



# Trinity Reformed Church

THE LORD'S DAY  
**Epiphany Season**

JANUARY 18, 2026

"Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

— ISAIAH 60:1 —

# Welcome to Trinity Reformed Church

Trinity Reformed Church exists because of God's grace and for the sake of His glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to join us in our highest privilege worshipping the Triune God. In the Lord's Service, the Father renews covenant with His people in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament, and respond in faithful prayer and sacrificial praise, through our Great High Priest Jesus Christ.

**COMMUNION** — The Lord Jesus Christ invites to his Table all who have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. If you are exploring Christianity but have not yet been baptized, please refrain from eating the Lord's Supper. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with the pastor.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP** — We desire that families feel welcomed in our worship service and hope that our youngest members and visitors alike will be able to participate as much as they are able. If you have any questions about you or your children's participation in worship, please speak to Pastor Grant.

## ***What is Epiphany Season?***

The English word is derived from the Greek *epiphainein*, which means "to appear" or "manifest." The Epiphany season has to do with the Lord's manifestation or appearance to the nations. Epiphany (January 6) and the season called by the same name (from January 6 through March 2) celebrate the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, beginning with the visit of the Eastern Kings (the Magi) in Matthew 2. The four main events commemorated during Epiphany are the adoration of the Magi, the story of Christ's visit to the temple as a twelve-year-old boy, our Lord's baptism in the Jordan, and the miracle of turning water into wine for the marriage feast at Cana in Galilee. The color for the church season is white and green.

# The Lord Calls Us

## Call to Worship

Let us worship God! [*stand*]

We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen!**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!  
**May the Lord our God favor you!**

From Bethlehem has come a ruler who will shepherd his people Israel; May he have  
dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth!

**Wise men from the east came and worshiped him! May all kings render him tribute!**

May all kings bring him gifts! May all kings fall down before him and all nations serve him!  
**Amen!**

# Hymn of Procession

## Why Do the Heathen Nations Vainly Rage?

Guitar chords do not match vocals.

Based on Psalm 2

1. Why do the heath-en na-tions vain-ly rage? What pride-ful schemes are  
 2. He speaks to them in right-eous, ho-ly wrath; God vex-es them and  
 3. The na-tions come; You are the on-ly Heir, The ends of earth will

they in vain de-vis-ing? The kings of earth and rul-ers all en-gage  
 shows His great dis-pleas-ure. Yet so I set My King up-on the path  
 be Your own pos-ses-sion, And, bro-ken with a rod of i-ron there,

In e-vil plots, and, in their sin con-triv-ing, They take their stand a-  
 That up-ward wound to Zi-on, My own treas-ure. You are My Son, to-  
 Re-bel-lious pot-ter-y comes to de-struc-tion. Now serve the LORD, with

gainst our GOD's Mes-si-ah; They claim they will not keep His bind-ing chains.  
 day You are be-got-ten, I will de-clare what God has said to Me-  
 fear and glad-ness trem-bling, And there-fore, O ye kings, seek wis-dom here.

The One en-throned in high-est Heav-en, high-er,  
 And not one tribe will ev-er be for-got-ten.  
 How blest are those who trust with-out dis-sem-bling,

8 Dm F C Gm A Dm

Mocks them to scorn, on them de-ri-sion rains.  
 You will re-ceive on the world, just ask of Me.  
 Who kiss the Son and bow in rev-'rent fear.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1539; harm. Claude Goudimel, 1564  
 Text: Douglas Wilson, 2000 © dougwils@christkirk.com

POURQUOI FONT BRUIT [GENEVAN 2]  
 10 11. 10 11. 11 10. 11 10.

***Amen!***

## Prayer of Invocation

Let us pray ... (*pastor prays*)

**Amen!**

[*please sit*]

# The Lord Cleanses Us

## THE SIN OFFERING

Dearly beloved brethren, long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son. He is the light, which gives light to everyone. But He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins unto Almighty God.

### Confession of Sin *[please kneel]*

Most holy and merciful Father,

We acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature,

Prone to evil and slothful in good,

And all our shortcomings and offenses against You.

You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways,

In wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love.

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Teach us to hate our errors,

Cleanse us from our secret faults,

And forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.

Send Your purifying grace into our hearts that we may henceforth live in Your light, And walk in Your ways.

