



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

The liturgy is, before everything else, the joyous gathering of those who are to meet the risen Lord.

- Alexander Schmemmann

If Christianity is mere method, a way of approaching reality, then it is inadequate; but if Christ is risen, trampling down death by death, then the world is a different place even when I do not experience it as such.

- Esau McCaulley

Do not see the Father as one who is angry, but as one who is most kind and gentle. Let us see the Father as one who from eternity has always had kind thoughts towards us. The Father loses the company of his people because they are so ignorant of his love to them. His saints keep thinking only of his terrible majesty, severity and greatness, and so their hearts are not drawn to him in love. We must learn to think of his everlasting gentleness and compassion. Let our hearts and thoughts be filled with his love to us, even though many discouragements may lie in our way.

- John Owen

The cumulative testimony of the four Gospels is that when Jesus Christ sees the fallenness of the world all about him, his deepest impulse, his most natural instinct, is to move toward that sin and suffering, not away from it.

- Dane Ortlund

# Order of Worship

The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
— April 30, 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;

**sing to the LORD, all the earth!**

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

**tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,

**his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

— Psalm 96:1-3 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | Oh How Good to Be Together

*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.*

Oh how good to be together  
In this weary world we trod  
What a gift, what a treasure  
Kindred in the house of God

On this day the Lord has fashioned  
Come rejoice with all your might  
Raise a banner of salvation  
He has led us through the night

*Oh the joy, oh the sweetness  
To be gathered in the name of the Lord  
Evermore, he will keep us  
From the valley to the golden shore*

When it looked like evil conquered  
When we felt the darkest hour  
In despair we sought the Father  
And he has proved his mighty power  
(Chorus)

Tell the theme of his provision  
How he met our every need  
He has been our firm foundation  
And he will ever, always be  
(Chorus)

Words: Kirk Sauers; Music: Paul Ranheim

## 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 that Your Son has been raised from the dead and that he will one day make all things new. Yet, Lord, we confess that we often doubt his love and compassion for us. We are prone to view him as uncaring and distant, especially in our suffering and sadness. Forgive us through his death, 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

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

—Micah 7:18-19 ESV

# Hymn of Response | Grace Alone

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

I was an orphan, lost at the fall;  
Running away when I'd hear you call,  
But Father, you worked your will.  
I had no righteousness of my own  
I had no right to draw near your throne,  
But Father, you loved me still.

And in love, before you laid the world's foundation,  
You predestined to adopt me as your own.  
You have raised me up so high above my station;  
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost;  
You knew the great and terrible cost  
But Jesus, your face was set.  
I worked my fingers down to the bone;  
But nothing I did could ever atone,  
But Jesus, you paid my debt.

By your blood I have redemption and salvation.  
Lord you died that I might reap what you have sown,  
And you rose that I might be a new creation.  
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

I was in darkness all of my life,  
I never knew the day from the night,  
But Spirit, you made me see.  
I swore I knew the way on my own;  
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone  
But Spirit, you moved in me.

And at your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;  
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.  
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken;  
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone  
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone  
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone  
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone

Words and Music by Dustin Kensrue

## 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 Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 54:4-10

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**54:4** "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. **5** For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. **6** For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. **7** For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. **8** In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer. **9** "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. **10** For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# Celebrating Our Graduating Seniors

## The Offering

*In gratitude, we offer our gifts to God.*

## The Prayers of the People

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

Lee Tyner  
Building & Capital Campaign

## The Reading of the Word

Luke 7:11-17

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**7:11** Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. **12** As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. **13** And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." **14** Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." **15** And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. **16** Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" **17** And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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 Nain”

### Sermon Notes

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# 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

### 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'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,  
Will be with me to the end.

*(Refrain)*

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

## Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Words & Music: Traditional Irish Text & Folk Tune



# 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 | All My Ways Are Known to You

*We respond in faith and song.*

\*Children are invited to come to the front to lead & sing. Parents are also welcome.

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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Hallelujah, they are known to You!*

Words & Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, 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!**

## Announcements

### 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. **Our next (and last) meeting date is May 18 beginning at 7:30pm. Details and registration are in the Church Center app.** Friends are welcome!

### 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<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays after worship or Sunday School.** Details about dinners and other events are in the Church Center app or contact Rachel ([rachelkuchem@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkuchem@gmail.com)) or Jeff ([jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.bryant14@gmail.com)).

### Morning Prayer

Join us at the church office (3750 S. University, 76109, Suite 101) on Friday mornings at 8am for prayer. Anyone is 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! All nursery volunteers 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](mailto: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: [www.trinitypresfw.org/give](http://www.trinitypresfw.org/give). 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](mailto: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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