



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

— September 13, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

If we could only see the heart of the Father, we would be drawn into praise and thanksgiving more often.

-Richard Foster

Sometimes we want what we want even if we know it's going to kill us.

-Donna Tartt

We're changed when we look at Jesus, delight in Jesus, commune with Jesus.

-Tim Chester

Jesus is a teacher who doesn't just inform our intellect but forms our very loves. He isn't content to simply deposit new ideas into your mind; he is after nothing less than your wants, your loves, your longings.

-James K. A. Smith

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.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
 for his steadfast love endures forever

—Psalm 136:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise I Come Ye Sinners

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.

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you,
Full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better,
You will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous;

Sinners Jesus came to call.
Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires
Is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended;
Pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good.

Words: Joseph Hart; Music: Matthew Smith

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 God,

We thank You that You have created us for Yourself and that our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You. Yet, Lord, we confess the ways we've set our ultimate desires on created things rather than upon You, and when we've fallen into sin, we've blamed You or our circumstances rather than admit our own guilt. Please forgive us through the atoning work of Your Son on the Cross, and enable us by Your Spirit to find our greatest delight in him. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

—1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

Hymn of Response | Come Ye Souls, By Sin Afflicted

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

Come ye souls by, sin afflicted,
Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down;
By the broken, law convicted,
Through the cross, behold the crown;
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy, yoke and wear it;
Love will make your, obedience sweet;
Christ will give you, strength to bear it,
While His grace, shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the, eyes that see Him,
Blest the ears that, hear His voice;
Blessed are the, souls that trust Him,
And in Him, alone rejoice;
His commandments, His commandments,
His commandments
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary,
Light to newly, opened eyes,
Like full springs in, deserts dreary,
Is the rest, the cross supplies;

All who taste it, All who taste it, All who
taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;
Mercy flows
through Him alone.

Words: Joseph Swain (alt Twit); Music: Kevin Twit

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 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 | Jesus, Cast a Look on Me

Jesus, cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know.

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet.

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,

Walking only in Thy might.

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood.

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

Words: John Berridge
Music: Matthew Perryman Jones

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn I 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.

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 Today!

The nursery will be reopening today 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 today 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).