



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

— March 21, 2021 —

Words for Reflection

Lent strips off layers of self-deception and self-defense that screen us from the Risen Christ.

– Peter Leithart

[He] humbled himself and took on flesh, not even the flesh of a great king by earthly standards; [He] took on flesh and became the son of a carpenter. And that doesn't run counter to God's nature—that is a revelation of God's nature.

– Carl Trueman

It's always a little different, racing in your hometown.

– Buddy Rice

In fact, Jesus sees himself as the Son who has been sent by the Father who then sends out the twelve. The sent-ness of the apostles finds its root in Jesus' own self-understanding and mission.

– Benjamin Bae

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.

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

—Psalm 95:1-3 ESV

Hymn of Praise | Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

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.

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and
freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless
peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is
mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall
overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon

And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am
free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me
home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall
repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

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 see us as we truly are, and You know our inmost thoughts and motives. We confess that we have not loved You and one another as You have called us to. We confess that we often seek the glory that comes from people rather than the glory that comes from You. Our hearts grow so easily cold towards You. Lord, in Your mercy, heal us, and make us whole. Forgive us through the death of the one who came not to judge the world but to save the world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

—John 3:16-17 ESV

Hymn of Response | Jesus, I Come

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

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Words: William True Sleeper; Music: Greg Thompson

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 6:1-13

God speaks to us through His Word.

6:1 He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. **2** And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? **3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. **4** And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." **5** And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. **6** And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. **8** He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— **9** but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. **10** And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. **11** And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." **12** So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. **13** And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Bradford Green

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 | Abide with Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse
meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left
Thee,
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.

What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's
power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can
be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with
me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight, tears lose their
bitterness
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy
victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing
eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to
the skies.

Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Words: Henry Lyte & Justin Smith; Music: Jeff
Bourque

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | 'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

We respond in faith and song.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know "Thus saith the Lord!"

*Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

(Refrain)

Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

(Refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

(Refrain)

Words: Louisa M. R. Stead
Music: William James Kirkpatrick

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

Ladies, you're invited to our 2021 Women's Retreat. Due to Covid, we are foregoing our annual trip to Possum Kingdom; instead we are booked at the Omni in downtown Fort Worth for the day! April 24, 830am-6pm, \$65. Scholarships are available. Please register soon, as space is limited. Covid protocols will be observed inside our meeting space (distancing and masks while not eating). Contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org) for more info or questions. We are excited to welcome Vanessa Hawkins who will speak on, "Invisible Women & the God Who Sees."

Youth Group

7th-12th graders, join us after worship today at Central Market for dinner. Families are welcome to come, too!

