



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

## Words for Reflection

Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

– John Witvliet

God's mercy is greater than our sins. There is an awareness of sin that does not lead to God but to self-preoccupation. Our temptation is to be so impressed by our sins and failings and so overwhelmed by our lack of generosity that we get stuck in a paralyzing guilt. It is the guilt that says: "I am too sinful to deserve God's mercy." It is the guilt that leads to introspection instead of directing our eyes to God. It is the guilt that has become an idol and therefore a form of pride. Lent is the time to break down this idol and to direct our attention to our loving Lord. The question is: "Are we like Judas, who was so overcome by his sin that he could not believe in God's mercy any longer and hanged himself, or are we like Peter who returned to his Lord with repentance and cried bitterly for his sins?" The season of Lent, during which winter and spring struggle with each other for dominance, helps us in a special way to cry out for God's mercy.

– Henri Nouwen

In the strange mercy of God the cup of his righteous wrath against the sin of the world is given into the hands, not of his enemies, but of his beloved Son.

– Lesslie Newbiggin

# Order of Worship

The First Sunday in Lent

— March 10, 2019 —

## 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.*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

**and his hands formed the dry land.**

—Psalm 95:1-5 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | To Christ the Lord

*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.*

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 overflow;  
No mortal can with Him compare,  
Among the sons of men,  
Fairer He is 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

## 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.*

**Most Merciful God,**

Whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

—Hebrews 2:17-18 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 | New City Catechism #24 - #26

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

Q. 24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Q. 25: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

Q. 26: What else does Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

## 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 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 forever. Amen.

## The Reading of the Word

John 18:1-11

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**18:1** When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. **2** Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. **3** So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. **4** Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" **5** They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. **6** When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. **7** So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." **8** Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." **9** This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." **10** Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) **11** So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"





## 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.  
Hallelujah!**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.  
Hallelujah!

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

## Draw Nigh

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord.  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

He that, His saints in this world rules and shields  
To all believers life eternal yields,  
With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,  
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.

Words: Latin Hymn, c. 680; Music: The Welcome Wagon

## Come to the Feast

Go to the highways and hedges, go to the farthest of fields  
Go and compel the sick and the well  
For our Father's house will be filled

Go to the streets of the city, bring in the crippled and blind  
All who would taste this banquet of grace  
Must come and waste no more time

*Come to the feast, come to the table  
The great and the least, the rich and the poor  
Come to the feast, come to the table  
Come and hunger no more*

In the robe of the lamb you'll be covered  
Dressed in his pure righteousness  
For all of your guilt, his blood it was spilt  
So come by your Father be blessed

*(Chorus 2x)*

Words and Music: Jeff Lawson

# Departing Hymn | This is My Father's World

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:  
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,  
And earth and Heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock

Music: Traditional English Melody

## 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.*

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

—Jude 24-25 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

### The Five Six

All 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us for the Five Six **TODAY for snacks, teaching, singing, and games immediately following worship until 630pm.** Questions? Contact Wade ([jewettwade@gmail.com](mailto:jewettwade@gmail.com)) or David ([david@davidwesterfield.net](mailto:david@davidwesterfield.net)).

### Second Sundays

Second Sundays is **TODAY immediately after worship** with 30 minute Christian Ed classes for children through 4th grade. Nursery will be provided for children through 3 yo. During this time adults can enjoy extended fellowship.

### Jesus Storybook Bible Lent Reading Plan

For those with young children (or anyone!), we have copies of the Jesus Storybook Bible Lent reading plans available at the back of the sanctuary.

### Lenten Morning Prayer

On Thursdays during Lent, we will meet at **645am at the Trinity office (3750 S. University)** to pray together. We will conclude by 715am. Prayer guides are available in the back of the sanctuary at Connell and on [www.trinitypresfw.org](http://www.trinitypresfw.org).

### The Net Volunteer Opportunities

The Net FW has many opportunities to get involved in serving and developing relationships with people who profoundly need a network of support. **There are various activities like Bingo and Bagels, teaching life skills or other types of classes, spending time with refugee kids, and many other events and activities.** Please see where you and/or your

family can engage in this local ministry. Questions? Contact [brendan.reagan@gmail.com](mailto:brendan.reagan@gmail.com).

## Trinity College Student Dinners

All college students, our next dinner for you is **Sunday, March 24 at the home of Betsy and Brendan Reagan (2529 Cockrell) immediately following worship**. These dinners are a great opportunity for some of our Trinity church family to open their homes to Trinity College Students and for others to help by attending and providing food. And, college students, we want you to attend! **Our next college student dinners will be 4/7 and 5/5**. Contact John Ainsworth ([duncains@gmail.com](mailto:duncains@gmail.com)) with questions.

## Membership Seminar

**We have a date for the next membership seminar: April 13**. The seminar is for anyone interested in joining Trinity or learning more about who we are as a church. Questions? Contact Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org)).

## Women's Bible Study

Our spring study of 1 Peter is coming to a close. **We will have our morning study closing brunch on April 5 at 930am**. Please join us and stayed tuned for our women's summer series information to be launched later this spring.

## RYM Save the Dates

**High School RYM will be in Estes Park, CO this summer, June 17-22 and Middle School RYM will be at Alasso Ranch in Hawkins, TX June 3-7**. More details to come. Questions? Contact Phillip ([phillip@fortworthpca.org](mailto:phillip@fortworthpca.org)).

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. All nursery volunteers have been through both background checks and Ministry Safe training. Parents often check their children out of the nursery and/or TrinityKids prior to Communion so that they can help lead us in our departing hymn.

### 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 7-12) 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 Church Administrator.

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# Trinity Presbyterian Church

## Our Mission

Trinity exists to embrace, embody, and extend the redemptive message of Jesus to the people and places of Fort Worth and beyond.

## Our Core Commitments

Trinity is a gospel-centered church committed to following Jesus by...

- Worshipping God together through historic liturgy that is rich, accessible, and emotionally honest
- Striving to know and be known in our life together
- Engaging in formative spiritual practices
- Extending the welcome of the gospel in word and deed
- Serving our city

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