



# 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](http://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.*



## 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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