

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

Words for Reflection

We are an Easter people living in a Good Friday world.

- Anne Lamott

The Bible is not a script for a funeral service, but it is the record of God always bringing life where we expected to find death. Everywhere it is the story of resurrection.

- Eugene Peterson

Death itself has been defeated. God's new creation, brimming with life and joy and new possibility, has burst in upon the world of decay and sorrow.

- N. T. Wright

We are not accustomed to prolonged joy.

- Andy Crouch

Order of Worship

The Second Sunday in Easter — April 16, 2023 —

The LORD Calls Us

God invites and calls us into His presence to worship Him. He enters into our busy lives to speak to us.

The Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
—Psalm 98:1-2 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.

Word: 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

Doxology means "glory words." We lift our voices and our hands to give God glory for who He is and all that He has done.

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.

The LORD Cleanses Us

God cleanses and restores us through Jesus' death and resurrection. We fight the temptation to hide our sin and instead acknowledge it openly to God, but we do so in light of the grace that is ours in Jesus.

Confession of Sin

Most Merciful God

We praise You for the victory over sin and death that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Yet, Lord, we confess that we often live as though we are still under the dominion of sin. Forgive us through the death of Your Son, and enable us by Your Spirit to live in the hope and freedom of resurrection life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

-Ephesians 2:4-6 ESV

Hymn of Response | Jesus, | 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 | Selections from 1 Corinthians 15 We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.

Dear Christians, let us remember what has been delivered to us as of first importance—the gospel which we received, in which we stand, by which we are being saved:

That Christ died for our sins, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day, all in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and then to more than five hundred at one time; that he has been raised from the dead as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. Death is swallowed up in victory! Therefore, let us be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.

The LORD Converses with Us

God speaks to us by His Word, and we respond with prayer, gratitude, and offerings.

The Offering

In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God.

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 11:6-9

God speaks to us by His Word.

11:6 And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. 7 And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. 8 And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. 9 And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Prayers of the People

We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray.

Ellisa & Jason Krumm Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia

The Reading of the Word

God speaks to us by His Word.

17:8 Then the word of the Then the word of the LORD came to him, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." 12 And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" 15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. 20 And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." **22** And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. **23** And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." **24** And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The Preaching of the Word

Pastor Brian Davis

Stories of Resurrection

"The Raising of the Widow's Son from Zarephath"

Sermon Notes

The LORD Communes With Us

God invites us to feast with Him at His Table.

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 use the prayers printed below and 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.

*Note about communion wine: We serve wine during communion. If you'd prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please indicate by pointing at the tray.

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.

Prayers During Communion

A prayer for those searching for truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

A prayer of belief:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

A prayer for those struggling against sin:

Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Hymns for Communion

Help My Unbelief

I know the Lord is nigh, And would but cannot pray, For Satan meets me when I try, And frights my soul away; And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, Though I endeavor oft; This stony heart can ne'er relent Till Jesus makes it soft; Till Jesus makes it soft.

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. My help must come from Thee.

I would but cannot love, Though wooed by love divine; No arguments have power to move A soul as base as mine; A soul so base as mine.

I would but cannot rest, In God's most holy will; I know what He appoints is best, And murmur at it still; I murmur at it still. (Chorus 2x)

Words: John Newton; Music: Clint Wells

Give Reviving

Father, for Thy promised blessing, Still we plead before Thy throne For the times of sweet refreshing, Which can come from Thee alone Blessed earnests, Thou hast given, But in these we would not rest Blessings still with Thee are hidden, Pour them forth and make us blest!

Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever, Answer! Father, answer prayer Bless oh bless each, weak endeavor, Blood-bought pardon to declare Wake Thy slumbering, children wake them, Bid them to Thy harvest go Blessings O our Father make, Round their steps let blessings flow.

Let no people be forgotten, Let Thy showers on all descend That in one loud blessed anthem, Millions may in triumph blend Give reviving, give refreshing, Give the looked-for Jubilee To Thyself may crowds be pressing, Bringing glory unto Thee.

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Words: Albert Midlane, Chelsey Scott; Music: Chelsey Scott, Aaron Sands

Life at Trinity

The LORD Commissions Us

God blesses us and sends us out to be a part of His mission to Fort Worth & the world.

Departing Hymn | But for You Who Fear My Name

We respond in faith and song. *Children are invited to come to the front to lead & sing. Parents are also welcome.

But for you who fear my Name, The son of righteousness will rise, With healing in his wings And you shall go forth again, And skip about like calves coming from their stalls at last

You shall be my very own On the day that I cause you to be My special home I shall spare you as a man Who has compassion on his son, who does the best he can.

Words: Lenny Smith; Music: Lenny Smith; arr. by The Welcome Wagon

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!

Announcements

Sunday School & Youth Group Today

We will have our meetings for Youth Group (HS and MS), Five Six (5th and 6th graders), and Sunday School (0-3 Nursery and classes for ages 4-4th grade) after worship until 6:30pm. Pizza provided!

