



**TRINITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# RETURN FROM EXILE

E Z R A & N E H E M I A H



## 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 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

***Come into His presence with singing!***

Know that the LORD, He is God!

***It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.***

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

***Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!***

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,

***and His faithfulness to all generations.***

## Prayer of Adoration

### PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord,  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen.  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord,  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for aye we adore Him

### We Listen to His Word | MALACHI 3:10

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

### We Confess our Sins

***Lord Jesus Christ, thank You for loving me with an everlasting love. On account of my sin, Your love took You all the way to the cross, away from Your Father. For this, Lord, I should love You above all else, but my affections reveal a well full of sinfulness within me which I have kept closest to my heart, so that I have not loved You with my whole heart, nor have I desired to. I have loved instead the things of this world. O Lord, forgive me. Renew my mind that I may know You. Soften my heart that I may love You. Mortify my flesh that I may desire only You, to the praise and glory of Your matchless Name.***

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

### We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | COLOSSIANS 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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, All who taste it,  
Shall to rest immortal rise.

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

# IS HE WORTHY

Andrew Peterson / Ben Shive 2018

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop  
The light from getting through? (We do)  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?  
(We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our  
midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave**

**He was David's root  
and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honor and glory  
Is He worthy of this? (He is)**

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those  
He loves? (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?  
(He does)

From every people and tribe  
Every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God  
To reign with the Son

# We Ask for God's Help

## We Confess our Faith | FROM HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, NO. 26

*I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because He is Almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.*

## 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 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.*

[1] On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. And in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God, [2] for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them—yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. [3] As soon as the people heard the law, they separated from Israel all those of foreign descent.

[4] Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and who was related to Tobiah, [5] prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests. [6] While this was taking place, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king. And after some time I asked leave of the king [7] and came to Jerusalem, and I then discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. [8] And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out of the chamber. [9] Then I gave orders, and they cleansed the chambers, and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

[10] I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field. [11] So I confronted the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations. [12] Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses. [13] And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan the son of Zaccur, son of Mattaniah, for they were considered reliable, and their duty was to distribute to their brothers. [14] Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service.

[15] In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them on the day when they sold food. [16] Tyrians also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of goods and sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah, in Jerusalem itself! [17] Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing that

you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day? [18] Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

[19] As soon as it began to grow dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I stationed some of my servants at the gates, that no load might be brought in on the Sabbath day. [20] Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice. [21] But I warned them and said to them, "Why do you lodge outside the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you." From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath. [22] Then I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

[23] In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. [24] And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people. [25] And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. [26] Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin. [27] Shall we then listen to you and do all this great evil and act treacherously against our God by marrying foreign women?"

[28] And one of the sons of Jehoiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was the son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite. Therefore I chased him from me. [29] Remember them, O my God, because they have desecrated the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

[30] Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign, and I established the duties of the priests and Levites, each in his work; [31] and I provided for the wood offering at appointed times, and for the firstfruits.

Remember me, O my God, for good.

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## We Give Regularly, Joyfully and Sacrificially | [GIVE.TRINITYOWASSO.COM](http://GIVE.TRINITYOWASSO.COM)

There are six ways to give at Trinity:

1. Online: [give.trinityowasso.com](http://give.trinityowasso.com)
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](http://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 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.***

## IT WAS FINISHED UPON THAT CROSS

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Nigel Hendroff 2021

How I love the voice of Jesus  
On the cross of Calvary  
He declares His work is finished  
He has spoken this hope to me  
Though the sun had ceased its shining  
Though the war appeared as lost  
Christ had triumphed over evil  
It was finished upon that cross  
Now the curse it has been broken  
Jesus paid the price for me  
Full, the pardon He has offered  
Great, the welcome that I receive  
Boldly I approach my Father  
Clothed in Jesus' righteousness  
There is no more guilt to carry  
It was finished upon that cross

**Death was once my great opponent  
Fear once had a hold on me  
But the Son who died to save us  
Rose that we would be free indeed!**

Yes, He rose that we would be free indeed!

Free from every plan of darkness  
Free to live and free to love  
Death is dead and Christ is risen!  
It was finished upon that cross  
Onward to eternal glory  
To my Saviour and my God  
I rejoice in Jesus' victory  
It was finished upon that cross  
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## 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

SUN. 9AM & Special Events

Sunday | Barnes Elementary

Contact - Text Mishelle: 918-991-9860

## TRINITY YOUTH | 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sr. High

Youth will meet Wednesday, Nov 29.

See GroupMe for location

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
- **Covenant Theology** with Pastor Blake

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** | Bible Studies, Events, & Meetups throughout the year.

Join Women's GroupMe!

For more information, text Caity at 918-812-0247



**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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
**Christmas Party**  
TUESDAY,  
DEC 5 @ 7PM  
Bailey Education  
Foundation  
Scan to register

**Christmas Eve Service**  
BARNES  
ELEMENTARY  
7809 E 76th St N  
Owasso OK 74055  
6:00 pm

## 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.

**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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