

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Lighting of the Soul Candles

Lord, receive my broken heart! **Give me ears to hear Christ with us always.**

Lord, receive my hungry soul! **Give me the daily bread of eternal Life.**

Lord, receive my judgmental mind! **Give me eyes to see Your Promised Son of David.**

Welcome

Two Blind Men approached Jesus saying, “Have mercy on us, Son of David.”

What kind of welcome is this? It invites Jesus to make this sanctuary God’s House of Prayer.

Special Music

Prayer of Confession

Father, we have ears to hear. We listen to Legalist, Moralist, Ethicist, and Opinions. While we listen to them, we cannot hear you.

Father, we have eyes to see. We have Law Breakers, Immoral neighbors. Liars, Thieves, and Protestors. Watching them, we are blind to your presence among them and us.

Lord of Mercy, hear our prayer!

Prayer of Intercession

Pray with your neighbor, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our neighbor is the nation, community, the suffering, sick, dying,...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, thank you for creating heaven and earth.

Father, thank you for giving the world Your Son.

Jesus, thank you for giving us the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit, thank you for delivering us from sin and leading us in Life eternally.

The Lord’s Prayer

Hearing the Word—Matthew 9: 27-34

²⁷ As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

²⁸ When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?”

“Yes, Lord,” they replied.

²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; ³⁰ and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one knows about this.” ³¹ But they went out and spread the news about him all over the region.

³² While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. ³³ And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, “Nothing like this has even been seen in Israel.”

³⁴ But the Pharisees said, “It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons.”

Special Music

The Message: Who Do You Believe for Life?

I hear Jesus asking the two blind men:

Do you believe me or The Teachers of the Law?

Do you believe me or the Pharisees?

Do you believe me or the Disciples of John the Baptist?

Do you want to be like them or the Synagogue Leader?

Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for your financial generosity. Last year, we cut the Operating Budget in hopes of living within our Congregation's means. In spite of COVID-19, your tithes and offerings prove your unshakeable belief that Trinity has Light and Love to share with the Community.

At the end of October, our Balance Sheet reveals:

Income: \$120,530

Expenses: \$119,659

Balance: \$861

Checkbook Balance: \$31,573

One day soon, we will be free to Socially Gather. When we gather, we will listen to see how God is calling Trinity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Maintaining our Checkbook Balance offers us hope of investing in making Disciples of Jesus Christ. Money equips us to live in the world. Sharing the Good News is the free gift of Grace based on an economy of Mercy and Love. Let us learn how to do both at the same time!

In the name of Christ crucified and risen, I give thanks for you!

One in Christ, Robert

Postlude

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