



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
— November 8, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

A general once sat at a table in a royal court, seated beside the court chaplain. In the course of the meal the general turned to the chaplain and, to make conversation, asked, "Pastor, in this moment together here, could you tell me something about Heaven?" The court chaplain looked at him carefully and said, "Well, yes, I could. The first thing I would tell you, general, is that in Heaven you will not be a general."

- Manford George Gutzke

Lord, burn eternity into my eyeballs!

-Joseph Bayly

"God willing" is the posture of a burning heart.

-R. Kent Hughes

For what would I say, O Lord my God, but that I know not whence I came into this dying life (shall I call it?) or living death.

-St. Augustine

One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you may be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give, and so fail to realize your need for God. If everything seems to come simply by signing checks, you may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God.

-C. S. Lewis

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 sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

—Psalm 98:1, 4 ESV

Hymn of Praise | And Can It Be?

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.

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, should die for me?

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
(Chorus)

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.
(Chorus)

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my
own.
(Chorus)

Words: Charles Wesley; Music: Scott Roley

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 by Your grace You have delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Yet, Lord, we confess how easily we are allured towards other masters. We acknowledge the ways we seek our own selfish purposes rather than those of Your Kingdom. We foolishly attempt to tell ourselves that we can serve both You and money, although You tell us otherwise. Forgive us through the death and resurrection of Your Son who loved us and gave himself for us. By Your Spirit, make us a generous, Kingdom-minded people. In Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

—2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

Hymn of Response | All I Have Is Christ

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

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state

And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life*

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands

Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be

My only boast is You (*Chorus*)

Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin

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 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 1:9-11; 4:13-5:6

God speaks to us through His Word.

1:9 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.

4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"— **14** yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. **15** Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." **16** As it

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 | Psalm 126

Our mouths they were filled,
filled with laughter;
Our tongues they were loosed,
loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!

*Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your Kingdom
for the day You will reap them!
Your sheaves we will carry;*

*Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who sow weeping
will go out with songs of joy!*

The nations will say,
"He has done great things!"
The nations will sing songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord! Restore us, O Lord!
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Bifrost Arts

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | In Feast or Fallow

We respond in faith and song.

When the fields are dry, and the winter is long
Blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor
When my soul is downcast, and my voice has no song
For mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord

*In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
My certain hope is in Jesus found
My lot, my cup, my portion sure
Whatever comes, we shall endure
Whatever comes, we shall endure*

On a cross of wood, His blood was outpoured
He rose from the ground, like a bird to the sky

Bringing peace to our violence, and crushing death's door
Our Maker incarnate, our God Who provides.
(Chorus)

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes
Not a sparrow falls, nor a hair from my head
Without His hand to guide me, my shield and my strength
In joy or in sorrow, in life or in death
(Chorus)

Words & 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!

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Announcements

College Student Dinner

Next Sunday, Nov 15 after worship head over to the home of Kelly and Ryan Opgenorth (3216 Tex Blvd) and join us for a fire pit in the backyard and food inside for people enjoy time together. Mask wearing inside is encouraged. If any Trinity families would like to come, help bring food, or help with set-up please contact Kelly (kellyopge@gmail.com).

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

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

11/15 HS/MS Small Groups @ Connell 530-630pm (Last of the semester!)

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 has asked Trinity to help lead their Parent University courses and we are thankful for this unique opportunity to come alongside them. They are looking for a couple of volunteers to co-lead a group with a Rivertree parent to discuss topics such as racial reconciliation, pride, parenting, etc. The groups will meet virtually on Tuesday or Thursday from

6-7pm for the month of November. There will be more opportunities to lead Parent University courses 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 today, 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!