



# TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Liturgy for Home Worship

The Third Sunday in Lent

— March 7, 2021 —

### Words for Reflection

Lent gives the only answer there is to the problem of evil: A cross that triumphs over evil, a death that tramples death.

– Peter Leithart

Jesus has ultimate authority over evil, whether that evil is manifested in nature or in the life of an individual. By the end of these stories, the audience is hopefully much better prepared to answer the pressing question, “Who can this man be?”

– Mikeal Parsons

Even the devil is God's devil.

– Martin Luther

### 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.*

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;

**shout, O Israel!**

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

**O daughter of Jerusalem!**

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;

**he has cleared away your enemies.**

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

**you shall never again fear evil.**

—Zephaniah 3:14-15 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?

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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 bide 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 Your Son Jesus has set us free from sin, death, and evil through his death on the Cross. Yet, Lord, we confess our tendency to return to those sins that once held us captive. Forgive us for our unbelief and cleanse us by the all-sufficient grace of Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

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

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

—Titus 3:4-7 ESV

### Hymn of Response | Come Ye Souls, by Sin Afflicted

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

Come ye souls, by sin afflicted,  
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down;  
By the broken law convicted,  
Through the cross, behold the crown;  
Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy yoke and wear it;  
Love will make your obedience sweet;  
Christ will give you strength to bear it,  
While His grace shall guide your feet  
Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory,  
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the eyes that see Him,

Blest the ears that hear His voice;  
Blessed are the souls that trust Him,  
And in Him alone rejoice;  
His commandments, His commandments,  
His commandments  
Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary,  
Light to newly opened eyes,  
Like full springs in deserts dreary,  
Is the rest the cross supplies;  
All who taste it, All who taste it, All who  
taste it  
Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus;  
Mercy flows  
through Him alone.

Words: Joseph Swain (alt Twit); Music: Kevin Twit

## 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 Sacrament of Baptism

Paige Elizabeth Reagan

Nora Kay Reagan

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy? **I do.**
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? **I do.**
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ? **I do.**
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? **I do.**
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace? **I do.**

## The Offering

*In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God. You may give online at [www.trinitypresfn.org/give](http://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.*

## The Reading of the Word

Mark 5:1-20

*God speaks to us through His Word.*

**5:1** They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. **2** And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. **3** He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, **4** for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. **5** Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones. **6** And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. **7** And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." **8** For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" **9** And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." **10** And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. **11** Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, **12** and they begged him, saying, "Send us to the pigs; let us enter them." **13** So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

**14** The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. **15** And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. **16** And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. **17** And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. **18** As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. **19** And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



## 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 | Draw Nigh

Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord.  
And drink the holy blood for you  
outpoured.  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.  
  
He that, His saints in this world rules and  
shields  
To all believers life eternal yields,  
With heavenly bread makes them that  
hunger whole,

Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
  
Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts  
sincere  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,  
In this Thy feast of love be with us now.  
  
Words: Latin Hymn, c. 680; Music: The Welcome  
Wagon

## Life at Trinity

### Departing Hymn I Satisfied

*We respond in faith and song.*

All my life long I had panted for a drink from  
some cool spring  
That I hoped would quench the burning of  
the thirst I felt within

Feeding on the filth around me, 'til my  
strength was almost gone  
Longed my soul for something better, only  
still to hunger on

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has  
craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am  
saved*

Poor I was and sought for riches, something  
that would satisfy  
But the dust I gathered 'round me only  
mocked my soul's sad cry

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has  
craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am  
saved*

Well of water ever springing, Bread of Life  
so rich and free  
Untold wealth that never faileth, my  
Redeemer is to me

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has  
craved!  
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am  
saved*

Words: Clara T. Williams, 1875; Music: Karl Digerness,  
1997

### 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

### Men's Retreat

Men, join us for our retreat! Our speaker will be Les Newsom. We will be gathering at Connell Friday night and Saturday morning to fellowship and hear Les speak. We will begin Friday evening, March 26 at 5pm with tailgating in the parking lot and we will wrap up around lunch time Saturday, March 27.

The cost is \$45 per person, which includes dinner Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning, and snacks/refreshments throughout. **Registration is through church center app and is open through March 21. Scholarships are available, (full and partial) so money should NOT be the reason you don't attend.**

Friday Option: After our Friday night session we will plan gathering at a patio or bar to conclude the evening.

Please contact Cameron Pybus with any questions: [cam.pybus@gmail.com](mailto:cam.pybus@gmail.com)

### 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](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).

