



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth

## Words for Reflection

Jesus himself is the main argument for why we should believe Christianity.

– Tim Keller

Easter is for people who feel hoping is a waste, trusting is futile, and believing is groundless.

– Scotty Smith

Cynicism is just a temporary shelter. It lasts only as long as you have enough pain to keep your unbelief going.

– Robert Farror Capon

# Order of Worship

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

— May 12, 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!**

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

**the whole earth is full of his glory!**

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,

**to receive glory and honor and power,**

for you created all things,

**and by your will they existed and were created.**

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**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

— Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:11 ESV

## Hymn of Praise | Holy, Holy, Holy

*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.*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber; Music: John Dykes

## 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,**

We thank You that You give us every reason to place our trust in Your Son Jesus as our Risen King. Yet Lord we confess our tendency to doubt You and turn away from You many times each day. Forgive us for our hardness of heart. Forgive us for believing that our sin is so much greater than Your love and grace. Have mercy on our unbelief and cleanse us through the blood of the one who lived, died, and was raised for us. In his name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

—John 14:6 ESV

# Hymn of Response | Hast Thou Heard Him Seen Him Known Him

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

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. (*Chorus*)

'Tis that look that melted Peter,  
'Tis that face that Stephen saw,  
'Tis that heart that wept with Mary,  
Can alone from idols draw. (*Chorus*)

Words: Ora Rowan  
Music: Joel Littlepage

# 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.*

*\*\*universal*

## 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.*

**Jeanne Mullen**  
Pregnancy Lifeline

## The Reading of the Word

John 20:24-31

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**20:24** Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

**26** Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





## 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

## Pensive Doubting Fearful Heart

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart,  
Hear what Christ the Savior says;  
Every word should joy impart,  
Change thy mourning into praise:  
Yes, he speaks, and speaks to thee,  
May he help thee to believe!  
Then thou presently wilt see,  
Thou hast little cause to grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed,  
All thy sorrows soon shall end  
I who heav'n and earth have framed,  
Am thy husband and thy friend  
I the High and Holy One,  
Israel's GOD by all adored;  
As thy Savior will be known,  
Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew,  
And thy heart was filled with pain;  
But my mercies I'll renew,  
Thou shalt soon rejoice again:  
Though I seem to hide my face,  
Very soon my wrath shall cease;  
'Tis but for a moment's space,  
Ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest-tossed,  
Comfortless awhile thou art,  
Do not think thou canst be lost,  
Thou art graven on my heart  
All thy wastes I will repair,  
Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;  
And in thee it shall appear,  
What a God of love can do.

Words: John Newton  
Music: Wendell Kimbrough

## We are Not Overcome

Flesh will fail, bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, the light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away.

*Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome  
Because of His great love,  
We are not overcome*

Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust,  
The Lord will make a place for us.  
(Chorus)

Have no fear for your life;  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give life and breath.  
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Robert Heiskell & Isaac Wardell

## Departing Hymn | Father, Long Before Creation

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;

Words: Francis Johnson; Music: Andrew Osenga

## 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)).

### Five Six

We will have Five Six May 26! Details to come.

### 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.

## Church Center App

Church Center App by Planning Center is the fastest way to get information about our church, register for events and childcare, update your personal information and give to the church on iOS. Just go to the app store and search for Church Center for more information or to download the app.

## Mission Spotlight: Pregnancy Lifeline

### Celebrating Mothers' Day with Pregnancy Lifeline

Today we highlight the work of Pregnancy Lifeline, a local ministry serving women (and their families) facing unplanned pregnancy and the many material and relational needs and decisions of expecting and parenting children. Executive Director Jeanne Mullen will share how the ministry serves women of various ages and stages in Fort Worth's multicultural population and how you as an individual or group can connect with its life-affirming work. For more information, contact Sherry ([sherrydenton@me.com](mailto:sherrydenton@me.com)).

### May Baby Bottle Drive

In conjunction with our May focus, the Joneses' and Ainsworths' community groups are sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive. Stop by their table in the foyer to pick one up and to learn more about partnering for life!

# 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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