



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

All Saints Day

— November 1, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

To worship Christ the King is to be a people with a kingdom-oriented stance, which will sometimes look aloof and will at other times pitch us into the fray. The posture of heavenly citizenship is a posture of uplift, tethered by hope to a coming King.

-James K. A. Smith

All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by his Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

-Westminster Confession of Faith 26.1

You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

-Leviticus 19:16-18

How we treat others reflects our view of who God is.

-Sam Allberry

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.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together!

—Psalm 34:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | A Mighty Fortress is Our 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.

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper He, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,

we will not fear, for God has willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

Words: Martin Luther, 1529, Based on Ps 46; Frederick
Hedge, 1852, trans.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG

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 thank You that in Your immense grace, You have united us to Your Son and to one another, and You've called us to love one another as fellow members of the household of God. Yet, Lord, we confess how often we speak evil against our brothers and sisters in Christ. We acknowledge the judgment that arises from the sinful pride in our hearts. We ask that You would forgive us through the death and resurrection of Your Son who is the only one who is able to save. By Your Spirit, enable us to speak words that build up and give grace to those who hear. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

Song of Response | How Deep

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

You were broken that I might be healed
You were cast off that I might draw near
You were thirsty that I might come drink
Cried out in anguish that I might sing

*How deep is Your love
How high and how wide is Your mercy
How deep is Your grace
Our hearts overflow with praise
To You*

You knew darkness that I might know light
Wept great tears that mine might be dried
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed
Crushed by Your Father to call me your own
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Stephen Altrogge

Confession of Faith I The Heidelberg Catechism #54 & #55

We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Q. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

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 4:11-12

God speaks to us through His Word.

4:11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. **12** There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 | For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world
confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their
might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought
fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true
Light.
Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their
rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious
day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way,
Alleluia, Allelu...

Words: William Walsham How; Music: Christopher
Miner

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | The Church's One Foundation

We respond in faith and song.

The church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ
her Lord,
She is His new creation, By water and the
Word.
From heaven He came and sought her, To
be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for
her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one over all the
earth;
Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one
faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one
holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every
grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her
war,
She waits the consummation, Of peace
forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious, Her longing
eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious, Shall be
the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union, With God the
Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion, With those
whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace
that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high
may dwell with Thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone; Music: Brian Moss

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!

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Announcements

Membership Seminar

We will be having a new member seminar at the chapel at Connell on Nov 14, from 9am-1230pm. If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity or you would like to learn more about Trinity and get the full scoop on becoming a member, please join us! We'll meet at Connell in the chapel and will observe all of the same social distancing guidelines that we do on Sundays. Please register on the Church Center app under "Events" or email Courtney (admin@trinitypresfw.org) to get set up.

Youth Group

Today we have youth small groups for middle and high school Trinity students directly after worship from 530-630pm 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).

TODAY HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell 530-630pm

11/4 HS Large Group @ FWPC 730-845pm

11/8 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell 530-630pm

11/15 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell 530-630pm

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).

Mission Spotlight

Rivertree Academy

Rivertree Academy asked Trinity to help lead their parenting seminars and we are thankful for this unique opportunity to come alongside them. They are looking for a few volunteers to co-lead parenting seminars in November. All the groups will meet online from 6-7pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays, whichever is preferable to the volunteer. There will be more seminars in the spring as well! Email Emily (williams.emmie13@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up!

Trinity Christmas Giving Tree

Join us in supporting our local ministry partners this Christmas. Starting Nov 8, there will be in person and virtual Christmas trees with ornaments listing presents to buy for DASH, the Net, Pregnancy Lifeline, and Rivertree Academy. Select an ornament and help love the people of Fort Worth!

