



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
— May 17, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

The opposite of joy is not sadness. It's hopelessness.

- Tim Keller

To gather joyfully is indeed a serious affair, for feasting and all enjoyments gratefully taken are, at their heart, acts of war. In celebrating this feast we declare that evil and death, suffering and loss, sorrow and tears, will not have the final word.

- Douglas McKelvey

Of all accusations against Christians, the most terrible one was uttered by Nietzsche when he said that Christians had no joy.

- Alexander Schmemmann

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!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

—Psalm 92:1-4 ESV

Song of Praise | 10,000 Reasons

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.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Matt Redman

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.

Our Father in Heaven,

We thank You that Your Son has come eating and drinking, and that he is a friend of tax collectors and sinners. We praise You for the joy that he and his Kingdom brings. Yet, Lord, we confess our reluctance to give ourselves fully to the joy that is found in him. Due to the sadness and sorrow in our lives and our world, we often doubt his ability to bring us joy. Forgive us for our cynicism and our reluctance to trust him. We thank You for his atoning death and his triumphant resurrection for us. We pray in his name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

—Luke 15:22-24 ESV

Hymn of Response | Come to the Feast

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

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

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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise,
Just to know Thus saith the Lord!

*Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood! (*Refrain*)

I'm so glad I learned to trust him
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end. (*Refrain*)

Words: Louisa M. R. Stead; Music: Williams James Kirkpatrick

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

Mark 2:18-22

God speaks to us through His Word.

2:18 Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” 19 And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. 21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. 22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

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
 “The Joy of the King”

Sermon Notes

Departing Hymn | Satisfied

We respond in faith and song.

All my life long I had panted for a drink from
some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of
the thirst I felt within

Feeding on the filth around me, 'til my
strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only
still to hunger on

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my
soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his
blood I now am saved*

Poor I was and sought for riches, something
that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only
mocked my soul's sad cry

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my
soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his
blood I now am saved*

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life
so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth, my
Redeemer is to me

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my
soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his
blood I now am saved*

Words: Clara T. Williams, 1875; Music: Karl Digerness,
1997

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!

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