



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

## Words for Reflection

All fear is but the notion that God's love ends.

– Ann Voskamp

There is so much fear in us. Fear of people, fear of God and much raw, unrefined, free-floating anxiety. I wonder if fear is not our main obstacle to prayer. When we enter into the presence of God and start to sense the huge reservoir of fear in us, we want to run away into the many distractions which our busy world offers so abundantly. But we should not be afraid of our fears. We can confront them, give words to them and lead them into the presence of him who says, "Do not be afraid, it is I." Our inclination is to show the Lord only what we are comfortable with. But the more we dare to reveal our whole trembling self to him, the more we will be able to sense that his love, which is perfect love, casts out all our fears.

– Henri Nouwen

# Order of Worship

The Third Sunday of Easter

— May 5, 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.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May God be gracious to us and bless us

**and make his face to shine upon us,**

that your way may be known on earth,

**your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**let all the peoples praise you!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—Psalm 67:1-3 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | Almighty God

*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.*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy  
Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
With gratitude we raise our song to You  
Come and fill the praises of your people  
In grace and truth, you make us new again

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
We long for more than what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
Your river deep floods over everything

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah*

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, & David Leonard

## 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.*

Heavenly Father,

We praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son. We thank You that he is our Risen King who has conquered sin and death. Yet, Lord, we confess that we often live as though the resurrection never happened. We remain fearful in many areas of our lives and have a hard time trusting Your goodness to us. Have mercy on our unbelief through the death and resurrection of Your Son. We pray in his name. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

—1 John 4:16-18 ESV

# Hymn of Response | By Thy Mercy

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

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,  
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;  
While our waiting souls adore thee,  
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

From the depth of nature's blindness,  
From the hardening power of sin,  
From all malice and unkindness,  
From the pride that lurks within,

*By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord  
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.*

When temptation sorely presses,  
In the day of Satan's power,  
In our times of deep distresses,  
In each dark and trying hour.

When the world around is smiling,  
In the time of wealth and ease,  
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,  
In the day of health and peace. *(Chorus)*

In the weary hours of sickness,  
In the times of grief and pain,  
When we feel our mortal weakness,  
When all human help is vain.

In the solemn hour of dying,  
In the awful judgment day,  
May our souls, on thee relying,  
Find thee still our Rock and Stay. *(Chorus)*

Words: James John Cummins; Music: Greg Thompson

# Confession of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.\*  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*While Jesus didn't literally descend to hell, he did endure the torment of hell on the cross and remained under the power of death until his resurrection.*

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## 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.*

## The Reading of the Word

John 20:19-23

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**20:19** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

**20** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." **22** And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

*That You May Have Life: The Gospel According to John*  
"By Meeting Us in our Fears"

## Sermon Notes

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## 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

## Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears

Laden with guilt and full of fears  
I fly to Thee, my Lord,  
And not a glimpse of hope appears,  
But in Thy written Word  
The volumes of my Father's grace  
Does all my griefs assuage  
Here I behold my Savior's face  
In every page.

This is the field where, hidden, lies  
The pearl of price unknown  
That merchant is divinely wise  
Who makes the pearl his own  
Here consecrated water flows  
To quench my thirst of sin  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail  
My guide to everlasting life  
Through all this gloomy vale  
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,  
My roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road  
That leads to Thy right hand.

Words: Isaac Watts  
Music: Sandra McCracken

## God the Spirit

Holy Fount of inspiration  
By whose gift the great of old  
Spoke the Word of revelation  
Marvelous and manifold

*God the Spirit we adore Thee,  
In the Triune Godhead One  
One in love and power and glory  
With the Father and the Son*

Author of the new creation,  
Giver of the second birth  
May thy ceaseless renovation  
Cleanse our souls from stains of earth  
(Chorus)

When we wander, Lord direct us,  
Keep us in the Master's way  
Let thy strong swift sword protect us  
Warring in the evil day  
Shall the church now faint or fear  
When the Comforter is near?  
(Chorus)

Words: Samuel J. Stone  
Music: Matt Boswell



## Departing Hymn | O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

Words: George Matheson

Music: Christopher Miner

## 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.*

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15:13 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

### Women's Summer Series: Wednesdays This Summer

Ladies! Please join us on Wednesdays this summer from 7-830PM for our Women's Summer Series! Save the dates: June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 10, July 17, July 24, and July 31. The topic for our summer series is: "What's SHE Doing Here? The Messy Women of Jesus' Family Tree". We will have teachings from our Women's Ministry Coordinator, Susan Tyner and enjoy discussion group time. Our summer series is a casual time to invite friends, meet new women at Trinity, and learn about Jesus. We hope you can join us! More details to come. Questions? Contact Courtney ([courtneywesterfield@gmail.com](mailto:courtneywesterfield@gmail.com)).

### Trinity College Student Dinners

The last college dinner of the semester is TODAY immediately following worship at the home of Lauren and Walt Jones (4300 Ranch View Road). These dinners are a great opportunity for our Trinity church family to open their homes to Trinity College Students and for others to help by attending and providing food. Contact John ([duncains@gmail.com](mailto:duncains@gmail.com)) with questions.

### The Five Six

We will not have The Five Six on May 12 due to Mother's Day. Please look out for details on the next event as we will be planning intermittent events during the summer!

### San Pedro VBS: Monterrey Trip Opportunity

San Pedro Church in Monterrey, Mexico is planning to hold a VBS this summer during the week of July 15-19, and Andres Garza has invited a group from Trinity to visit Monterrey and help host the program. If interested in learning more, please contact John ([jwfrench87@gmail.com](mailto:jwfrench87@gmail.com)).

## General Assembly

Our denomination's annual assembly is taking place in Dallas this year **June 25-28. There will be opportunities to volunteer and various worship services to attend.** Visit [www.trinitypresfw.org](http://www.trinitypresfw.org) and click on "Events" for more info.

## Mission Spotlight

### Pregnancy Lifeline

Pregnancy Lifeline is local ministry serving women and their families facing unplanned pregnancy and the many material and relational needs of expecting and parenting children. The love of Christ welcomes women from young teens, recent immigrants, and Fort Worth's multi-ethnic community for free pregnancy tests and sonograms, onsite Medicaid consultation, parenting, nutrition, ESL and other classes, fellowship with others sharing similar joys and struggles, and a "Blessings Store" where clients shop with dignity using "Baby Bucks" earned by taking classes. For more information on how to help go to [www.trinitypres.org](http://www.trinitypres.org) or contact Sherry ([sherrydenton@me.com](mailto:sherrydenton@me.com)).

# 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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