



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

As we arrive at Jerusalem with Jesus, the question presses upon us. Are we going along for the trip in the hope that Jesus will fulfill some of our hopes and desires? Are we ready to sing a psalm of praise, but only as long as Jesus seems to be doing what we want? The long and dusty pilgrim way of our lives gives most of us plenty of time to sort out our motive for following Jesus in the first place. Are we ready not only to spread our cloaks on the road in front of him, to do the showy and flamboyant thing, but also now to follow him into trouble, controversy, trial and death?

-N. T. Wright

We are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world.

-Anne Lamott

# Order of Worship

Palm Sunday

— April 9, 2017 —

## The Call to Worship

*God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

—Zechariah 9:9 & Psalm 118:26 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of what He has done in Jesus' death and resurrection. Some songs might be initially unfamiliar, but we believe the rich, true, beautiful words of these hymns will make their way into your heart.*

All glory, laud, and honor,

To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To Whom the lips of children

Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,

Thou David's royal Son,

Who in the Lord's name comest,

The King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went:  
Our prayers and praise and anthems  
Before Thee we present.  
To Thee before Thy Passion  
They sang their hymns of praise:  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud, and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To Whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

Words: Theodulf, Bishop of Orléans (c. 820), trnsl. by J. M. Neale, 1860's  
Music: Melchior Teschner

## Opening Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*We ask for God to be present among us and conclude with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray.*

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Doxology

*Doxology means “glory words.” We lift our voices and our hands to give God glory for who He is and all that He has done.*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

*We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace offered in Jesus.*

O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected you, we confess that our wills are often as rebellious as Jerusalem's, that our faith can be more show than substance, that our hearts still need changing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. In your name, Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

*God reminds our forgetful hearts of the grace that is ours in Jesus.*

Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

—Ps 118:4-5, 14, 17 ESV

## Hymn of Response | How Deep the Father's Love

*We respond in thanks and praise for God's redemptive work in Christ.*

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Words & Music: Stuart Townend

# Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #1

*We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.*

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## The Offering

*In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God.*

*Children are now dismissed for TrinityKids (4 years old -2nd Grade). After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them in the back of the sanctuary.*

## The Prayers of the People

*We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray and conclude with the following Lenten prayer.*

Almighty and everliving God, in Your tender love for the human race You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Reading of the Word

Luke 19:28-40

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**19:28** And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. **29** When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, **30** saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. **31** If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" **32** So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. **33** And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" **34** And they said, "The Lord has need of it." **35** And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. **36** And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. **37** As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, **38** saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" **39** And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." **40** He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Steve Percifield

"The Heart of the King"

# Sermon Notes

## The Celebration of Holy Communion

*Communion (also called the Lord's Supper or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. It's not a meal for good people. It's a meal for desperate people who trust in Jesus alone for salvation, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully with Jesus. You will be invited to come forward. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to use the prayers printed below and spend this time in reflection or prayer.*

*Children who have not received their first communion are welcome to come forward with their families. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.*

*\*Note about communion wine: The red inner cups in each tray contain non-alcoholic grape juice. The clear outer cups and the common cup contain wine.*

Pastor:           The Lord be with you.  
People:          **And also with you.**  
Pastor:          Lift up your hearts!  
People:          **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Pastor:          Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People:          **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Pastor:          Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:  
People:          **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
Pastor:          Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.  
People:          **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**  
Pastor:          The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Prayers During Communion

### *A prayer for those searching for truth:*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### *A prayer of belief:*

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

### *A prayer for those struggling against sin:*

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### *A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:*

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

## Hymns for Communion

### Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
    Within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness,  
    A rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat,  
and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus,  
mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me;  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
    Two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love  
    and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
    for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than  
    The sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by  
    To know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self my only shame,  
    my glory, all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane  
Music: Christopher Miner

## Hast Thou Heard Him, Seen Him, Known Him?

Hast thou heard Him, seen Him, known Him?

Is not thine a captured heart?

Chief among ten thousand own Him,

Joyful choose the better part.

*Captivated by His beauty,*

*Worthy tribute haste to bring.*

*Let His peerless worth constrain thee,*

*Crown Him now unrivaled King.*

What can strip the seeming beauty,

From the idols of the earth?

Not a sense of right or duty,

But the sight of peerless worth.

'Tis that look that melted Peter,

'Tis that face that Stephen saw,

'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,

Can alone from idols draw.

Words: Ora Rowan

Music: Joel Littlepage

## Departing Hymn | To Christ the Lord

*We respond in faith and song.*

\*Children are invited to come to the front to lead & sing. Parents are also welcome.

To Christ the Lord let every tongue,  
Its noblest tribute bring.  
When He's the subject of the song  
Who can refuse to sing?  
Survey the beauties of His face,  
And on His glories dwell,  
Think of the wonder of His grace  
And all His triumphs tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,  
Upon His awful brow.  
His head with radiant glories crowned,  
His lips with grace o'erflow;  
No mortal can with Him compare,  
Among the sons of men,  
And fairer He than all the fair  
That fill the Heavenly train.

