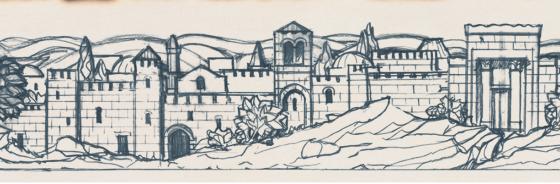


# RETURN FROM EXILE

EZRA & NEHEMIAH



## **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.

## CALL TO WORSHIP | PSALM 90:1-2, 16-17

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

Let Your work be shown to Your servants,

and Your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

Yes, establish the work of our hands!

## **HYMN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Pat Barrett, Brenton Brown, Chris Tomlin, and Jason Ingram

Holy Spirit, guide my vision Help me see the way You see Always Jesus, ever Jesus Christ in all. as Christ in me

Holy Spirit, guide my speaking Words of grace and truth abound Let my lips be filled with stories Of the mercy that I've found

You're the light You're my path You're the Shepherd of my soul All I am, all I have Holy Spirit, lead me on Holy Spirit, guide my hearing Wake my ears to words You speak In the thunder, in the stillness Let Your voice be clear to me Let Your voice be clear to me

Holy Spirit, lead me onward Walking through the great unknown Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging Till the day You lead me home

## We Listen to His Word | HEBREWS 10:32-39

## **We Confess our Sins**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

**SILENT CONFESSION** Please pause for a moment of silent confession.

## We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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

## **COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED**

Joseph Swain & Kevin Twit

Come ye souls by, sin afflicted, Bowed with fruitless, sorrow down; By the broken, law convicted, Through the cross, behold the crown; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Mercy flows through Him alone.

Take His easy, yoke and wear it; Love will make your, obedience sweet; Christ will give you, strength to bear it, While His grace, shall guide your feet Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Safe to glory, Where His ransomed captives meet.

Blessed are the, eyes that see Him, Blest the ears that, hear His voice; Blessed are the, souls that trust Him, And in Him, alone rejoice; His commandments, His commandments, His commandments, Then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to, pilgrims weary, Light to newly, opened eyes, Like full springs in, deserts dreary, Is the rest, the cross supplies; All who taste it, All who taste it, Shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Look to Jesus; Mercy flows through Him alone.

## The Gift of the Son | I JOHN 5:11-12

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life: whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

## FAIREST LORD JESUS

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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature.

Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor.

Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,

Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,

And all the twinkling starry host;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor Praise, adoration

Now and forever more be Thine.

## We Ask for God's Help

We will conclude saying together the prayer our Lord taught us to pray saying:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Trinity Vision Moment**

Mercy Ministry Training Opportunity, Dustin Dye, deacon

## We Confess our Faith | HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, NO. 120-121

Why has Christ commanded us to address God as our Father?

To awaken in us at the very beginning of our prayer that childlike reverence and trust toward God which should be basic to our prayer: God has become our Father through Christ and will much less deny us what we ask of him in faith than our fathers would refuse us earthly things.

Why is there added, in heaven?

These words teach us not to think of God's heavenly majesty in an earthly manner, and to expect from his almighty power all things we need for body and soul.

## We Greet Others with Peace | colossians 1:19-20

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you!

**TrinityKids:** During the Greeting of Peace, children 5 & 4 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 | EZRA 4

#### Adversaries Oppose the Rebuilding

[1] Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the returned exiles were building a temple to the LORD, the God of Israel, [2] they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of fathers' houses and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we worship your God as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria who brought us here." [3] But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses in Israel said to them, "You have nothing to do with us in building a house to our God; but we alone will build to the LORD, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us."

[4] Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah and made them afraid to build [5] and bribed counselors against them to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia.

