

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The resurrection challenges the dominant cultural assumptions about progress, decay, and the finality of death. In raising Jesus from the dead, God has declared that death does not have the word, and history is moving toward a glorious future."

> Christopher Watkins, Biblical Critical Theory: How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture (2022), 237.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP | PSALM 9:1-2, 9-10

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;

I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

I will be glad and exult in You;

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed,

A stronghold in times of trouble.

And those who know Your name put their trust in You,

For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Music Notes | DAVID LEPINE, TRINITY MUSIC DIRECTOR

If you wanted to sing a psalm, where would you start?

A significant aspect of traditional Presbyterian worship is the singing of metrical psalms. A metrical psalm is simply a psalm translation written in poetic meter, which refers to the rhythmic structure of a poem. This kind of translation is a creative challenge because English poetic forms are very different from the ancient Hebrew of the psalms.

For example, Psalm 103:1-3 in our Bibles is rendered, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases..." That's an accurate translation of the Hebrew, but it would be hard for us to sing it as is.

Under the pen of Scottish poet James Montgomery (who wrote the Christmas carol "Angels From the Realms of Glory"), this scripture is shaped by poetic meter and rhyme to become: "O my soul! with all thy powers,/ Bless the Lord's most holy name;/ O my soul! till life's last hours,/ Bless the Lord, His praise proclaim;/ Thine infirmities He heal'd,/ He thy peace and pardon seal'd."

Or, in a freer paraphrase by 19th century Anglican pastor Henry Lyte (who also wrote the hymn "Abide With Me"), the same scripture becomes, "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;/ to his feet your tribute bring./ Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,/ evermore his praises sing./ Alleluia, alleluia!/ Praise the everlasting King!"

It is this hymn that we sing today as our closing anthem, set to the traditional tune LAUDA ANIMA, composed by Sir John Goss in 1868. What beautiful words and music to help us recount God's faithfulness and mercy, culminating with a call for all of creation to join in praising the Lord.

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Words: Isaac Watts, Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting you are God, To endless years the same. A thousand ages in your sight Are like an evening gone; Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home.

We Confess our Sins

Lord Jesus Christ.

surely You have borne my griefs and carried my sorrows; yet I have considered You stricken by God, and afflicted.

But You were pierced through for my transgressions; You were crushed for my iniquities;

the chastening for my well-being was upon You;

and by Your scourging I am healed.

Like a sheep I have gone astray,

I have turned to my own way;

but the Lord has caused my iniquity to fall on You, my blessed Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION Please pause for a moment of silent confession.

We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | ROMANS 8:31-34

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? 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!

ACROSS THE LANDS

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand All creation holds together By the power of Your voice Let the skies declare Your glory Let the land and seas rejoice

You're the author of creation You're the Lord of ev'ry man And Your cry of love rings out Across the lands Yet You left the gaze of angels Came to seek and save the lost And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross With a prayer You fed the hungry With a word You stilled the sea Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free

With a shout You rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

We Ask For God's Help

Trinity Vision Moment

Rev. Jon Coody, Mission to the World, Prague, Czech Republic

We Confess our Faith | 1 corinthians 15:3-8

Christian, what do you believe?

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

that He was buried,

that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Then He appeared to James.

then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

We Greet Others with Peace | JOHN 20:19

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you!

TrinityKids: During the Greeting of Peace, children five & under may be dismissed to walk to TrinityKids. They will be led by a teacher to return to worship with us before the Lord's Supper.

We Are Changed by God's Word | LUKE 24:1-12 (ESV)

[1] But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. [2] And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, [3] but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. [4] While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. [5] And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? [6] He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, [7] that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." [8] And they remembered his words, [9] and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. [10] Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, [11] but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. [12] But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" (LAUDA ANIMA), arr. Christine Sullivan Robbins - Mrs. Melanie Woodard, piano

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We Celebrate Holy Communion | WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up vour 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.

*Please feel free to join us in singing as you come forward for communion

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Text and Music: Joshua Moore, Sandra McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld protected gathered up In the dark of night before the dawn My soul be not afraid For the promised morning oh how long Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together bring shalom

Father-like, he tends and spares us;

Well our feeble frame he knows:

PRAISE MY SOUL THE KING OF HEAVEN

Text: From Psalm 103, Henry F. Lyte, Music: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To his feet thy tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing Alleluia, alleluia Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor To our fathers in distress; Praise him, still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia, alleluia Glorious in his faithfulness. In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; Ye behold him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before him, Dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, alleluia Praise with us the God of grace.

God Sends Us Out With His Good Word | HEBREWS 13:20-21

[20] Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, [21] equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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! Amen!

Welcome to Trinity!

We are so glad you're here!

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TRINITY KIDS | Babies - 5th Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events
Sunday | Barnes Elementary
Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

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Sunday | Barnes Elementary Wed | Youth Group 6-8pm @ The Grove Contact - Text Nathan: 314-662-6488 See *GroupMe* for special events throughout the week.

TRINITY WOMEN | Bible Studies, Events, & Meetups throughout the year. For more information, text Jill Popp, 808-225-4424 or Courtney Nadig 719-330-4472



TRINITY MEN | Bible Study & Events TUES. 6:15 AM at The Grove - Trinity Office TUES. Lunch study at the SITG Ministry Office WED. 6:45 PM at 10517 N. Sheridan, Sperry OK Contact - Rev. Mark Kuiper 314-960-1598

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Class for Fall: The Nature, Necessity, and Nurture of Christian Worship, with Rev. Mark Kuiper

WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

Barnes Elementary | 7809 East 76th St N Owasso Sunday 9AM & 10AM

The Grove - Trinity Office: 7301 N Owasso Expw, Building M, Suite 120 Owasso OK 74055

- Houses our Staff Offices & Meeting Space
- Various Ministries Throughout the Week



Join us for our first Sunday in the new building!

December 22 at 10am (one service)

Building Dedication - Sunday, February 2



How to Respond to Today's Service?

1. BE STILL. PRAY AND REFLECT TODAY. You may want to pray something like this:

Prayer for Those Searching for the 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 me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads me to the life you promise. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I confess that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dare imagine, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dare dream. Thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness and making me righteous before my Heavenly

Father. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

- 2. READ SCRIPTURE. Read the sermon passage again and reflect on what the Holy Spirit called to mind. How might you apply it with God's help?
- **3. JOIN US AT A COMMUNITY GROUP or REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT.** We want you to be a part of us.
- **4. FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD.** Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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