Amen.

*[individual prayer]*

Arise and hear the good news of God's forgiveness!

## **Declaration of Absolution** [*stand*]

Hear what words of comfort the Scripture speak to all who turn to Christ in humble repentance...

**Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus name!**

# The Lord Consecrates Us

THE ASCENSION OFFERING

## Hymn of Ascent

### Come, Thou Fount

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;  
3. *Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!*  
4. Oh! that day, when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly face;  
5. If Thou ev - er didst dis - cov - er To my faith the prom - ised land,

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
*Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee;*  
Rich - ly clothed in blood - washed lin - en How I'll sing Thy sov - reign grace;  
Bid me now the stream pass o - ver, On the Heav'n - ly bor - der stand;

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
*Proned to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Proned to leave the God I love;*  
Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, Take my ran - somed soul a - way;  
Now surmount what - e'er op - pos - es, In - to Thine em - brace I'd fly;

12  
Praise the mount - I'm fixed up - on it - Mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
*Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.*  
Send Thine an - gels now to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.  
Speak the word Thou spake to Mo - ses; Bid me, "Get thee up and die."



# Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Lessons

### **First Lesson**      ISAIAH 49:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Second Lesson**      PSALM 40:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Third Lesson**      1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

*[stand for the gospel reading]*

### **Gospel Lesson**      JOHN 1:29-42a

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

*[please sit]*

## Genesis 12:1-20 "God calls Abram"

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

10 Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. 11 When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, 12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared for your sake." 14 When Abram entered Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. 15 And when the princes of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male servants, female servants, female donkeys, and camels.

17 But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. 18 So Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? 19 Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife; take her, and go." 20 And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him, and they sent him away with his wife and all that he had.

## Sermon Notes

# Response to God's Word [stand]

## Hymn of Response

### Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

From Psalm 98:1-3

1. 1. Oh, sing a new song to the LORD, For won-ders He has done,  
For won - ders He has done; His right hand and His ho - ly arm  
The vic - to - ry have won, The  
The vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have won.  
won, The vic - to - ry have won.  
vic - to - ry have won, The vic - to - ry have won.  
won, The vic - to - ry have won.

2. 2. The great salvation wrought by Him  
Jehovah has made known.  
His justice in the nations' sight  
He openly has shown.

3. 3. He mindful of His grace and truth  
To Israel's house has been,  
The great salvation of our God  
All ends of earth have seen.

# Oh, Sing a New Song to the LORD

Cont'd, Psalm 98:4-9

4. 4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD And make a joy - ful sound,

And make a joy - ful sound, Lift up your voice a - loud to Him;

Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing

Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing psalms!

sound! Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound! Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!

sound! Sing psalms!

5. 5 With harp make music to the LORD;

With harp, a psalm O sing!

6 With horn and trumpet raise a shout

Before the LORD, the King.

6. 7 Let seas in all their vastness roar,

The world, its living horde.

8 Let rivers clap, let mountains sing

Their joy 9 before the LORD!

7. Because He comes, He surely comes,

The judge of earth to be!

With justice He will judge the world,

All men with equity.

**Amen!**

# Confession of Faith

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Let us confess our faith together.

Christian, in whom do you believe?

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God of God,  
Light of Light,  
very God of very God;  
Begotten, not made,  
Being of one substance with the Father,  
By whom all things were made.  
Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
Came down from heaven,  
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
And was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
And ascended into heaven,  
And sits on the right hand of the Father;  
And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The Lord and Giver of Life;  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
Who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

# The Lord Collects Our Gifts

THE TRIBUTE OFFERING

## Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings

### Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, our holy and Triune God, for your glory and the advancement of your kingdom, with grateful, joyous, and faithful hearts we present to you these tithes and offerings, together with all that we are. Multiply these gifts and increase their usefulness; magnify your name and purposes in their distribution; continually increase in us the joy of honoring you; and now set your blessing upon us all, supplying our every need according to your riches and glory.

In Christ Jesus, in whose mighty name we pray,

**Amen!**

### Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; alt.  
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH  
8 8. 8 8.

