



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Second Sunday in Lent

— February 28, 2021 —

Words for Reflection

God's mercy is greater than our sins. There is an awareness of sin that does not lead to God but to self-preoccupation. Our temptation is to be so impressed by our sins and failings and so overwhelmed by our lack of generosity that we get stuck in a paralyzing guilt. It is the guilt that says: "I am too sinful to deserve God's mercy." It is the guilt that leads to introspection instead of directing our eyes to God. It is the guilt that has become an idol and therefore a form of pride. Lent is the time to break down this idol and to direct our attention to our loving Lord. The question is: "Are we like Judas, who was so overcome by his sin that he could not believe in God's mercy any longer and hanged himself, or are we like Peter who returned to his Lord with repentance and cried bitterly for his sins?" The season of Lent, during which winter and spring struggle with each other for dominance, helps us in a special way to cry out for God's mercy.

– Henri Nouwen

Lent is for the exhausted, frustrated, I-can't-do-enoughers out there who need to know we are enough, in Jesus, who invites us to rest.

– Chuck DeGroat

The most overwhelming, confusing and disappointing thing in your life, whatever it is, sits today under the rule of your Sovereign Savior.

– Paul Tripp

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 God of hosts, who is mighty as you are,
O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?

You rule the raging of the sea;
when its waves rise, you still them.

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;
the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

—Psalm 89:8-9, 11, 14 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Come and Welcome

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.

From the cross uplifted high
Where the Savior deigns to die,
What melodious sounds I hear,
Bursting on my ravished ear;
Love's redeeming work is done,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Sprinkled now with blood the throne
Why beneath thy burdens groan,
On my pierced body laid,
Justice owns the ransom paid;
Bow the knee and kiss the Son,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Spread for thee the festal board
See with richest dainties stored,
To thy Father's bosom pressed,
Yet again a child confessed;
Never from His house to roam,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Soon the days of life shall end
Lo, I come, your Savior, Friend,
Safe your spirit to convey,
To the realms of endless day;
Up to my eternal home,
Come and welcome, sinner, come.
Come and welcome, sinner, come.

Words: Thomas Haweis; Music: Matthew Perryman Jones

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.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through the shed blood of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

—Joel 2:12-13 ESV

Hymn of Response | God Be Merciful to Me

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

God, be merciful to me;
On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou,
Blot out my transgressions now;
Wash me, make me pure within;
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against Thy grace,
And provoked Thee to Thy face.
I confess Thy judgment just;
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;
Thou desirest truth within.
Thou alone my Savior art,
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust
By Thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice,
And in gladness hear Thy voice;
From my sins O hide Thy face,
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,
Make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from Thee,
Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart,
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,
And return, O God, to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove,
And my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Words: Scottish Psalter; Music: Christopher Miner

Confession of Faith | New City Catechism #24 - #26

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

Q. 24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Q. 25: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

Q. 26: What else does Christ's death redeem?

Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

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

Rev. Nate Wadell

RUF Campus Minister at UTA

The Reading of the Word

Mark 4:35-41

God speaks to us through His Word.

4:35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." **36** And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. **37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. **38** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" **39** And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. **40** He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" **41** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey 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
"From Fear to Faith"

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 46

God is our refuge, our strength and our shield;
An ever present help
We will not fear, though the earth give way,
And the mountains crash into the sea

*There is a river whose streams will make glad;
the city of our Most High King
God is within her and she will not fail;
He helps her at break of the day*

Nations in uproar, men's kingdoms they fall.
He speaks and the Earth melts away.

The worst we imagine, the strongest of storms,
Our fortress, it will remain.

*There is a river whose streams will make glad;
the city of our Most High King
God is within her and she will not fail;
Listen to hear the Lord say:*

Be still and know that I am God
Come, let us see what the Lord has done,
the ruins He brings to the Earth.
He makes wars to cease at the end of the Earth

He shatters the bow and the spear.

*There is a river whose streams will make glad;
the city of our Most High King
God is within her and she will not fail;
Listen to hear the Lord say:*

Be still and know that I am God
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Words & Music: Mike Crawford (alt. by Isaac Wardell)

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | This is My Father's World

We respond in faith and song.

This is my Father's world, and to my
listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the
music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the
thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their
carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare
their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all

that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er
forget
That though the wrong seems oft so
strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not
done:
Jesus Who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and Heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock; Music: Traditional
English Melody

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

Ministry Moment: Nate Wadell

Today we will hear from Nate Waddell, the RUF pastor at UTA. Nate, Gracie, and Liam moved to Arlington in June to plant an RUF at UT Arlington. Nate grew up in the great white North of Minnesota where he frequently suffered under the hand of his local sports teams and relentless winter. He lived as a missionary for five years in China before getting his degree at Covenant seminary in St. Louis. He and Gracie are expecting their next child in May and they could not be more excited!

Congregational Meeting TODAY

Please stay after worship today for this brief annual meeting. The meeting will include a financial update and a discussion of Trinity's vision for the various ministries within our church. If you have any particular items you would like addressed, please email Brian (brian@trinitypresfw.org). Children who are already in the nursery during worship may remain there during the congregational meeting.

Five Six Today

We have Five Six today directly after worship until 6:30pm; 5th and 6th graders, come sing, hang, and have snacks.

Youth Small Groups Today

High School and Middle School small groups meet today directly after worship until 630pm. Come discuss the sermon, hang out, and have snacks.

Women's Bible Study

We are going through the book of Hebrews in our spring study. We are meeting either in person, or via Zoom. If you would like to join a group, email Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org).

Mission Spotlight: Pregnancy Lifeline

In spite of Covid limitations, Pregnancy Lifeline continues to serve women and their families with physical, emotional, spiritual and material needs that accompany unplanned pregnancies. We thank God for the PLL's 47 years of ministry and relationships in our community.

Thank you to all who participated with donations and bids for this year's Love Life Online Auction. If you or your bible study or community group would like to serve in other ways, please consider these options:

1. Writing notes to be shared with women coming in for pregnancy tests or sonograms (email jeanne@pregnancylifeline.net for specific instructions).
2. Donating diapers, especially sizes 1, 3 and 6 to the office across from Hulen Mall, 4747 S. Hulen, Suite 103, 76132.
3. Donate new or gently used seasonal clothes, baby and children's items including books and toys.
4. Support the ministry with a one-time or monthly gift of any amount.
5. Pray for the ministry individually or as a group, that PLL might meet the needs of its clients, particularly their ultimate need for salvation in Christ Jesus.

Questions? Contact Sherry (sherrydenton@me.com).

