



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

— March 14, 2021 —

Words for Reflection

We the sick long for this Jesus touch that defends and comforts. Such touch either heals us now or meaningfully signifies the healing that with heaven will come. Though it may delay, in Christ healing will not ultimately falter. The touch of Jesus's pity preaches such hope.

– Zack Eswine

We love touch. We long for it. And there's something biblical about its healing capacity. God forms everything but humanity with Word, but when it comes to us, the image is of hands shaping and moulding.

– Stephen McAlpine

Self-invented punishment does not cleanse. Christ alone cleanses. Christ all by himself. Now and forever. And on terms of grace.

– Ray Ortlund

Desperation is one of the main ingredients of faith. Faith means you need healing, you can't do it yourself, and you are confident that Jesus is the hands-on Healer.

– Ed Welch

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.

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

—Psalm 150:1-2, 6 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with health and with loving hand guided and stayed thee
How oft in grief hath not He brought thee relief,
Spreading His wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Words: Joachim Neander; Music: Traditional German Melody

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 confess to You that the filth and stain of sin in our lives is very real. We have run from You and in so doing, have defiled ourselves. We acknowledge that we cannot wash ourselves or make ourselves clean. We pray that You would cleanse us through the Cross of Christ who tasted death for us. Enable us by Your Spirit to look with faith and hope to the day when we and our world will be made whole by the work of Your Son. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.

—Mark 1:40-42 ESV

Hymn of Response | How Deep

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

You were broken that I might be healed
You were cast off that I might draw near
You were thirsty that I might come drink
Cried out in anguish that I might sing

*How deep is Your love
How high and how wide is Your mercy
How deep is Your grace
Our hearts overflow with praise*

To You

You knew darkness that I might know light
Wept great tears that mine might be dried
Stripped of glory that I might be clothed
Crushed by Your Father to call me your own
(Chorus)

Words & Music: Stephen Altrogge

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.

The Reading of the Word

Mark 5:21-43

God speaks to us through His Word.

5:21 And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. **22** Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet **23** and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." **24** And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. **25** And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, **26** and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. **27** She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. **28** For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." **29** And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. **30** And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately

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 | Heal Us, Emmanuel

*Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
Oh Savior, hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!
(Chorus)

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried;
"O help my unbelief!"

(Chorus)

She, too, who touched You in the press
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole."
(Chorus)

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.
(Chorus)

Words: William Cowper; Music: Kevin Twit

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn I To Christ the Lord

We respond in faith and song.

To Christ the Lord let every tongue,
Its noblest tribute bring.
When He's the subject of the song
Who can refuse to sing?
Survey the beauties of His face,
And on His glories dwell,
Think of the wonder of His grace
And all His triumphs tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned,
Upon His awful brow.
His head with radiant glories crowned,
His lips with grace overflow;
No mortal man can with Him compare,
Among the sons of men,
Fairer He is than all the fair
That fill the Heavenly train.

He saw me plunged in deep distress,
He fled to my relief.
For me He bore the shameful cross,
And carried all my grief;
His hand a thousand blessings pours,
Upon my guilty head,
His presence gilds my darkest hours
And guards my sleeping bed.

Since from His bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine,
Had I a thousand hearts to give
Lord, they would all be Thine;
A thousand men could not compose
A worthy song to bring,
Yet Your love is a melody
Our hearts can't help but sing!

Words: Laura Taylor, Samuel Stennett;

Music: Laura Taylor

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

Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for our women's retreat, April 24!

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).

