (singing): "Sanctus"**

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
[congregation may be seated] na in the high - est!

*Celebrant:* You indeed are holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We thank you for your promise and presence which has sustained the faithful in this and every generation. And above all, we thank you for Jesus, born of Mary, who by his deeds and words announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace. On the night on which he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body given for you. And in the same manner, after they had ... [*Celebrant continues*] ... Remembering his command to love one another, and remembering his life and death, resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

**TO BE SUNG:**

*Celebrant:* Christ has died.

**\*People: Christ has died** [echoing the melody]

*Celebrant:* Christ is risen!

**\*People: Christ is risen!**

*Celebrant:* Christ will come again.

**\*People: Christ will come again.**

(repeat)

*Celebrant:* Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, ... [*Celebrant continues*] ... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, O God, now and forever.

**\*People (singing): "Amen"**

Elise Eslinger

A - men, a - men, a - men.

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People: We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in one bread.**

[*Ushers will release each row in turn and each row with go to the front by the SIDE aisles, and return by the CENTER aisle.*

*The following instructions may help you feel comfortable as you take communion. First, receive the bread from the server and then either dip it in a bowl with grape juice, or dip it in the cup with wine and then partake and return to your seat.*

*Or, you may receive the bread and partake, and then proceed to the Common Cup in the center which is wine, and drink from it, and return to your seat. Do be afraid to ask a question of the server if you are unsure. No worries!]*

Communion Servers: The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,  
Stephen Minister Judy Kim, Henricus Peters

### Hymns Sung During Communion

*Today, no hymns will be sung during Holy Communion. Use this time to reflect on your relationship with God and others, and to offer thanksgiving — and enjoy the music of the piano.*

### Prayer after Communion (unison)

**ALL:** 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.

**\*Recessional Hymn:** "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

No. 480  
Pastor Timothy  
Sara Preus

*Please stay for coffee and donuts following the Benediction  
Our hospitality hosts today are Judy Kim and Suzanne Savage.*

### Worship Leaders

The Rev. Timothy Merrill, the Rev. John Willison,  
Stephen Minister Judy Kim

**Our musicians:** Sara Preus and Ignatius Banda

**Greeters:** Gray Lyons, Lette Basilio

**Flowers:** Michelle Barini and Craig Davis

**Communion Bread Provider:** Meg Ideker

**Set-up, Clean-up & Ushering:** Doug and Anne Gribble;  
Jeff and Karen Eekhoff

**Please feel free to contact our pastors:**

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Stephen Minister Judy: judykim@gmail.com

### Weekly News & Updates

**Want to receive Trinity emails?** Send Pastor Timothy an email at: revtfmerrill@aol.com. Or drop your business card in the offering plate.

**Electronic Giving or Giving in the USA**

Would you prefer to give electronically?

Please see our Treasurer, John Ideker, for details.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Would you like to volunteer** to be a greeter, Scripture reader or something else? We have opportunities in the following areas:

- Donut duty (3 people every Sunday)
- Set-up, ushering, etc. (4 people or more, every Sunday)
- Altar Flowers
- Communion servers (3 people every Sunday)
- Communion bread provider
- Scripture reader (1 person every Sunday)

How can you sign up? It's as simple sending an email to Timothy explaining where and when you are will to serve!

**In addition, we still need teachers** for Sunday school, and, if you sing, play an instrument, Sara Preus, chair of the Worship Committee, would love to know!

## REMEMBER TO PRAY ...

- For Will, a 6-year-old boy, the child of a former student of Kathy Gordon. Will needs a heart transplant.
- For Morgan and Mike Banini and the safe birth for their child.
- For Patrick Carroll in Korea now getting some tests done and consulting with specialists.
- For Anne Gribble's dad, Duane, 84, who has some health issues.
- For the Paulson family. Erik will have surgery in Sept.
- For an SAS teacher whose mother has died, and due to visa issues, he cannot get back. He is a new teacher.