

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
ASCENSION SUNDAY



2 PETER
GROW IN GRACE

Preparation for Worship

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God Calls Us to Worship | Psalm 47

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!***

A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing

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Text: The Venerable Bede, 673-735, tr. Benjamin Webb, 1854 | Music: from the English Hymnal, 1623

**Hymnals are beneath the seat in front of you*

A hymn of glory let us sing;
new songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with his followers they see
Jesus' resplendent majesty.

To whom the angels, drawing nigh:
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say.
"This is his noble triumph day.

"Again shall you behold him so
as you today have seen him go,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
in glorious pomp ascending high,
up to the portals of the sky."

We Listen to God's Word | Acts 1:6-11*

**Bibles are beneath your seat*

[6] So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." [9] And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, [11] and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

We Confess Our Sins

***Almighty God,
You have exalted Your Son to the highest place
and given Him the name above every name.
Yet we confess that we have lived for earthly treasures
and forgotten the certainty of His return.
We have grown impatient with Your timing,
doubted Your promises,
and neglected holy living.
Forgive us for complacency and unbelief.
Fix our hearts on Christ,
seated at Your right hand,
and make us faithful as we await His appearing.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

(Please pause for a moment of silent confession.)

We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | Romans 8:34

Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: in Jesus Christ know that you're forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

Abide with Me

Original Words by Henry Francis Lyte | Add'l. Words and Music by Justin Smith, © 2007 Justin Smith Music, CCLI #11123140

Abide with me;
fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens;
Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail
and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
abide with me.

Thou on my head,
in early youth didst smile;
And though rebellious
and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me,
though I oft left Thee.
On to the close Lord,
abide with me.

I need Thy presence,
every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can,
foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself,
my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,
abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee
at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight,
tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, death?
where grave, thy victory?
I triumph still,
abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross
before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks,
And earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord ,
abide with me.

We Ask for God's Help

Praying for our graduates.

Membership Vows

Jennifer and Luke Westerfield, Landri

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save (*i.e. except*) in His sovereign mercy?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Landri Kate Westerfield

We Confess Our Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 36

What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

We Greet Others with Peace | Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you!

TrinityKids: During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Nursing Mothers' room at the back of Trinity Hall, where the service can be viewed on the monitor.

We Are Changed By God's Word | 2 Peter 3:1-10

[1] This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, [2] that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, [3] knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. [4] They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." [5] For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, [6] and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. [7] But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

[8] But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9] The Lord is not slow to

fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. [10] But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

[11] Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, [12] waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! [13] But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

“How to Wait for the Lord’s Return”

Rev. Dr. Blake Altman

Sermon in a Sentence: God calls us to become a remembering, discerning, holy, and hopeful church as we wait for Christ to come.

1. A Remembering Church (vv. 1-2)

2. A Discerning Church (vv. 3-7)

3. A Holy Church (vv. 8-12)

4. A Hopeful Church (v. 13)

We Give Regularly, Joyfully, & Sacrificially | Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

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2. Church Center app
3. Text “trinityowasso” to 77977
4. Offering basket during worship
5. Mail your gift to the church office
6. Stock and cash gifts through a foundation like the PCA Foundation, **pcafoundation.com**

Please take a moment to fill out the Trinity Connect Card & place it in the offering basket when it is passed down the aisle. If you miss the offering basket, please leave your Connect Card in the basket at the Connect Center in the lobby.

If you have children in TrinityKids, please go pick them up at this time.

We Celebrate Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty,

Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name; evermore praising You, and singing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1846 | Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1868

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live.”

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul
revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your days be bright.”
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk,
’til trav’ling days are done.

Rejoice the Lord is King

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744 | Music: John Darwall, 1770

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Rejoice, the Lord is King:
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.

**Lift up your heart,
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say rejoice!**

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he has purged our stains,
he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given

He sits at God's right hand
'Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up
To their eternal home

God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | 2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.

We Go Into The World For His Glory

Let us go forth in joyful service to the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we love our neighbors, our city, and the world.

Thanks be to God!

Community Group & Family Questions

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Remember, these questions are just a starting point. Feel free to adapt them to the specific needs and interests of your family worship times and/or community group.

1. How do we answer someone who says, "You really believe Jesus is coming back? Then where is he? Why the delay? And how can you hold on to that kind of hope when the world is falling apart for so many people?"
2. How does your belief in Christ's return shape the way you live? What are some practical ways it changes your priorities and choices, and benefit your neighbors?



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We want you to be a part of us. We communicate all of our midweek activities through Church Center, and that's where you can join Bible studies, community groups, find out about events, and participate in group chats and prayer.



There's a lot going on at Trinity-
Download the Church Center App today so you can join in!



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Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.

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Sundays | 10:30AM
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Sundays 10:30-11:15AM: Exodus: God Redeems & Dwells with His People with Rev. Mark Kuiper

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Assistive Listening Systems available at the sound booth

Grow in Community:

Trinity Women:

May 20: Patio Fellowship

Trinity Men:

July 18: Men's Breakfast; signups coming soon

Promotion Sunday:

Today: Celebrating our 5th Graders and Seniors in worship

Deacon on Duty this Sunday: Mark Freeman

Pastor on Call this Sunday: Rev. Dr. Blake Altman

ROOTED New Members' Class:

TODAY, May 17; Signups in Church Center

GROW Meeting:

May 24, 10:30am during Sunday School



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