



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Lent gives the only answer there is to the problem of evil: A cross that triumphs over evil, a death that tramples death.

– Peter Leithart

We don't know what's best for us. The things I'm most afraid of are often the very things that will set me free. The desolate places in my life that I most want to avoid are the very places God waits to meet me. The things I want most--and which I grip, white knuckled—are often the things that, were it not for God's gracious intervention, would diminish me, even kill me. The way to save my life is to lose it.

- Tish Harrison Warren

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 in Lent

— March 10, 2024 —

## 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

Clap your hands, all peoples!

**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

**a great king over all the earth.**

God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

For God is the King of all the earth;

**sing praises with a psalm!**

—Psalm 47:1-2, 5-7 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | Jesus, Everlasting King

*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.*

*Jesus, everlasting King,  
Accept the tribute which we bring;  
Accept the well-deserved renown,  
And wear our praises as your crown.*

O send Your Spirit to impart  
Rest and repentance to our hearts,  
Like the dear hour when from above  
We first received Your pledge of love.  
(Chorus)

The gladness of redemption's day,  
Our hearts would wish it long to stay,  
Nor let your faith forsake its hold,  
Nor comforts sink, or love grow cold.  
(Chorus)

May every time of worship see  
Your grace revealed more rich and free  
Till we are raised to sing Your name  
At the great supper of the Lamb.  
(Chorus)

O that the months would roll away  
And bring the coronation day;  
The King of Grace shall fill the throne  
With all His Father's glories on.  
(Chorus)

Words: Isaac Watts, Matthew S. Smith; Music: Matthew S. Smith

## 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 Father,

We praise You that as the True King, Your Son Jesus holds all authority in heaven and on earth. We thank You that he is a God of immense compassion. Yet, Lord, we confess that we often doubt his authority and compassion. We are prone to view him as one who is unable and unwilling to rescue us. Father, forgive us through the death and resurrection of our King, and by Your Spirit, enable us to hear and believe the word of Your Son. In his name we pray. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

—Hebrews 2:14-15 ESV

# Hymn of Response | From the Depths of Woe (Ps 130)

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

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee  
The voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me  
And hear my supplication;  
If Thou iniquities dost mark,  
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
    O who shall stand before Thee?  
    O who shall stand before Thee?

To wash away the crimson stain,  
Grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;  
In much the best life faileth;  
No man can glory in Thy sight,  
All must alike confess Thy might,  
    And live alone by mercy  
    And live alone by mercy

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,  
And not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word  
Upholds my fainting spirit;  
His promised mercy is my fort,  
My comfort and my sweet support;  
    I wait for it with patience  
    I wait for it with patience

What though I wait the live-long night,  
And 'til the dawn appeareth,  
My heart still trusteth in His might;  
It doubteth not nor feareth;

Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,  
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;  
    And wait 'til God appeareth  
    And wait 'til God appeareth

Though great our sins and sore our woes  
His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows,  
Our upmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is He,  
Who will at last His Israel free  
    From all their sins and sorrow  
    From all their sins and sorrow

Words: Martin Luther; Music: Christopher Miner

## Confession of Faith I Philippians 2:5-11

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

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



# The LORD Converses with Us

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

## The Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 17:17-24

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**17:17** 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.

# Baptism | Silas Leonard West

## To the Parents (Cherith & Ben West):

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit? **We do.**
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own? **We do.**
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? **We do.**

## To the Congregation:

Pastor: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

**People: We do.**

"For you Jesus came into the world; for you he lived his life; for you he was crucified; for you he was raised from the dead; and for you he is coming again. You may not know this story now, but we, your church, promise to tell you this story until you make it your own."

*(based on French Reformed Baptismal Liturgy)*

# The Offering

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

*Children are now dismissed for TrinityKids (4 years old - 2nd Grade). After the sermon, their teachers will return them to worship where they may come directly to you, or you may meet them in the back of the sanctuary.*

# The Prayers of the People

*We lift up our requests to God knowing that He hears us when we pray and conclude with a Lenten prayer that focuses on Jesus' suffering.*

**Michelle & Adam Cain**

MTW Honduras

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world:  
Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him;  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. Amen.

**Vocational Prayer Focus:** Law & Law Enforcement

**Church Prayer Focus:** Redemption Story Church

**Mission Prayer Focus:** Rivertree Academy

# The Reading of the Word

Luke 7:1-17

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**7:1** After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. **2** Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. **3** When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. **4** And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, **5** for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." **6** And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. **7** Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. **8** For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." **9** When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." **10** And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

**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

*Good News for Everyone: The Gospel According to Luke*  
“The Authority and Compassion of the King”

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

## 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 earnest, 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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Give the looked-for Jubilee  
To Thyself may crowds be pressing,  
Bringing glory unto Thee

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 | To Christ the Lord

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

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!

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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!

## Announcements

### Building Workday

We plan to have an additional workday at the building to prepare for worshipping there – **please join us there at 9am, Saturday, March 16.**

### Men's Retreat – April 5 & 6

**Head to the Church Center app to register for the Men's Retreat April 5 – 6 at the Lone Oak RV Ranch & Retreat in Gainesville, TX.** Josh Hahne, Pastor of Redeemer PCA Church in Orange County, CA is our speaker. All the details are on the registration page; sign up today!

### Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Both Men's & Women's Bible Studies are off this week for Spring Break. We will conclude our Sermon on the Mount study next week, 3/20 & 21.

### Men's Book Discussion

Join us as we finish out our book discussion series on parenting (order *The Worry-Free Parent* by Sissy Goff and read Section 1). **We will meet at 7:30pm on April 2 at Andy Wood's house (7017 Falling Springs Rd, 76116) to discuss Section 1.** We will meet to discuss Section 2 on 4/23 and Section 3 on 5/14.

### 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.** Details about dinners and other events are in the Church Center app or contact Rachel ([rachelkuchem@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkuchem@gmail.com)) or Jack ([jacksonkassing@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonkassing@gmail.com)).

## 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 planning to begin worshipping there March 24 with this schedule: First Service - 8:30-9:45am, Christian Formation Classes 10-10:45am, Second Service – 11am-12:15pm.**

## 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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