



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgy for Home Worship
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
— August 8, 2021 —

Words for Reflection

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of our far-flung battle line,
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine:
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

Far-called, our navies melt away;
On dune and headland sinks the fire.
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!
Judge of the nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

- Rudyard Kipling

As you sing the Psalms, pray the Psalms, and ponder the Psalms, you will find yourself drawn into a world in which certain things make sense that would not otherwise do so. In particular, you will be drawn into a world where God and Jesus make sense in a way they would not otherwise do.

-N. T. Wright

Thanksgiving is possible not because everything goes perfectly but because God is present.

-Adele Calhoun

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.

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

—Psalm 145:1-3 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?

*Amazing love! How can it be
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 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 have crowned Your Son Jesus Christ as Lord of all. He is the King who rules in truth and grace. Yet, Lord, we confess that we have failed to obey him as our good and gracious King. We often give our allegiance elsewhere and fail to be governed by his justice and love. In Your mercy, forgive us. Enable us by Your Spirit to fall at Jesus' feet and to give him the glory he deserves. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

—Colossians 1:13-14 ESV

Hymn of Response | Thy Mercy My God

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

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my
song,
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my
tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the
last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul
fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live
here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;

But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits
revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me
alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my
heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness
depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the
ground,

And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;

All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Words: John Stocker; Music: Sandra McCracken

Confession of Faith | The Heidelberg Catechism #1

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

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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.

The Reading of the Word

God speaks to us through His Word.

Psalm 21

21:1 O LORD, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! **2** You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah **3** For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold upon his head. **4** He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever. **5** His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him. **6** For you make him most blessed forever;

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.

Hymns for Communion

Jesus Whispers

Lamb of God, we fall before Thee,
Humbly trusting in Thy cross;
That alone be all our glory;
All things else are vain and loss.

Thee we own a perfect Savior,
Only source of all that's good:
Every grace and every favor
Comes to us through Jesus' blood.

*Jesus whispers this sweet sentence,
"Son, thy sins are all forgiven."
Faith He gives us to believe,
Hearing ears and seeing eyes.*

When we live on Jesus' merit,
Then we worship God aright,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Then we savingly unite.
(Chorus)

Hear the whole conclusion of it;
Great or good, whate'er we call,

God, or King, or Priest, or Prophet,
Jesus Christ is All in All.
(Chorus)

Words: Joseph Hart;
Music: Clint Wells & Brian T. Murphy

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
"He has done great things," we will say
together.
We will feast and weep no more.*

We will not be burned by the fire,
He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (Chorus)

In the dark of night before the dawn,
My soul be not afraid.
For the promised morning, o how long?
O God of Jacob be my strength. (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom. (Chorus)

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua
Moore

Life at Trinity

Departing Hymn | All My Ways Are Known to You

We respond in faith and song.

In days of peace and days of rest
In times of loss and loneliness
Though rich or poor, Your word is true
That all my ways are known to You

No trial has come beyond Your hand
No step I walk beyond Your plan

The path is dark outside my view
Still all my ways are known to You
And oh what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be

For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah, they are known to You!

I do not fear the final night
For death will be the door to life
You take my hand and lead me through
For all my ways are known to You

And oh what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be
For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah, they are known to You!

And oh what peace that I have found
Wherever I may be

For all my ways are known to You
Hallelujah, they are known to You!
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Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson,
Michael Farren, and Dustin Smith

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

Congregational Meeting

We will have a brief congregational meeting Aug 15 after worship to vote for elder and deacon candidates. Please plan to attend!

Rivertree Service Opportunities

There are several upcoming opportunities to serve at Rivertree Academy. There is a back-to-school night Aug 12 where volunteers can set up, serve dinner, and watch the students while their parents are meeting the teacher. Also, there are ongoing opportunities such as after

school care and chapel speaking. Please email abbie@rivertreeacademy.org with questions or to help.

Serve Trinity

One of the best ways to get connected at Trinity is through serving! We're looking to grow some of our ministry teams and we'd love to get you involved in the life of Trinity through joining one of our teams. Look in Weds emails for the link to see which team interests you!

Men's Summer Book Panel

Gentlemen, are you feeling stressed, stretched, and discouraged? We invite you to join other Trinity Men this summer as we read "Recapturing the Wonder" together over the summer. Read at your own pace, then join us in August for a panel discussion on book. Date to be announced and find more details on the church center app.

