



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
— November 15, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

The Church finds its identity in the role it plays in the biblical story; theology deepens our understanding of this story; worship enacts and tells this story; spiritual formation equips the Church to embody this story; and the believer's life in the world, including all of public life, is a witness to the truth of this story.

- Craig Bartholomew & Michael Goheen

Gathered worship reminds us we're not alone.

-Burk Parsons

We must never look at any sin in our past life in any way except that which leads us to praise God and magnify his grace in Christ Jesus.

-Martyn Lloyd-Jones

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.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,

bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul,

and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

—Psalm 103:1-5 ESV

Song of Praise | 10,000 Reasons

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.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
(Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Matt Redman

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 confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103:8, 11-12 ESV

Hymn of Response | I Asked the Lord

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

I asked the Lord that I might grow
In faith and love and every grace;
Might more of His salvation know,
And seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
And He I trust has answered prayer,
But it has been in such a way
As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour
At once He'd answer my request,
And by His love's constraining power
Subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel

The hidden evils of my heart,
And let the angry powers of Hell
Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more with His own hand He seemed
Intent to aggravate my woe;
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed,
Cast out my feelings, laid me low.

Lord why is this, I trembling cried,
Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied,
"I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials I employ
From self and pride to set thee free,
And break thy schemes of earthly joy
That thou mayest seek thy all in me,

That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Words: John Newton & Laura Taylor

Music: Laura Taylor

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

Luke 10:38-42

God speaks to us through His Word.

10:38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." **41** But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **42** but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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 | Pensive Doubting Fearful Heart

Pensive, doubting, fearful heart, Hear what Christ the Savior says; Every word should joy impart, Change thy mourning into praise: Yes, he speaks, and speaks to thee, May he help thee to believe! Then thou presently wilt see, Thou hast little cause to grieve.	Israel's God by all adored; As thy Savior will be known, Thy Redeemer and thy Lord. For a moment I withdrew, And thy heart was filled with pain; But my mercies I'll renew, Thou shalt soon rejoice again: Though I seem to hide my face, Very soon my wrath shall cease; 'Tis but for a moment's space, Ending in eternal peace.
Fear thou not, nor be ashamed, All thy sorrows soon shall end I who heav'n and earth have framed, Am thy husband and thy friend I the High and Holy One,	

Though afflicted, tempest-tossed,
Comfortless awhile thou art,
Do not think thou canst be lost,
Thou art graven on my heart
All thy wastes I will repair,

Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;
And in thee it shall appear,
What a God of love can do.

Words: John Newton; Music: Wendell Kimbrough

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | On Jordan's Stormy Banks

We respond in faith and song.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

*I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.*

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

(Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Fathers face,
And in His bosom rest?

(Chorus)

Words: Samuel Stennett
Music: Christopher

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 Today

Today 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).

Youth Group

Today we have youth small groups for middle and high school Trinity students directly after worship from 5:30-6:30pm at Connell. Today is the last meet up of small groups for the semester! 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).

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. Look for the tree in the foyer at church. There are ornaments with gifts listed on the back to purchase for our partners. Select an

ornament this Sunday and help bless the people served by DASH, the Net, Pregnancy Lifeline, and Rivertree Academy. There will be boxes in the foyer to place the gifts through Dec 13.

Other options for drop-off:

Church office: Tuesdays/Thursdays 12-330pm (3750 S. University)

Sherry Denton/Pregnancy Lifeline gifts (2304 Medford Ct, W)

Emily Williams/Rivertree gifts (5500 Dennis Ave)

Jonathan Dumas/DASH gifts (4416 Stonedale Rd)

Brendan Reagan/the Net gifts (2529 Cockrell Ave)