[*please sit*]

## Prayer for the Church and World

*Prayer for the church...*

Before your throne, your children plead:

**Lord, hear our prayers and build your church, Amen.**

*Prayer for the servants of the church...*

Before your throne, your children plead:

**Lord, hear our prayers for those who serve, Amen.**

*Prayer for missions in the world...*

Before your throne, your children plead:

**Lord, hear our prayers for our missionaries, Amen.**

*Prayer for our civic leaders...*

Before your throne, your children plead:

**Lord, hear our prayers for those in office, Amen.**

*Prayer for those suffering and in need...*

Before your throne, your children plead:

**Lord, hear our prayers; comfort the suffering, Amen.**

Lord, we thank you for the words your Son taught us to pray, saying:

**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.**



## Gloria Patri *[stand]*

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in

the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, a-men.

Music: Charles Meineke, 1844

Text: Traditional, c. 100s

# The Lord Communes with us

## THE PEACE OFFERING

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord!**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is good and right to do so!**

## Sanctus

It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God... Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*fff* Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the

High - est! Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est!

## Passing the Peace

*Please stand and greet one another with the phrase “The peace of Christ be with you,” or other expressions of warm Christian greeting.*

## The Lord’s Supper *[sit and feast together]*

*This supper belongs to all Christians, not just Trinity Reformed Church, and so we invite all members of God’s family to partake with us, as the one body of Christ. If you are a baptized Christian, and not under church discipline—come and feast, celebrating Christ’s victory over sin, death, and Satan.*

## The Bread

PRAYER, BREAKING OF BREAD, DISTRIBUTION, EATING

## Hymns *[page 18]*

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;  
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Thy just - ice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.  
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 And with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth Thee.  
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

Music: John Roberts, *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839  
 Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

ST. DENIO [JOANNA]  
 11 11. 11 11.

**Amen!**

# The Wine

*Our Lord Jesus Christ through his blood gives us peace with God. Having ascended to the throne, we are seated as kings at the Lord's royal table.*

PRAYER, DISTRIBUTION, DRINKING

## Hymns [page 19]

### Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -  
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love: When  
3. *His king - dom can - not fail. He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The*  
4. He sits at God's right hand Till all His foes sub - mit And  
5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come And

joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more.  
He had purged our stains, He took His seat a - bove.  
*keys of death and Hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n.* Lift up your  
bow to His com - mand And fall be - neath His feet.  
take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Music: John Darwall, 1770  
Text: Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

DARWALL'S 148TH  
6 6. 6 6. 8 8.

***Amen!***

# Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

Song of Simeon "Nunc Dimittis" Based on Luke 2:29-32

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Tenor parts. The lyrics are as follows:

1. <sup>29</sup> Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, Your Word is now ful - filled.  
2. <sup>31</sup> This is the Sav - ior of the world, <sup>32</sup> The Gen - tile's pro - mised light,  
<sup>4</sup>  
<sup>30</sup> These eyes have seen sal - va - tion's dawn, This Child so long fore - told.  
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.

Chords indicated above the staff: F, Bb, F, Dm, C, F, Am, Dm, Am, Bb, F, C, Bb, F.

Music: American traditional melody; arr. Anabel Buchanan, 1938

Text: James J. Quinn, SJ (1919–2010) © 1969, 1989, OCP

LAND OF REST (American)

8 6. 8 6.

***Amen!***

## The Lord Commissions Us

### Benediction [stand]

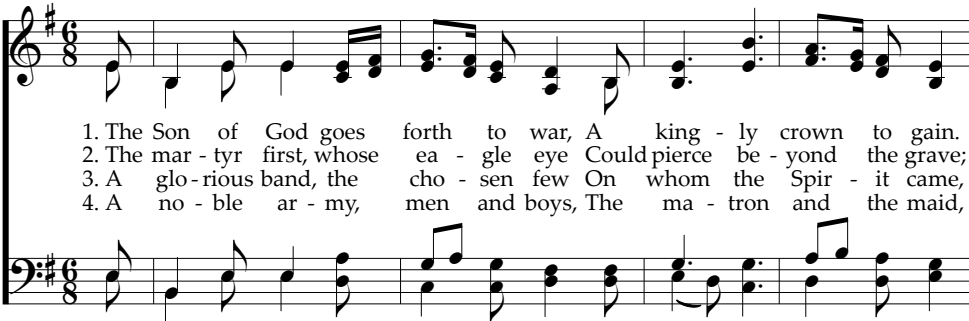
Look up and receive the Lord's blessing.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

