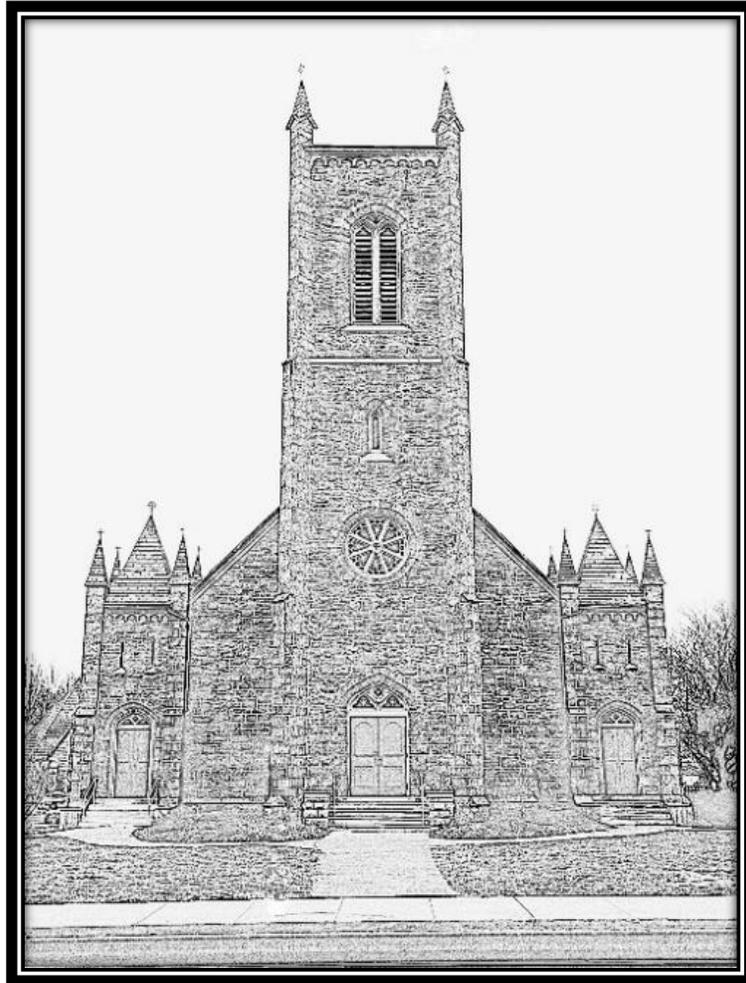


# Trinity Church

First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

9:30 a.m.



## Trinity Church Welcomes You

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# Welcome to our Trinity Church Family!

*We are a vibrant Episcopal family united in following Christ.*

**Today's Officiant:**

Rev. Barry Meehan

**Our Staff:**

Wendy Grace, parish coordinator  
Linda Fay, treasurer  
John Riddle, music director/organist  
Jeff Zoesch, sexton

**Our Vestry:**

Fern Fryer, Senior Warden  
Jay Slenker, Junior Warden  
Melissa Alarie  
Kathy Hall  
Rich Jones  
Krey Kellington  
Steve Sawyer  
David Thurmer  
Holly Webb

## Announcements

*Many thanks to Fr. Barry Meehan who is today's officiant!*

**Continuing the Book Discussion Group**—Our discussion of *The Art of Possibility* by Benjamin and Rosamund Stone Zander will *today*, February 21 at 6:00pm via Zoom. We'll discuss the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> practices, pages 161-196. We'll also focus on the question of how we can use practice 10 to bring possibility to our future at Trinity Church. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824173508?pwd=V25YcW1uODkyTVFWYmsvTGUvaGJTUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 2417 3508

Passcode: Zander

**Lenten Prayer Community**—It's not too late to join Fr. Barry Meehan in a parish prayer community for Lent: *Disciples Lenten retreat*. Our goal is that, at a time when we are kept apart, we come together as a prayer community with a daily program that links us to both strengthen our faith in Christ and the bonds that join us to one another. There are three questions for each of us to consider during the retreat:

- What have I done for Christ?
- What am I doing for Christ?
- What do I hope to do for Christ?

Each day there will be three short periods of prayer: when we awake, around midday and at the end of the day. As well, there will be one period of 15-30 minutes each day for quiet meditation/reflection on a Gospel passage. Participants are invited to keep a journal during the retreat. Zoom meetings will meet each Saturday of Lent. In the Zoom meetings we shall reflect on the Gospel passages of the past week and prepare for upcoming week. The retreat will culminate with our commitment to Christ through the renewal of Baptismal Vows at Easter. If interested: Please send an email to [prayercommunity@disciples.com](mailto:prayercommunity@disciples.com) for more information.

