



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Words for Reflection

The cross stands as a reminder that God, in grace, takes very bad things and turns them into very good things.

-Paul Tripp

The basic premise of biblical trust is the conviction that God wants us to grow, to unfold, and to experience fullness of life. However, this kind of trust is acquired only gradually and most often through a series of crises and trials.

-Brennan Manning

The world breaks everyone, and afterward many are strong at the broken places.

-Ernest Hemingway

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.

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

—Psalm 63:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Come and Welcome

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.

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die,
What melodious sounds I hear,
Bursting on my ravished ear;
Love's redeeming work is done,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored,
To thy Father's bosom pressed,
Yet again a child confessed;
Never from His house to roam,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan,
On my pierced body laid,
Justice owns the ransom paid;
Bow the knee and kiss the Son,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend,
Safe your spirit to convey,
To the realms of endless day;
Up to my eternal home,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Words: Thomas Haweis; Music: Matthew Perryman Jones

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 give You thanks that You are a God who has good purposes for us even in our most difficult trials. We praise You that You are good and that You give the wisdom needed for our circumstances. Yet, we confess the ways we doubt Your good purposes and Your good character. Rather than looking to You in our trials, we often believe that You are distant and uncaring. Forgive us through the Cross of Christ and enable us by Your Spirit to fix our eyes on him that we may remain steadfast under trial. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

—1 Peter 2:24-25 ESV

Song of Response | Grace Alone

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

I was an orphan, lost at the fall;
Running away when I'd hear you call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father, you loved me still.

And in love, before you laid the world's
foundation,
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my
station;
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace
alone

You left your home to seek out the lost;
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone;
But nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

By your blood I have redemption and
salvation.
Lord you died that I might reap what you
have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new
creation.
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

I was in darkness all of my life,
I never knew the day from the night,
But Spirit, you made me see.
I swore I knew the way on my own;
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me.

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was
awakened;
On my darkened heart the light of Christ
has shone.

Called into a kingdom that cannot shaken;
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace
alone
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace, and grace
alone

Words and Music by Dustin Kensrue

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 or through the Church Center App.

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

James 1:1-12

God speaks to us through His Word.

1:1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

2 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, **3** for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **4** And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. **6** But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. **7** For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; **8** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, **10** and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. **11** For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

A Faith for Real Life
"The Meeting We Dread"

Sermon Notes

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 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.

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.

Hymn for Communion I Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou
art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true
word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright
Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words & Music: Traditional Irish Text & Folk Tune

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn I Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

We respond in faith and song.

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.
Soul, then know thy full salvation

Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Fathers smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Words: Henry Lyte; Music: Mozart (alt. by Bill Moore)

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 to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

—Jude 24-25 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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Announcements

Welcome to Our Visitors!

Due to our current circumstances, it's harder for us to welcome you and connect you with our church in our normal ways! So if you're visiting with us, please take a moment to sign up for our weekly email updates on our website (trinitypresfw.org). That's one of the best ways to get connected. If you're a member or regular attender and you've brought a friend, please let Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org) know, so that we can be sure to reach out.

Nursery Resumes 9/13

The nursery will be reopening on 9/13/20 for children ages 0-4 years old! Our parent letter and policies and procedures are linked in our weekly emails. They include a new registration method and reduced class sizes. We will be taking the first 20 children that register each week. We look forward to seeing your children's faces again! If you have any questions, please contact Amy (nursery@trinitypresfw.org).

Kona Ice Celebration!

Join us after worship on September 13 for Kona Ice to celebrate Trinity's 5th Birthday and kick off our Fall semester! Even if you don't worship in person we would love for you to drive thru to get a snow cone and a bag of goodies as we kick off the fall!

Women's Fall Bible Study

This fall (September-November) we will study *Genesis: The Savior Behind the Stories* and meet using various small group formats to fit your covid comfort level and schedule. Our bible study groups are getting started and books are available for pick up at the church office (3750 S. University) Tuesdays/Thursdays 12-4, Susan's front door (4000 W 6th St), or at Connell on Sundays. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org).

Community Groups Resume in September

Our Community Groups are essential to our life at Trinity and will resume in September. Contact Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org) for more information or if you would like to join.