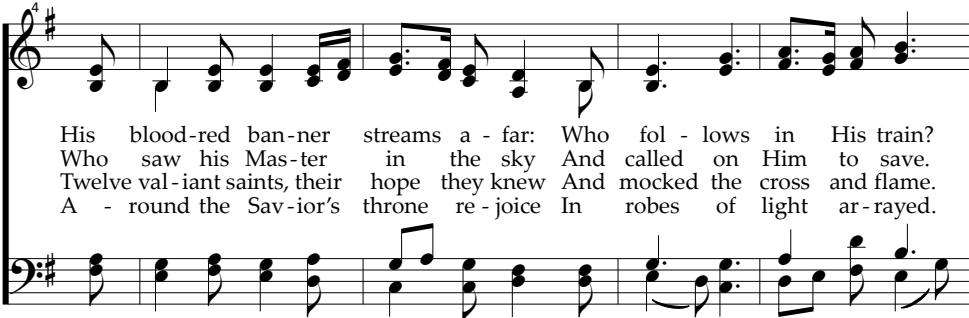
**Amen!**

# Hymn of Commission

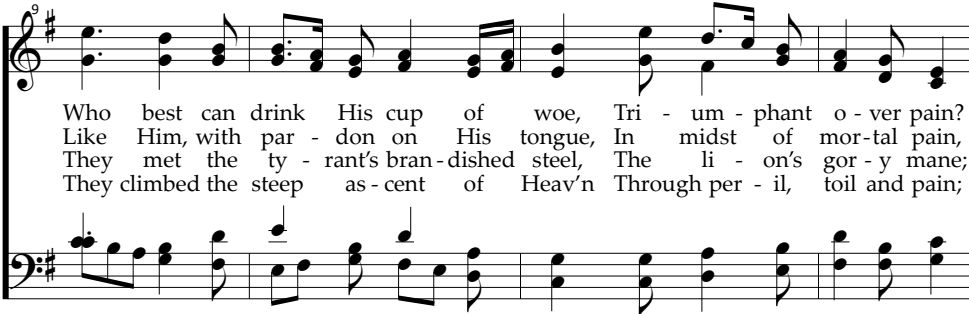
## The Son of God Goes Forth to War



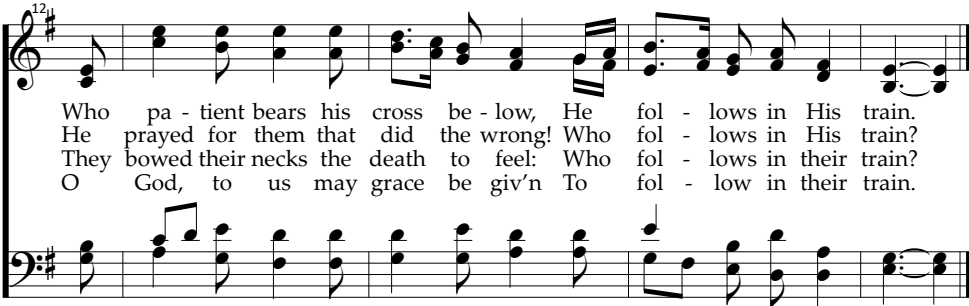
1. The Son of God goes forth to war, A king - ly crown to gain.  
2. The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave;  
3. A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few On whom the Spir - it came,  
4. A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,



His blood-red ban-ner streams a - far: Who fol - lows in His train?  
Who saw his Mas-ter in the sky And called on Him to save.  
Twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.  
A - round the Sav-ior's throne re - joice In robes of light ar - rayed.



Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain?  
Like Him, with par - don on His tongue, In midst of mor - tal pain,  
They met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;  
They climbed the steep as - cent of Heav'n Through per - il, toil and pain;



Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, He fol - lows in His train.  
He prayed for them that did the wrong! Who fol - lows in His train?  
They bowed their necks the death to feel: Who fol - lows in their train?  
O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train.

*Amen!*

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Sunday Worship – 4:00 p.m.

## Announcements

We are grateful you joined us today and would like to get to know you. If we can assist or pray for you in any way, or if you desire to join the church, please speak to one of the members or send an email to trinityreformedcrec@gmail.com.

Please join us for a time of fellowship following the service today.

