



**TRINITY**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Love Fort Worth.

## Words for Reflection

Does anyone know where the love of God goes  
When the waves turn the minutes into hours?

– Gordon Lightfoot

If you ask why we should obey God, in the last resort the answer is, "I am." To know God is to know that our obedience is due to Him.

– C. S. Lewis

When our seas are calm, we regard them as safe. We say, "I know these waters like the back of my hand." But what we mean is, *We know these waters when they are still and when our boats are sound and when the sun is out and when our supplies are in good order.* And that, as it turns out, has nothing to do with actually knowing what churns in the depths or what gathers in the heavens. When the storm breaks out, we have much to learn.

– Russ Ramsey

# Order of Worship

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

— May 5, 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

○ LORD God of hosts, who is mighty as you are,

**○ LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?**

You rule the raging of the sea;

**when its waves rise, you still them.**

The heavens are yours; the earth also is yours;

**the world and all that is in it, you have founded them.**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

**steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

—Psalm 89:8-9, 11, 14 ESV

# Hymn of Praise | Almighty God

*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.*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
Search and know our thoughts and anxious fears  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy  
Come with Your light, we cannot hide from You

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
With gratitude we raise our song to You  
Come and fill the praises of your people  
In grace and truth, you make us new again

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah*

Almighty God to You all hearts are open  
We long for more than what this world provides  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us  
Your river deep floods over everything

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah*

Words & Music: Sandra McCracken, Leslie Jordan, & David Leonard

## 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

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through the shed blood of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:8-9 ESV

# Hymn of Response | God, Be Merciful to Me

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

God, be merciful to me;  
On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou,  
Blot out my transgressions now;  
Wash me, make me pure within;  
Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess;  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace,  
And provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgment just;  
Speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin;  
Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art,  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow,  
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken, humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just,  
Let my contrite heart rejoice,  
And in gladness hear Thy voice;  
From my sins O hide Thy face,  
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew,  
Make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from Thee,

Let Thy Spirit dwell in me;  
Thy salvation's joy impart,  
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me,  
And return, O God, to Thee  
Savior all my guilt remove,  
And my tongue shall sing Thy love  
Touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
And my mouth shall praise accord.

Words: Scottish Psalter; Music: Christopher Miner

## 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 firstfruits 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

Psalm 107:23-32

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**107:23** Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the great waters; **24** they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. **25** For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. **26** They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; **27** they reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their wits' end. **28** Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **29** He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. **30** Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. **31** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! **32** Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# The Sacrament of Baptism (11am)

Caroline Mae Smith

Olivia Nell Smith

## To the Parents (Molly & Tim Smith):

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 their behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their 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 them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them 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 these children?

**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 will come to you or you may meet them in the Galveston foyer.*

# The Prayers of the People

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

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

**Church Prayer Focus:** Citylight Church

**Mission Prayer Focus:** Amy Wood & Walt Horton – TCU RUF Staff

# The Reading of the Word

Luke 8:16-25

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

**8:16** "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. **17** For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light. **18** Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away."

**19** Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. **20** And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." **21** But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

**22** One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, **23** and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. **24** And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he



# 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

### Thou Lovely Source of True Delight

Thou lovely source of true delight  
Whom I unseen adore  
Unveil Thy beauties to my sight  
That I might love Thee more,  
Oh that I might love Thee more.

Thy glory o'er creation shines  
But in Thy sacred Word  
I read in fairer, brighter lines  
My bleeding, dying Lord,  
See my bleeding, dying Lord

'Tis here, whene'er my comforts droop  
And sin and sorrow rise  
Thy love with cheering beams of hope  
My fainting heart supplies,  
My fainting heart's supplied

But ah! Too soon the pleasing scene  
Is clouded o'er with pain  
My gloomy fears rise dark between  
And I again complain,  
Oh and I again complain

Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light  
Oh come with blissful ray  
Break radiant through the shades of night  
And chase my fears away,  
Won't You chase my fears away

Then shall my soul with rapture trace  
The wonders of Thy love  
But the full glories of Thy face  
Are only known above,  
They are only known above

Words: Anne Steele, Kevin Twit; Music: Kevin Twit

### 'Tis So Sweet

'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



# 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 | And Can It Be?

*We respond in faith and song.*

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

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

## 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

### Membership Seminar

If you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity or just want to learn more about who we are as a church, **please join us for our membership seminar May 10-11. Details and registration are in the Church Center app or email Courtney ([admin@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:admin@trinitypresfw.org)).**

### Morning Prayer

Join us in the chapel on Friday mornings at 8am for prayer. Anyone is welcome!

### Men's Book Discussion

Join us as we finish out our book discussion series on *The Worry-Free Parent* by Sissy Goff. **We will meet to discuss Section 3 on May 14 at 7:30pm at the Munsons' home (7409 Foxgrass Place, 76123).**

### Women's Summer Study

Join us on Wednesday nights in June at 7pm as we look at chapters from *Behold and Believe* by Courtney Doctor. This is a great time to meet other women as we also meet Jesus in His Word. Since we are meeting in our new church space, we have the flexibility to introduce some fun new options. Stay tuned for more details coming soon! If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Abby Ware at ([abby.m.ware@gmail.com](mailto:abby.m.ware@gmail.com)) or Susan Tyner ([susan@trinitypresfw.org](mailto:susan@trinitypresfw.org)).

### Housewarming Shower

You're invited to our "online" housewarming shower to help stock the kitchen as we set up housekeeping in our new building. Visit our Information Table in the Fellowship Hall to view some of our registry items. Links to participate are in the Church Center app.

## See Something? Say Something!

If you see any issues with our new building, please feel free to say something by filling out the form on the Church Center app! Thanks for your help.

## Young Adult Lunches

Trinity Young Adults is a group for post-undergrad, in grad school, career, single, or young marrieds. **Come join us weekly after the second service for lunch. We gather as a group by the coffee bar area downstairs around 12:30pm and decide together where to go to lunch.** Details about other ongoing young adult events are in the church center app or contact: Jack ([jacksonkassing@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonkassing@gmail.com)) or Rachel ([rachelkuchem@gmail.com](mailto:rachelkuchem@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 off of the Fellowship Hall (basement level) 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.

## 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)).

## Christian Formation Classes/Rooms:

- 4s – Room 116
- 5s/Kindergarten – Room 214
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grades – Room 215
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 217
- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Room 219
- Middle School – Room 220
- High School – Room 221
- Adult – Chapel (Room 104)

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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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