He saw me plunged in deep distress,  
He fled to my relief.  
For me He bore the shameful cross,  
And carried all my grief;  
His hand a thousand blessings pours,  
Upon my guilty head,  
His presence gilds my darkest hours  
And guards my sleeping bed.

Since from His bounty I receive  
Such proofs of love divine,  
Had I a thousand hearts to give  
Lord, they would all be Thine;  
A thousand men could not compose  
A worthy song to bring,  
Yet your love is a melody  
Our hearts can't help but sing!

Words: Laura Taylor, Samuel Stennett

Music: Laura Taylor

## The Benediction

*God sends us out with his blessing. A benediction is not a prayer. We don't bow our heads. We lift them up and even lift up our hands to receive his blessing as we are sent out as participants in His mission to Fort Worth.*

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.

—Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

## The Sending

*The people of God are sent into the world to love God, love people, and love Fort Worth.*

Pastor: Let us go forth to serve Fort Worth and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

## Announcements

### Lenten Morning Prayer

During the Fridays of Lent, we will meet from 645am -715am in the Sanctuary at Connell to pray together as a church. All are welcome.

### Officer Candidates

We will vote on the following candidates for their respective offices at a **congregational meeting** immediately following our worship service on Sunday, Apr. 30.

- **Elder:** Jerry Bolz, Mark Denton, Wade Jewett, David Westerfield
- **Deacon:** Mark Evans & Ryan Opgenorth

### Q&A with Officer Candidates

Join us at 3pm on Sunday, Apr. 23 in the Fellowship Hall for a Q&A with our officer candidates.

### Important Dates:

- Q&A with Officer Candidates - 3pm on Sunday, Apr. 23
- Congregational Meeting - after worship on Sunday, Apr. 30
- Men's Retreat - Friday, May 12 - Saturday, May 13
- Particularization Service & Celebration - Sunday, May 21

### Men's Retreat

Guys, mark your calendars for our annual Men's Retreat on Friday, May 12 - Saturday, May 13. Pastor Brian Habig of Downtown Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC will be our speaker. More info to come.

## Holy Week @ Trinity

### Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Join us for a special service at 630pm at Connell as we reflect together on Jesus' words to his disciples on the night before his crucifixion. Nursery will be provided.

### Good Friday Service

We'll join our sister churches at 7pm at Fort Worth Presbyterian Church (6251 Oakmont Trail) for a candlelight Good Friday service. We'll reflect together on Jesus' final words as he went to the Cross. Nursery will be provided.

### Friday Morning Lenten Prayer

We will meet at 645am in the Sanctuary at Connell to pray together as a church. We will conclude by 715am.

### Easter Sunday Service

Join us at 4pm at Connell as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and the hope of all things being made new! Please invite your friends and neighbors to celebrate with us!

## Information

### To the Parents of Young Children

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, even children, and we want Trinity to be a church where children are both seen and heard. So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pews or make a little noise! We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say parts of our worship service every week in order to help our non-reading children to participate, and we have children's bulletins available in the back. There are also ages, stages, and times when it might not be best for your children to be in worship. We have a nursery program that is set up to handle children from birth to 4 years old, and a TrinityKids program during the sermon for children 4 years old through 2nd grade. All nursery volunteers have been through both background checks and Ministry Safe training.

### The Liturgy

Our order of worship may be new to you. Every worship service in every church has a structure. We want to be intentional about ours as it is a real back-and-forth conversation between us and God. He calls us to worship, and then we respond and move through the different elements of the service. We have both spontaneous, personal prayers as well as ancient, printed prayers. Please look over the service beforehand to see what we will hear and say along the way.

## 4pm

We plan on meeting at 4pm for the foreseeable future. We hope you will enjoy a Sunday morning to sleep in, spend time with your non-church going friends and neighbors or relax with your family and friends.

## Welcome Notepads

At some point during service, a welcome pad will be passed down your row. We would love for you to fill it out and pass it to the person on your right, so that we will have record of your visit. We promise we won't spam you.

## Youth Group @ FWPC

The youth group (grades 6-12) at our sending church meets on Sunday evenings at FWPC (6251 Oakmont Trail) at 530pm. All youth volunteers have been through both background checks and Ministry Safe training. If you're interested in joining the carpool of Trinity students attending, please contact Wade Jewett ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com)).

## Interested in Helping with Music?

We are always looking to add to our great team of musicians. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Wade Jewett ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com)).

## Online Giving

If you'd prefer to give online as either a one-time gift or as a recurring gift, you may do so through our website: [www.trinitypresfw.org/give](http://www.trinitypresfw.org/give). Giving is seen only by the deacon & the team in charge of counting the offering for that particular day and by our Administrative Assistant.

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