[6] And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

#### The Letter to King Artaxerxes

[7] In the days of Artaxerxes, Bishlam and Mithredath and Tabeel and the rest of their associates wrote to Artaxerxes king of Persia. The letter was written in Aramaic and translated. [8] Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king as follows: [9] Rehum the commander, Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their associates, the judges, the governors, the officials, the Persians, the men of Erech, the Babylonians, the men of Susa, that is, the Elamites, [10] and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnappar deported and settled in the cities of Samaria and in the rest of the province Beyond the River. [11] (This is a copy of the letter that they sent.) "To Artaxerxes the king: Your servants, the men of the province Beyond the River, send greeting. And now [12] be it known to the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have gone to Jerusalem. They are rebuilding that rebellious and wicked city. They are finishing the walls and repairing the foundations. [13] Now be it known to the king that if this city is rebuilt and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and the royal revenue will be impaired. [14] Now because we eat the salt of the palace and it is not fitting for us to witness the king's dishonor, therefore we send and inform the king, [15] in order that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers. You will find in the book of the records and learn that this city is a rebellious city, hurtful to kings and provinces, and that sedition was stirred up in it from of old. That was why this city was laid waste. [16] We make known to the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls finished, you will then have no possession in the province Beyond the River."

#### The King Orders the Work to Cease

[17] The king sent an answer: "To Rehum the commander and Shimshai the scribe and the rest of their associates who live in Samaria and in the rest of the province Beyond the River, greeting. And now [18] the letter that you sent to us has been plainly read before me. [19] And I made a decree, and search has been made, and it has been found that this city from of old has risen against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made in it. [20] And mighty kings have been over Jerusalem, who ruled over the whole province Beyond the River, to whom tribute, custom, and toll were paid. [21] Therefore make a decree that these men be made to cease, and that this city be not rebuilt, until a decree is made by me. [22] And take care not to be slack in this matter. Why should damage grow to the hurt of the king?"

[23] Then, when the copy of King Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe and their associates, they went in haste to the Jews at Jerusalem and by force and power made them cease. [24] Then the work on the house of God that is in Jerusalem stopped, and it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

"FAITH UNDER FIRE"   REV. BLAKE ALTMAN

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- 2. Trinity Owasso App
- **3.** Text "trinityowasso" to 77977

- 4. Offering basket during worship
- 5. Mail your gift to the church office
- **6.** Stock or 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 Trinity Connect Card or tithe in a connect-card box in the lobby.)

## **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

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.

\* Children 5th grade or younger are welcome to come up front during closing song; to worship through playing one egg shaker. Parents welcome to join for supervision

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Words and Music: Martin Luther: Scottish Psalter 1635

A mighty fortress is our God A bulwark never failing Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing; For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great And armed with cruel hate On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide Our striving would be losing Were not the right Man on our side The Man of God's own choosing Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He Lord Sabaoth, His name From age to age the same And He must win the battle And though this world, with devils filled Should threaten to undo us We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us The prince of darkness grim We tremble not for him His rage we can endure For lo, his doom is sure One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly powers
No thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

## God sends us out with His good Word | ZEPHANIAH 3:17

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

## We go into the world for His glory

Let us go forth to serve our neighbors and the world as those who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

## **Welcome to Trinity!**

#### We are so glad you're here!

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#### TRINITYKIDS | Babies - 5th Grade

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

## TRINITY YOUTH | 6th Grade - Sr. High

SUN. 9AM; WED 6:30PM
Sunday | Barnes Elementary
Wednesday | Trinity House
Contact - Text Nathan: 314-662-6488
See GroupMe for special events
throughout the week.

#### ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

SUN. 9AM | Classes Rotate Seasonally Current Classes:

- Westminster Larger Catechism with Trinity Elders
- Church History with Pastor Blake & Fr. John Thorpe

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** | Bible Studies, Events, & Meetups throughout the year. Join Women's GroupMe!



MEN'S MINISTRY | Bible Study & Events WED. 6:15AM at Panera in Owasso WED. 6:45 pm PM at 10517 N. Sheridan, Sperry OK Contact - Jon Nadig: 719-576-8956

#### WHERE WE MEET EACH WEEK

Barnes Elementary [7809 East 76<sup>th</sup> St N Owasso] Sunday 9AM & 10AM

Trinity House: 9210 N Garnett, Owasso

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

# **MERCY MINISTRY SEMINAR**

SAT, OCTOBER 14 | 9AM - 3:30PM LUNCH PROVIDED | TRINITY OFFICES



Training with Mr. Robert Blevins,

**Director of Mercy Ministries Mission to North America.**We will discover practical insights and actionable steps to lay the foundation for a thriving mercy ministry.



## **How to Respond to Today's Service?**

# 1. SEEK STILLNESS FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION 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.
- $\hbox{\bf 4. FILL OUT A CONNECT CARD.} \ Let us know how to pray for you and get you the information you seek.$



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