



**TRINITY**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# GATHERED WORSHIP

## **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP** | MR. NATHAN DUKE, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other hand, never to mistake them for something else of which they are only a kind of a copy, or echo, or mirage. I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same."

— C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

## **CALL TO WORSHIP** | PSALM 98 | MR. DUKE

The LORD has made known His salvation;

***He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.***

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

***All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.***

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

***With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!***

# JOY TO THE WORLD

George Frederic Handel and Isaac Watts

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns  
Let men, their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make, His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders, of His love

## We Listen to His Word | PHILIPPIANS 2:12-18

[12] Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

[14] Do all things without grumbling or disputing, [15] that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, [16] holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. [17] Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. [18] Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God!***

## We Confess our Sins

***Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by Your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.***

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

## We Hear Words of Assurance and Pardon | 1 JOHN 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

***Thanks be to God!***

## ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1862 unknown French origin

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo**  
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see,  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee,  
Christ, the Lord, the new-born King

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Author: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); Translator from Latin to English: Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

**O come, let us adore Him;**  
**O come, let us adore Him;**  
**O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!**

God of God, Light of Light,  
lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten not created;

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

## We Thank God for His Blessings & Ask for His Help

### Trinity Vision Moment | JON NADIG

### We Confess our Faith | APOSTLES' CREED (4TH CENTURY)

Christian, what do you believe?

***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, died, and was 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.***

\* The word catholic (little "c") means universal and refers to the church throughout time and space; it is not referring to the Roman Catholic Church.

### 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.



## 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, [pcfoundation.com](http://pcfoundation.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.***

## HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Words & Music: Charles Wesley, Felix Mendelssohn Jonny (1739)

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King:  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;

Hail incarnate Deity,  
Phased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King"

## 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!***