**Sunday Worship on Zoom Platform**—Join Sunday worship and fellowship on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032785178?pwd=dmU5Umo0c3NZd1V5dUI6aldJNkdEQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 3278 5178; Passcode: God3in1. Our service will begin at 9:30am and after the worship service, folks are encouraged to stay in the meeting for fellowship time. We have leadership coverage through March 14 and will continue to provide leadership until an interim priest is in place. Here is the schedule for the next several weeks:

- Feb. 28: Fr. Barry Meehan
- March 7: Fr. Barry Meehan
- March 14: Nanci Gordon

*For optimal music audio, please remain muted for the prelude and postlude!*

**Search Process Update**—The vestry met virtually with the Bishop's candidate for a minister. It was an informal 'meet and greet.' Both sides were favorable to move on to the next step. So, Jay and Fern met with Auburn, the Bishop's representative for transition ministry, to review Trinity's needs in a minister and present the compensation package we could offer based on the 2021 budget. Auburn then met with the candidate and we will be checking references in the coming week.

**Trinity Church Closed**—The Vestry has begun the work to begin the process of re-opening. This will be a long process, as you are probably aware, and will entail a lot of dedication on all of our parts. Please know that we will not and are not going to be acting in haste. Rather, the primary concern of all of us is the health, safety and well-being of our entire parish family. We also want to remind you that, if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fern Fryer at 802-773-4788 or Wendy Grace at 802-235-2221 so you can be connected with someone who can help you. If you need to contact the Trinity Church offices, please use our email [office@trinitychurchrutland.org](mailto:office@trinitychurchrutland.org). These are difficult times, and we do not want anyone to struggle through them alone.

**Worship with Green Mountain Online Abbey**—The Green Mountain Online Abbey provides a daily offering of online prayer at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. as well Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. View videos of Bishop Shannon's sermons as well as special diocesan services on YouTube. Join by using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/531110497?pwd=dU9uYnUvUWxDK0lGc2FaN2pTMHVVEZz09> or by dialing in from any phone using the following information: dial (646) 876-9923, code 531110497# If you are asked for a password, it is RockPoint. Bulletins can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

# 9:30 a.m. First Sunday of Lent

*GATHER IN PENITENTIAL SILENCE.*

## Opening Sentences

Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

Officiant: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *Amen.*

## The Collect for the Day (*Officiant*)

Officiant: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Great Litany

Officiant: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us, for ever.

People: *Spare us, good Lord.*

Officiant: From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

People: *Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandment,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: By the mystery of your holy Incarnation; by your holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: By your Agony and Bloody Sweat; by your Cross and Passion; by your precious Death and Burial; by your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

*People: Good Lord, deliver us.*

Officiant: We sinners do beseech you to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church Universal in the right way,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to bless and keep all your people,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to send forth laborers into your harvest, and to draw all mankind into your kingdom,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive your Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to live after your commandments,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you so to rule the hearts of your servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to show your pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which you give us to do with singleness of heart as your servants, and for the common good,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to have mercy upon all mankind,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to strengthen those who are steadfast; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: That it may please you to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,

*People: We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.*

Officiant: Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

*People: Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.*

Officiant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People: Have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People: Have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

*People: Grant us your peace.*

Officiant: Lord, have mercy on us.

*People: Christ, have mercy on us.*

Officiant: Lord, have mercy on us.

*All: 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, the power and the glory  
Forever and ever. Amen.*

Officiant: O Lord, let your mercy be shown upon us;

*People: As we put our trust in you.*

Officiant: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We beseech you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lessons of the Day
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First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

*Reader and People: Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

Reader: Please join me in reciting from Psalm 25.

*1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

*2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*

*3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.*

*4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.*

*5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.*

*6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.*

*7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*

*8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.*

*9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

#### Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of Lord.

*Reader and People: Thanks be to God.*

#### Canticle

Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah

Reader: Please join me in reciting canticle 10.

*Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.*

*Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;*

*And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.*

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,*

*Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,*

*So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;*

*But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend and didst the vic - tory win,  
 3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,  
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,  
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.  
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898)

Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

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Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*Officiant and People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Officiant and People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Nicene Creed (Congregation)

Officiant: Please join me in saying the Nicene Creed.

*Officiant and people: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## The Collects

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Officiant: Let us pray together.

*People: I bind unto myself today  
The strong Name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same  
The Three in One and One in Three.*

*I bind this today to me forever  
 By power of faith, Christ's incarnation;  
 His baptism in Jordan river,  
 His death on Cross for my salvation;  
 His bursting from the spiced tomb,  
 His riding up the heavenly way,  
 His coming at the day of doom  
 I bind unto myself today.*

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me.  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself the Name,  
 The strong Name of the Trinity,  
 By invocation of the same,  
 The Three in One and One in Three.  
 By Whom all nature hath creation,  
 Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
 Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
 Salvation is of Christ the Lord.  
 Amen.*

The Supplication
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Officiant: O Lord, arise, help us;

People: *And deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Officiant: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared to us, the noble works that you did in their day, and in the time before them.

People: *O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

People: *O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for your Name's sake.*

Officiant: From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

People: *Graciously behold our afflictions.*

Officiant: With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

People: *Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.*

Officiant: Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

People: *O Son of David, have mercy upon us.*

Officiant: Both now and ever hear us, O Christ;

People: *Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.*

Officiant: Let us pray. We humbly beseech you, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing
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Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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People: <i>Thanks Be to God!</i>
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Dismissal
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Officiant: May the blessings of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. <i>Amen.</i>
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Postlude	<i>I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ</i>	<i>J. S. Bach</i>
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