



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Third Sunday of Easter

— April 26, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

Corporate worship is meant to deepen your sense of need and therefore deepen your thankfulness for the One who has met that need by grace.

-Paul Tripp

The mask you wear before men will do you no good before Him. He wants to see you as you are, He wants to be gracious to you. You do not have to go on lying to yourself and your brothers, as if you were without sin; you can dare to be a sinner.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

- Daniel 7:13-14

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!

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.

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He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—Psalm 95:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | And Can It Be?

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.

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
(Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
(Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my
own.
(Chorus)

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Scott Roley

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

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 Father,

We praise You that You are a God who knows us completely. You know the beautiful parts of us as well as the broken parts, and we thank You that You meet our deepest needs in and through Your Son. Yet, Lord, we confess that we often wish we didn't need Your mercy. In our self-righteousness, we're tempted to hide our need of Your grace. Please forgive our sins, and enable us by Your Spirit to know and believe the love You have for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

— 1 John 1:8-9 ESV

Hymn of Response | His Mercy is More

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

What love could remember, no wrongs we
have done

Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not
their sum

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly
roam

What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the
poor

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

New every morn'

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the
cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never
afford

Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Words & Music: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

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. You may give online at www.trinitypresfw.org/give

God's Highway

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear
I cannot see the way from here
But on we go, He knows the way
And in His arms, He keeps me safe.

Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway

The shadows flee, The valley is deep
But evil cannot conquer me
Your rod and staff, They protect me
You give me rest, You give me peace

Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway

I see the shore, from troubled seas
This tiny ship that carries me
It is not yet, But it will be
So heaven come, It's you we need

Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway

I'm holding onto you, Lord
You're holding onto me...

Fear not, keep on, watch and pray
Walk in the light of God's highway

Words and Music: Sandra McCracken

The Prayers of the People

We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 2:1-12

God speaks to us through His Word.

2:1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11 "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Homily

Pastor Brian Davis

*Following the Servant King: The Gospel According to Mark
"What We Really Need"*

Sermon Notes

Departing Hymn | Thy Mercy My God

We respond in faith and song.

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my
song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my
tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the
last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul
fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live
here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits
revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me
alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my
heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness
depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the
ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've
found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I
own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper
divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness
mine.

Words: John Stocker; Music: Sandra McCracken

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 may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

—Hebrews 13:20-21 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!

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