



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

— January 17, 2021 —

Words for Reflection

In the calling of the disciples, Jesus put people together who would most certainly not follow each other on Twitter. Yet in the forming of this small community, he was symbolically making a statement that in the kingdom of God, a new family was being created.

- Rich Villodas

We come from the overflow of God's beauty and love...We are unique among creation. Every person, from the womb to the tomb, has a beauty and a value independent of our abilities or what we produce.

- Irwyn Ince

A gospel of reconciliation can only be communicated by a reconciled fellowship.

- Leslie Newbigin

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.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

—Psalm 8:1, 3-5, 9 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Almighty 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.

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy
Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
With gratitude we raise our song to You
Come and fill the praises of your people
In grace and truth, you make us new again

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Almighty God to You all hearts are open
We long for more than what this world provides
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us
Your river deep floods over everything

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, & David Leonard

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 praise You that Your Son has come into the world as the True King who brings true justice, righteousness, and deliverance. We thank You that he has called us to proclaim and enact this good news of his Kingdom in both word and deed. Yet Lord, we confess the ways we've failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly before You. Instead, we have often been complacent and complicit in the face of injustice. We have sought our own good above the good of our neighbors. Please forgive us through the crucifixion and resurrection of our True King and enable us by Your Spirit to embody and extend his mercy and love to the ends of the earth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

—Luke 4:18-19 ESV

Hymn of Response | Grace Alone

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

I was an orphan, lost at the fall;
Running away when I'd hear you call,
But Father, you worked your will.
I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne,
But Father, you loved me still.

And in love, before you laid the world's
foundation,
You predestined to adopt me as your own.
You have raised me up so high above my

station;
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace
alone

You left your home to seek out the lost;
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone;
But nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

By your blood I have redemption and
salvation.
Lord you died that I might reap what you
have sown,
And you rose that I might be a new
creation.
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

I was in darkness all of my life,
I never knew the day from the night,
But Spirit, you made me see.
I swore I knew the way on my own;
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me.

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was
awakened;
On my darkened heart the light of Christ
has shone.
Called into a kingdom that cannot shaken;
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace
alone
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace, and grace
alone

Words and Music by Dustin Kensrue

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 and conclude with an Advent prayer that focuses on Jesus' coming.

The Reading of the Word

Mark 3:13-19

God speaks to us through His Word.

3:13 And he went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. **14** And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach **15** and have authority to cast out demons. **16** He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); **17** James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); **18** Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, **19** and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

*Following the Servant King: The Gospel According to Mark
"The Community of the King"*

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 | Give Reviving

Father for Thy promised blessing,
Still we plead before Thy throne
For the times of sweet refreshing,
Which can come from Thee alone
Blessed earnest, Thou hast given,
But in these we would not rest
Blessings still with Thee are hidden,
Pour them forth and make us blest!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever,
Answer! Father, answer prayer
Bless oh bless each, weak endeavor,
Blood-bought pardon to declare
Wake Thy slumbering, children wake them,

Bid them to Thy harvest go
Blessings O our Father make,
Round their steps let blessings flow.

Let no people be forgotten,
Let Thy showers on all descend
That in one loud blessed anthem,
Millions may in triumph blend
Give reviving, give refreshing,
Give the looked-for Jubilee
To Thyself may crowds be pressing,
Bringing glory unto Thee.

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Words: Albert Midlane, Chelsey Scott; Music:
Chelsey Scott, Aaron Sands

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn I Lead On O King Eternal

We respond in faith and song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest,
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation,
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper,
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy,
The heavenly kingdom comes.

*Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King; Lead on,
O King, Lead on*

Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

*Lead on, O King; Lead on, O King; Lead on,
O King, Lead on*

Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff, Jeff Pardo;
Music: Jeff Pardo

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

MTW House In Order Seminar

Trinity is hosting a financial seminar on Monday, January 25 with Rev. Bruce Owens, the Director of the Center of Estate Design and Gift Planning at Mission to the World (MTW) at Luna Vista (the Dome at Reata) from 630-8pm. The seminar will help families find God's plan for stewardship for their families and estates, and to be wise managers of the resources He has entrusted to us. **There is no charge for the seminar and a seated dinner will be provided; cash bar and appetizers will begin at 530pm. You can RSVP on the church center app; please do so quickly as capacity is limited.** We will also be led in the service on Sunday, Jan 24 by Dr. Paul Kooistra, former President of Covenant Seminary, and former Coordinator of MTW.

Youth Group Dinner Today

Calling all middle and high school students! Were you bummed that we weren't able to have small groups on Sunday? Me too. Do you like food? Me too!! Come join me (John) to grab some grub at Central Market directly after worship today. We'll enjoy ourselves outside on the patio and look forward to what God is going to do this year. Invite your friends and bring your parents too if you like! Questions? Contact John (john@trinitypresfw.org) or 615.517.9238.

Women's Bible Study

Ladies-please join our spring Bible study on Hebrews! Registration opens January 6. Our study will begin the week of January 17 and end the week of March 28. **If you participated in our fall study and want to continue, there is no need to register.** But, if you want to join or need to switch your group, please use the link below. Books will be available after worship in the lobby,

or on Susan's front porch (4000 W. 6th St), or at the church office. We have many small groups during the week--some in person and some on Zoom. For more information, contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org).

Rivertree Parent University

Parent University is a 4-6 week virtual weekly meeting that provides a series of discussions designed to build community among the families, volunteers, and other stakeholders at Rivertree Academy. These discussions are designed to provide a safe place to have conversations, ask questions, and explore what God says about building Godly-influenced relationships with one another.

Rivertree is looking for volunteer co-facilitators to work alongside a Rivertree parent to facilitate these weekly meetings OR other families who want to attend and participate in the discussion, starting in January. Groups typically meet on Tuesday or Thursday evenings and start times can be flexible between 6 to 7:30, based on facilitators' schedules. Course schedules for the spring semester are listed below - all videos are accessed through the school RightNow Media account.

Contact Abbie Pitzer (abbie@rivertreeacademy.org) if you have questions or are interested in attending OR facilitating one of the classes!