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TRINITARIAN, MONTAGUE, MA**

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**Easter Season Bulletin**

*Bold italics indicate the work of the people.*

*\*Indicates places to stand if able to.*

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –  
God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.*

*Let us worship God today, for God is good –  
God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.*

*Let us worship God today –  
Because we are God's people.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

*Eternal God, you bring light out of darkness and hope out of  
despair. Share your love with us this day that we may better love  
each other and that your love may shine through us, for a world  
that is hungry for your blessing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

**\*HYMN OF GATHERING** (see insert)

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace  
without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the  
midst of struggle and for commitment to each other's growth. Yet  
we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other,  
and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks or  
make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with*

*kindness and sustain us in your grace. Help us to walk Christ's  
path of salvation.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

*In Christ we are forgiven. Let us love and serve in joyful response!  
Thanks be to God!*

**\*A Gloria**

*From all that dwells below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
Let God the Spirit loose each tongue!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** (see insert)

**SERMON**

**HYMN** (see insert)

**PRAYERS**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For  
thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever Amen.*

Prayer Response

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.* (sung to the tune of Old 100<sup>th</sup>)

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*With gratitude for all that you provide, dear God, and to the service of the world you love so much, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to you, in Jesus name. Amen*

**COMMUNION**

(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month)

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

(see insert)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Sung Response**

(from Hymn #448 Black Hymnal)

*Take my life and let it be, consecrated faithfully, take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise!*

**POSTLUDE**

(Please remain seated for the Postlude)

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