

SERMON ON THE MOUNT



POVERTY, GRIEF & HUMILITY

MATTHEW 5:1-5



TRINITY
Presbyterian Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP | April 7, 2024

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SONG OF GATHERING & PREPARATION

The people of God always sang as they ascended the hill in Jerusalem up to the temple to worship (see Psalms 120-134). We, as well, prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship by singing about the God we serve.

My Worth Is Not In What I Own

CALL TO WORSHIP | 2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:8-9, 11 (ESV)

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reveals to us who God is and what He expects of us.

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ... And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION

We pray together praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | Ephesians 1:3-7 (ESV)

We read God's Word together and are reminded that mercy and grace are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of His church and the kingdom of God.

Shelter

PRAISE & CELEBRATION

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done for us.

When My Heart Is Torn Asunder

Honey In The Rock

KIDS' WORSHIP & COMMUNITY KIDS' DISMISSAL (Infants - Kindergarten)

Please see your child's check-in name tag for class assignment.

GREETING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

We express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and world.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD | Tim Rice, Lead Pastor and Director of Church Planting

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our lives and circumstances.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

As an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ in solidarity with his people, we declare the substance of what we believe.

The Apostles' Creed: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

SONG OF RESPONSE

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Living Hope

BENEDICTION

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
both now and forevermore. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE & SERMON OUTLINE

Proclamation of God's Word

Text: Matthew 5:1-5 (ESV)

Title: Poverty, Grief & Humility

Teacher: Tim Rice

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

INTRO: What do you learn about an establishment by its entrance?

AUTHORITY & BLESSING

What does it mean to be blessed under God and His good design?

WHY POVERTY, GRIEF & HUMILITY

Because of our sin, how is everything out of sorts?

THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

By His grace, how is this offer from Jesus actually hopeful?

YOU CAN PRAY WITH US ...

1. Worship the LORD, who is Blessed forever, in all of His goodness. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that He is the source and giver of all good things, and that our ultimate privilege is to find our joy in Him.
2. How have you lived as if Jesus' assessment of goodness and blessedness is wrong, especially where He ties it to suffering? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to change your heart.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His gracious work to meet us in our poverty and grief. Thank Him for humbling Himself under our guilt and shame, to redeem us from the curse of God's Law that we could be blessed in Him.
4. Who do you know that is seeking to flourish but in all the wrong ways, apart from Jesus? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their folly, and to persuade them of His goodness and grace.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you His fruit of love, joy and goodness. Pray for the Spirit's help in trusting that in Christ Jesus, He is working all things together for our good, even our hardships and failures.

Welcome to Trinity!

We would love to connect with you.
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and let us know of any prayer requests
you may have.



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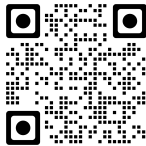


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Communication

Visit trinitylakeland.org/events to register.



The Weekender - New Member Class

April 12, 6-8:30p & April 13, 9a-12p

Contact [Ashley Coleman](#) for information.



Women's Ministry Table Talk

April 18, 7p

Contact [JoAnn Johnson](#) for information.



Women's Ministry Table Talk

June 17-21

Contact [Callie Sandman](#) for information.

Community Bible Reading

communitybiblereading.org

April 8-13, 2024

(3-year plan: read [blue](#) passages | 1-year plan: read [all](#))

Monday	1 Corinthians 3 2 Kings 18	Exodus 21 Isaiah 63
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 4 2 Kings 19	Exodus 22 Isaiah 64
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 5 2 Kings 20	Exodus 23 Isaiah 65
Thursday	1 Corinthians 6 2 Kings 21	Exodus 24 Isaiah 66
Friday	1 Corinthians 7 2 Kings 22	Exodus 25 Jeremiah 1
Saturday	Psalms 67	Psalms 15 Psalms 119:1-16

Scripture Memory for the Week:

Matthew 5:3-5 (ESV)

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Office Hours:

Mon - Fri | 8:30a - 5:00p

Sunday Worship | 8:45a & 10:30a

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Mission

A city transformed: Loved by God the Father, saved by Jesus His Son,
empowered by His Spirit, called by God to reach our city with His love.