Krumm Family Farewell Reception

Join us after worship today send off the Krumm family as they prepare to serve in Ethiopia. Youth group, Five Six and Children's Sunday School will take place as usual, concluding at 6:30pm. You can find details and giving info on the Krumms' Mission in Ethiopia on the Church Center app under "Events".

Building Tour

We will have another building tour next Sunday, April 23 from 10am-12pm. Contact Susan (<u>susan@trinitypresfw.org</u>) for details.

Youth Group Events

Guys, join us for a TCU baseball game – register in the Church Center app and girls, join us for dessert and flower arranging – contact Emily (<u>emily@trinitypresfw.org</u>) for details. Both events are on April 18.

Young Adult Dinners

Trinity Young Adults is a group for post-undergrad, in grad school, career, single, or young marrieds. **Come join us after church on the 1**st **and 3**rd **Sundays after worship or Sunday School – please note, our April dinner will be on the 23**rd **at Yucatan Taco Stand.** Details about dinners and other events are in the Church Center app or contact Rachel (<u>rachelkuchem@gmail.com</u>) or Jeff (jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com).

Men's Retreat

Our annual Men's Retreat will be held at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Glen Rose, Texas, starting at 5pm Friday, April 21 and ending at 1:45pm on Saturday. This event is an opportunity for men to "get away", sit under the preached word of God, enjoy some free time, and build relationships with other believers. This year's speaker will be Mike Khandjian. The price per person is \$100 and will include your room, dinner Friday, as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. College-age students can come for only \$40. Scholarships are available – contact Andy (andy@trinitypresfw.org). Register now in the Church Center app!

Women's Retreat

Join the women of Trinity for "A Day Away" on April 29, in Granbury, TX. Our speaker, Courtney Doctor, will talk on "Unexpected Turns." We will begin at 9:30 on Saturday morning, have lunch and 3 speaking sessions, and end with a cocktail hour. For any questions, contact McKenzie Montague (mckenziedmontague@gmail.com) or Susan Tyner (662.832.0242). Space is limited this year, and registration is due by April 11, so be sure to register early! The cost is \$75. If price is a problem, we have scholarships available - contact Susan (susan@trinitypresfw.org). Register now in the Church Center app!

Men's Book Discussion

We are reading *Raising Emotionally Strong Boys* by David Thomas and discussing at various homes each time. This book will be helpful for dads, future dads, grandpas, sons- all y'all are invited into a deeper understanding of boys think, how to strengthen emotional muscles and grow in spiritual health. The remaining meeting dates are April 27 and May 18 beginning at 7:30pm. Details and registration are in the Church Center app. Friends are welcome!

To the Parents of Young Children

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, even children, and we want Trinity to be a church where children are both seen and heard. So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pews or make a little noise! We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand what is going on, sing the songs with you, and participate in worship. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say parts of our worship service every week in order to help our non-reading children to participate, and we have children's bulletins available in the back. There are also ages, stages, and times when it might not be best for your children to be in worship. We have a nursery program that is set up to handle children from birth to 4 years old, and a TrinityKids program during the sermon for children 4 years old through 2nd grade. We also have a nursing mothers' room available across from the library if you need to nurse or change a diaper! <u>All nursery volunteers</u> have been through both background checks and Ministry Safe training. Parents often check their children out of the nursery and/or TrinityKids prior to Communion so that they can help lead us in our departing hymn.

The Liturgy

Our order of worship may be new to you. Every worship service in every church has a structure. We want to be intentional about ours as it is a real back-and-forth conversation between us and God. He calls us to worship, and then we respond and move through the different elements of the service. We have both spontaneous, personal prayers as well as ancient, printed prayers. Please look over the service beforehand to see what we will hear and say along the way.

Our New Building

We are so excited and grateful for our new building at 207 W. Broadway in the Near Southside! We are in process of renovating and hope to move in during 2023. We will continue to worship at 4pm at Connell until then. Please continue to pray for all of the work being done! Check Church Center for periodic updates and photos.

Welcome Notepads

At some point during service, a welcome pad will be passed down your row. We would love for you to fill it out and pass it to the person on your right, so that we will have record of your visit. We promise we won't spam you.

Interested in Helping with Music?

We are always looking to add to our great team of musicians. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Wade Jewett (jewettwade@gmail.com).

Online Giving

If you'd prefer to give online as either a one-time gift or as a recurring gift, you may do so through our website: <u>www.trinitypresfw.org/give</u>. Giving is seen only by the Deacon & the team in charge of counting the offering for that particular day and by our Church Administrator.

Community Groups

Our Community Groups are essential to our life at Trinity. Jesus never intended for the Christian life to be lived alone. Community Groups meet weekly in homes throughout the city on various nights. If you'd like more information or you'd like to visit a group, please contact Andy (andy@trinitypresfw.org).

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Trinity Presbyterian Church

Our Mission

Trinity exists to embrace, embody, and extend the redemptive message of Jesus to the people and places of Fort Worth and beyond.

Our Core Commitments

Trinity is a gospel-centered church committed to following Jesus by...

- Worshipping God together through historic liturgy that is rich, accessible, and emotionally honest
- Striving to know and be known in our life together
- Engaging in formative spiritual practices
- Extending the welcome of the gospel in word and deed
- Serving our city

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