



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
— October 18, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

True wisdom is not a set of principles but a supernatural person. And we receive this wisdom not simply through acts of the will but through the transformation of our heart and desires by worshiping him.

-Tim Keller

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

-Proverbs 1:7

James requires us to affirm that whatever displays a sharp, antagonistic spirit of self-concern (*jealousy*), whatever leads to or favors party spirit or the creation of parties or the dividing of fellowships (*selfish ambition*), whatever issues in disorder (*restlessness, instability, disturbance in the fellowship*) and in meanness in thought, word and deed (*every vile practice*)—this is the wisdom which in no way comes down from above. We need to ask ourselves very seriously whether we believe this or not.

-Alec Motyer

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

-Galatians 5:22-23

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.

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.

For the LORD gives wisdom;

from his mouth come knowledge and understanding

—Psalm 95:1-3; Proverbs 2:6 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Only a Holy God

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.

Who else commands all the hosts of
heaven
Who else could make every king bow
down
Who else can whisper and darkness
trembles
Only a Holy God

Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God
(Chorus)

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
(Chorus)

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God*

Words and Music: Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson,
Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson

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,

In Your Word, You call us to trust in You with all our hearts and lean not on our own understanding. You tell us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, and You call us not to be wise in our own eyes, but rather, to fear You and shun evil. Yet, Lord, we confess that we are half-hearted in our trust and often lean more on our own understanding than Yours. We confess that rather than pursuing the gift of Your pure wisdom, we are often content to settle for mere earthly wisdom. Apart from Your grace, we are fools who despise Your mercy. Please forgive us through the death and resurrection of Your Son, and by Your Spirit, grant us wisdom from above. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

—1 Corinthians 1:27-31 ESV

Hymn of Response | I Shall Not Want

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

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me, O God

Deliver me, O God
Deliver me, O God

From the need to be understood
From the need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely

*And I shall not want, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want*

From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
From the fear of humility
Deliver me, O God
Deliver me, O God

*And I shall not want, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not
want (repeat)*

Words & Music: Audrey Assad

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 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 | 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.

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26 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!

* CCLI #5043663 – all songs used by permission

Announcements

Volunteers Needed

It takes many hands to make our service run as smoothly as possible, especially during this season of extra safety measures and we are in need of volunteers for various teams. Teams needing help are: Usher Team, Welcome Team, Nursery, and Set-up/Take-Down Team. If you can help in any area, please let Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org) know.

Youth Group Events

Today we have youth small groups for middle and high school Trinity students directly after worship from 5:30-5:30pm at Connell. In these groups students will have the opportunity to develop community with one another as well as unpack the sermon from our series in James along with youth volunteers. For safety reasons, these groups will require students to wear masks while in the classroom together. Questions? Please contact John (john@trinitypresfw.org).

Also, registration is open for the Fall Retreat (10/24)! You can sign up through the link in the YG email from Phillip or email John (john@trinitypresfw.org) for the link to sign up.

TODAY HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

10/21 HS Large Group @ FWPC 7:30-8:45pm

10/24 Middle School and High School Fall Mini-Retreat (Denton, TX 9am-9pm)

11/1 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

11/8 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

11/15 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell

Catechism Challenge

There is no better time to help your kids learn big truths than while they are little! These questions help your kids understand some basic truths of the faith and we're sure parents will enjoy learning them, also! Kids have until Friday of each week to work on memorizing that week's questions. By Friday send Jeanette (children@trinitypresfw.org) an email with a video of your children reciting the questions. A winner will be drawn from all of the videos submitted. The winners will get a special delivery of Blue Bell ice cream on Saturday! Questions? Contact Jeanette.

Women's Fall Bible Study

This fall (September-November) we are studying Genesis: The Savior Behind the Stories and meeting using various small group formats to fit your covid comfort level and schedule. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org).