



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

Christ the King Sunday
— November 22, 2020 —

Words for Reflection

Corporate worship is designed to present the gospel so hearts gripped with complaint become ignited by worshipful gratitude.

- Paul Tripp

What matters supremely, therefore, is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it—the fact that he knows me. I am graven on the palms of his hands. I am never out of his mind. All my knowledge of him depends on his sustained initiative in knowing me. I know him because he first knew me, and continues to know me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is no moment when his eye is off me, or his attention distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when his care falters.

-J. I. Packer

The Judge confronts us. But it is not as we feared. The face of the Judge is marked with infinite compassion and infinite suffering. His hands and feet are torn by spikes driven in by violent blows. His brow is pierced by the crown of thorns, and his expression bears the tokens of utmost humiliation. The judgment has already happened. It has taken place in his own body. The Son of God has borne it all himself. The Judge who is to come has given himself to be judged in our place, "to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray."

-Fleming Rutledge

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 extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

—Psalm 145:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

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.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet Thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, His praise should sing?
Come and worship, come and worship
Praise the Everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To our fathers in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Come and worship, come and worship
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like, He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Come and worship, come and worship
Widely as His mercy goes.

Angels, help us to adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space,
Come and worship, come and worship
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Lyte, 1843, Based on Ps 103; Nathan Partain, 2000, alt.

Music: Nathan Partain

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.

Our Father in Heaven,

You have crowned Your Son Jesus Christ as Lord of all. He is the King who rules in truth and grace. Yet we confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We often give our allegiance elsewhere and fail to be governed by his justice and love. In Your mercy, forgive us. Enter in to reign as sovereign in our hearts, that we may fall at Jesus' feet and give him the glory he deserves. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

—1 Peter 2:21-25 ESV

Hymn of Response I Before the Throne of God Above

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

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great High Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there

Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,
One with Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,

My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God!

Words: Charitie Bancroft
Music: Vicki Cook

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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Baptism | Lucy Mae Gilpin

To the Parents (Kathryn & Taylor Gilpin):

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit? **We do.**
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own? **We do.**
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? **We do.**

To the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

People: We do.

"For you Jesus came into the world; for you he lived his life; for you he was crucified; for you he was raised from the dead; and for you he is coming again. You may not know this story now, but we, your church, promise to tell you this story until you make it your own."

(based on French Reformed Baptismal Liturgy)

The Offering

In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God. You may give online at www.trinitypresfn.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

God speaks to us through His Word.

James 5:7-11

5:7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. **8** You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. **9** Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge

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 | How Long?

How long? Will You turn Your face away?
How long? Do You hear us when we pray?
On and on, still we walk this pilgrim way -
How long?

How long 'til Your children find their rest?
How long 'til You draw them to Your breast?
We go on holding to Your promises - How
long?

*'Til You wipe away the tears from ev'ry eye
'Til we see our home descending from the
sky
Do we wait in vain? Jesus, give us hope
again!*

How long 'til Your word will still the storm?
How long 'til You bare Your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til You snatch us from the
thorns - How long?

(Chorus)

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the
race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our
legs.
Looking on - great that cloud of witnesses!
How long?

(Chorus)

Words & Music: Isaac Wardell

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | Hail to the Lord's Anointed

We respond in faith and song.

*Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's
greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on
earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the
captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in
equity.
(Chorus)

He comes with comfort speedy to those
who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the
weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their
darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are
precious in His sight.
(Chorus)

He shall come down like showers upon the
fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in
His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never His covenant
remove.
His Name shall stand forever, That Name to
us is Love.
(Chorus)

Words: James Montgomery; 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

Christmas Celebration

Covid may have cancelled our annual Christmas party, but we still want to raise a glass (of hot chocolate) together. Please join us after worship on Dec 6 in the parking lot for a quick treat!

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

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 gifts through Dec 13.

You can also drop-off here:

Church office: Tues/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)

If you cannot grab one of the physical tree items, or if you are not attending church in person, we have set up a fund specifically for the giving tree on our Church Center giving page. You can give in any amount you like, and funds will be allocated to purchase items for our partner ministries. Please select "Trinity Christmas Giving Tree" in the drop-down menu to make sure your donation is allocated appropriately.

